

Jim Koch began his teaching career with George Mitchell at Brazosport High School (1977-1981)



Checking over whistle commands



Jim's first jazz band in 1977 (Jim at top right)



Jim joined the staff at Brazoswood High School in the fall of 1981 and worked with Rod Cannon and Bill Gottschalk.



Jim worked with Bill Braun and Bill Gottschalk (1982 – 1984).



Leaving for Washington D.C. in 1984



Jim becomes Director of Bands at Brazoswood High School in 1984.



Christmas Mall-O-Rama!



Bill Gottschalk, Jim, and Brian Casey (1984 - 1990)



Jim takes Kaelyn Cook to homecoming.



Later that year (November 22, 1986)



Brazoswood wins first Downbeat award in 1989.



Bernard Rosenberg, Jim and Brian Casey (1993-1998)



Brian Casey, Joanna Stevens Sargent, and Jim (1998 – 1999)



Jim, Eric Harper, Jennifer Hawken, and Brian Casey (1999 – 2001)



Jim, Carrie Harper, Eric Harper, and Brian Casey (2001 – 2004)





Brian Casey, Jim, Jennifer Alcocer, and Eric Harper (2004 – 2006)



13 buses, 3 box trucks, and an 18-wheeler heading for the next football game



Eric Harper, Jim, Brian Casey, and Sam Woodfield (2006 – 2007)



Halftime at Hopper Field in Brazosport I.S.D.



Marching in around the track at Hopper Field.



Celebrating the Legacy: The Brazoswood Band (June 6, 2010)



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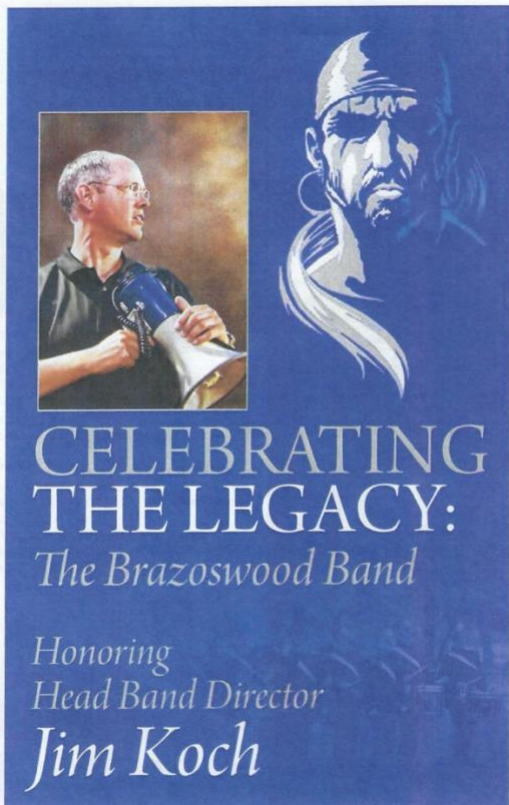
The Brazoswood Band Booster Club will host a reception, "Celebrating the Legacy: The Brazoswood Band," from 3 to 6 p.m. June 6 at the Lake Jackson Civic Center, 333 Highway 332 E. For information, contact Beth Daurer at dtbauer@earthlink.net or or visit the Buc Band website. See story, Page 2C.



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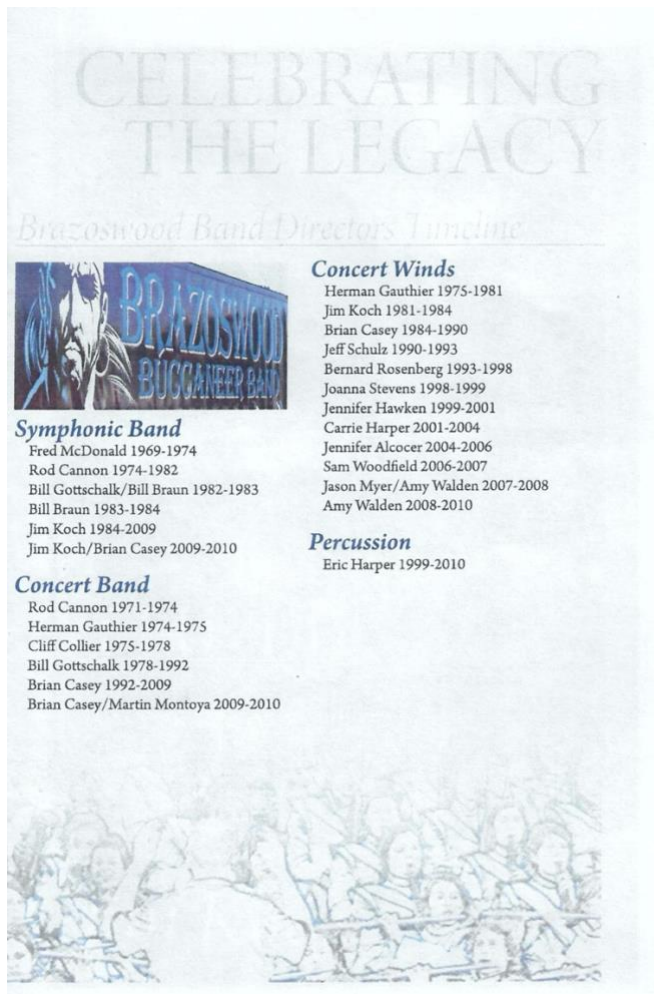
Celebrating the Legacy: The Brazoswood Band - Program



Today's celebration honors recently retired Head Band Director Jim Koch and his staff for his 29 years of dedicated service to our community, Brazoswood High School and literally thousands of current and former members of the Mighty Buc Band.

