



## Judges Bio:

### **Rick Miles – Weston, FL Ensemble Visual**

Mr. J. Eric Miles has had 37 years of music education experience. He is in his sixth year as orchestra director at C. W. Flanagan H.S.. During his tenure at South Plantation High School, his bands played for the launching of the nuclear powered submarine San Francisco, performed in the Cotton, Orange and Cherry Blossom Festivals, the 1982 World's Fair, and for President Gerald Ford. The band was selected as the Florida State Bicentennial Honor Band, representing Walt Disney World in performances throughout the state. This honor culminated in being the featured band at Walt Disney World for the week of July 4th, 1976. Mr. Miles is a member of FBA and has served as District Chairman on two occasions. He was selected as the FMEA Middle School All-State Band clinician in 1992. As a member of the American School Band Directors Association, he has served as President of the Florida Delegation, representing Florida at national functions. He was named Hollywood Jaycees Educator of the Year and Teacher of the Year at three different schools, and twice nominated for Arts Teacher of the Year. Mr. Miles has performed with local orchestras and community bands and has spent six seasons in the Gold Coast Opera where he performed with such artists as Roberta Peters, Jerome Hines, and Ron Gaines. He now serves as an adjudicator and clinician throughout Florida. Thirty-one of his former students teach or have taught band, chorus, or orchestra, two are presently successfully published composers, and four are in college preparing for careers in music education.