

NEBRASKA STATE BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION
"Better Bands for Nebraska"

Dear Colleagues:

In the summer of 1995, a committee was created by the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association for the purpose of putting together a recommended music list for use by band directors when choosing their literature for the classroom or performance. The selected music list is designed to recommend high quality concert band literature that could provide the nucleus for the study and development of comprehensive musical skills and knowledge. NSBA also hopes that the choice of high quality music literature will give music educators direction as they implement MENC'S *National Standards for Music Education* and to create better bands in Nebraska.

The recommended music list of 1995 was updated in 2001, 2005, and again in 2010 when Phi Beta Mu, at the request of NSBA, appointed a committee to review the lists. This committee also added a "Small Band Literature" list, regardless of grade level, for those bands that are lacking full instrumentation but would appreciate help in planning their band programs.

The literature recommendations contained within this booklet provide guidance and support, and reflect the collection of many successful and reinforcing pieces of music literature. It is by no means complete, but serves as an ongoing NSBA project that can help provide greater excellence and a general resource for music educators and students alike.

It is the recommendation of this committee that this project of the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association continues and be updated every five years.

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2017 RML Committee