

# WELCOME SPECIAL GUEST MR. IVAN DE LA CRUZ



In addition to judges scores, bands will receive  
special commentary from  
Mr. De La Cruz.

Mr. De La Cruz is a full-time visual designer based out of Ft. Worth, TX. His clients are spread throughout Texas, Mississippi, Ohio, Arizona, and New Mexico, where a multitude of his programs have found success both at the local and state levels. He serves as a marching band adjudicator, consultant, and clinician throughout the country. He has also served as a visual judge in the Carolina Winter Ensemble Association, Mid East Performance Association, and the Indiana Percussion Association. Prior to moving to Ft. Worth, he held the Assistant Band Director position at Mountain Ridge High School in Glendale, Arizona from 2020-2022, assisting the ensemble in their 2021 top 3 state finish. He served as the Associate Director of Bands and Visual Program Director for the Dublin Coffman High School Band in Columbus, OH from 2014-2019. De La Cruz helped lead the band to two Bands of America (BOA) Outstanding Visual Performance Awards (2016 & 2017), as well as its first class (AAA) Championship at the BOA Canton Regional in 2017. Prior to moving to Columbus, De La Cruz spent the previous four years teaching in The Woodlands, TX as an Assistant Director of The Woodlands High School Band. During his tenure at The Woodlands, the program was a consistent finalist at the Bands of America Grand National Championships and was crowned the 2013 Grand National Champion.

De la Cruz's performance career includes time as a member of the Blue Knights Drum and Bugle Corps from 2001-2002 and the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps in 2003. As an educator, De la Cruz served on the Cavaliers' visual staff from 2004-2010, and the Santa Clara Vanguard visual staff from 2011-2019 before moving into the Corps Director role with the organization from 2019-2021.