

Michael L. Robinson is in his third year as the Director of Bands at Mars Hill College. He is a 1977 graduate of Mars Hill College with a Bachelors Degree in Music Education. Mr. Robinson retired from the Asheville City School System with 30 years of teaching experience. During his tenure at Asheville High School the band received 25 consecutive Superior ratings at the North Carolina State Concert Festival in the grade six level of music. In 1985 and 1999 the Asheville High School Wind Symphony performed for the North Carolina Band Directors Association at the state NCMEA conference. Mr. Robinson was the president of the North Carolina Band Directors Association from 1988-1990, received the Award of Excellence from NCBDA in 1985 and 2006, and was presented the citation of excellence from the National Band Association in 1988. He was given the Outstanding Band Alumni Award from Mars Hill College in 1988. In 2000 he received the Bandworld Legion of Honor, the Sudler Order of Merit, administered by the John Phillip Sousa Foundation, and was featured in the Band World Magazine. At the 2006 NCMEA convention he was inducted into the North Carolina Band Directors Hall of Fame. Mr. Robinson is a member of NCMEA, MENC, NCBDA, WNCBDA, ASBDA, NBA, Phi Beta Mu, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

Other than his duties as Director of Bands at Mars Hill College, Mr. Robinson has been the director of the Asheville Community Band since 1996, and a church music director for the past 25 years. He is an active clinician and adjudicator throughout the southeast.