



ERIN COLE STEELE

Erin Cole Steele was the band director at Tapp Middle School in Cobb County (GA) from 1995-2017. In 2004, the Tapp band was selected to perform at the 58th annual Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, and in 2008, 2003 and 1999 was a featured performing group at the University of Georgia Middle School Band Festival. The group consistently received superior ratings at the District 12 large group evaluation.

Ms. Cole earned her bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Georgia, where she studied cello with Christopher Rex, David Starkweather, and Alice Williams, and flute with Ronald Waln and Martha Lynn Volman.

Ms. Cole has commissioned four works for band, including *The Great Locomotive Chase* (Robert W. Smith), *Simple Gifts - Four Shaker Songs* (Frank Ticheli), *Ascend* (Samuel R. Hazo, written for the Tapp Symphonic Band's performance at Midwest), and most recently Eric Whitacre's *The Seal Lullaby*.

Ms. Cole is a contributing editor for *The Instrumentalist* magazine and has served as a clinician for the Bands of America/Music for All Summer Symposium, the Midwest Clinic, and several state conventions. She also wrote a chapter for the popular GIA publication series *Teaching Music Through Performance*. She is one of the founders of the Cobb County Summer Band Camp, and has twice been awarded the National Band Association's Citation of Excellence.