

## Dawn McLean Belyk

Dawn McLean Belyk graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1981 with a degree in Music Education. After a 5 year itinerant band position with the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, she took a leave in 1987 to attend Northwestern University where she completed her Masters Degree in Music, specializing in Bass Trombone performance. Upon her return to teaching, she recently completed a 30 year career at St. Joseph High School as Director of Bands.

Dawn is currently the Bass Trombonist with the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra, the Saskatoon Jazz Orchestra, the University of Saskatchewan Brass Quintet and the Saskatchewan Brass Quintet. She also teaches Low Brass at the University of Saskatchewan, both undergrad and graduate students.

Active as a Low Brass Specialist, she has a growing studio at home, and teaches clinics throughout the province. Dawn has adjudicated bands in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and has received the Dwaine Nelson Award for Teaching Excellence at the U of S, the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation Champion of Children Award in 2009 and in 2013 she received the Saskatchewan Band Association Distinguished Band Director Award.

In 2014, she guest conducted the Saskatoon Symphony Core Players. She has also performed on Dean McNeill's *Prairie Fire* CD, Neil Currie's *Urban Diversions* CD and as a soloist with the Saskatoon Concert Band in 2015, performing a commissioned work for her - Concertino by Howard Cable for Bass Trombone and Concert Band.