



Ed Dumas, B. Ed., M.A.Ed.

Ed Dumas' teaching skills and love of music have made him a familiar face to thousands of young music students and adult musicians around British Columbia.

Based in Maple Ridge, Ed has been a secondary school music teacher and band conductor for more than 30 years. He currently conducts two bands within the Maple Ridge Concert Band organization as well as concert bands and jazz bands at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

Previously Ed has taught at Thomas Haney Secondary, Westview Secondary, and numerous elementary schools across Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows where he taught wind instruments to thousands of Maple Ridge students. He has also been a guest conductor and trumpet coach at music camps, retreats, and concerts throughout the province.

Ed's Master's Thesis was titled "The Use of Small Group Ensembles to Improve Sight-Reading Skills in Wind Band Musicians in a Secondary Music Program." This project showed a relationship between small group ensemble playing such as duets, trios and quartets to the development of music reading skills.

Ed has also served on the executives of the BC Band Association as well as the BC Music Educators' Association. During his time with the BC Music Educators' Association, Ed helped organize the annual BCMEA Convention, as well as managed the advertising space in the BCMEA journal. Ed is also the owner and organizer of the Haney Summer Music Camp, a summer band program for students of all ages. Currently, Ed is also the Past President of the Greater Vancouver Youth Music Academy.

Most recently, Ed Dumas has been voted "Maple Ridge's Favorite Music Teacher" five times in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014 and 2015. Ed has also been given an Inclusive Education Award from the Canadian Association for Community Living for his work with special needs students in music classes.