Mr. Koch's legacy of excellence and commitment to the education of young men and women; not only in music but in the power of teamwork, dedication and his trademarked: "focosity" [focused-intensity], have left a strong and lasting mark on all that is good and strong in our community.





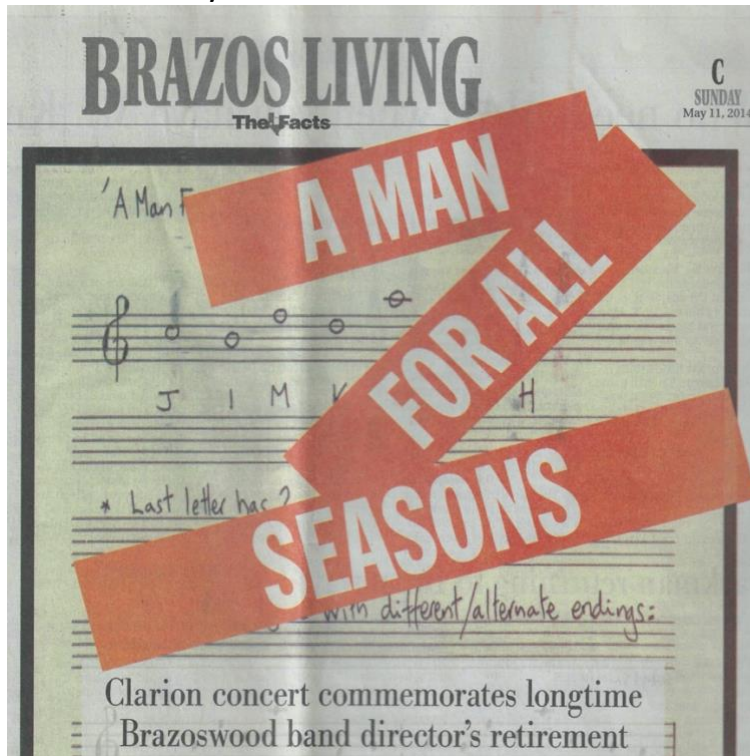
Koch and Casey
 1984 -2010
 A Great Partnership

Former directors of the Brazoswood Band at the Legacy Event June 6, 2010:

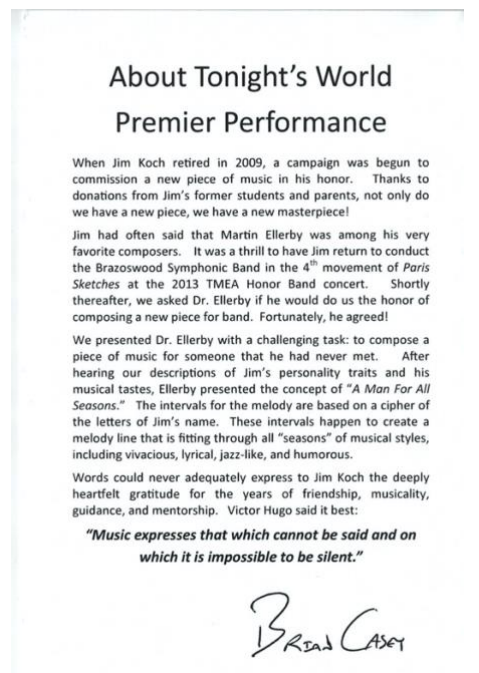
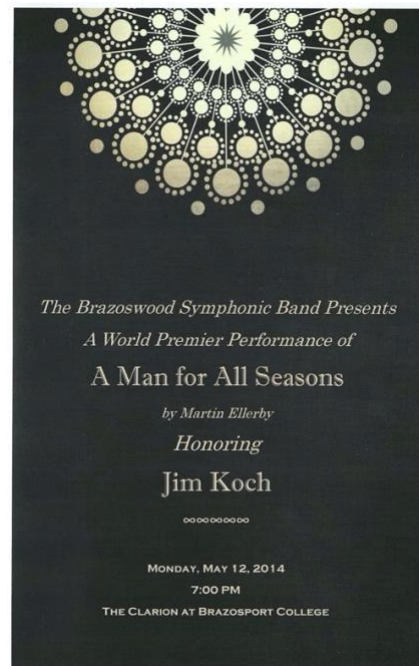
Fred McDonald, Rod Cannon, Jim Koch, Brian Casey, Jeff Schultz, Bernard Rosenberg, Joanna Sargent, Carrie Harper, Jennifer Alcocer, Amy Laney, and Eric Harper



Martin Ellerby Commission – “A Man for All Seasons”



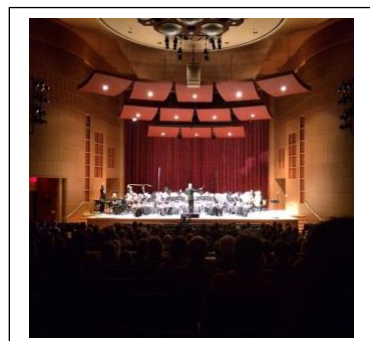
A Man For All Seasons program:



Commissioned by the Brazoswood High School Band, Texas, USA, Brian Casey, Director
In honour of the lifetime achievement of Band Director and Music Educator Jim Koch

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

(Symphonic Variants on a Musical Cipher in Three Parts)



The Koch Family

The early years



Kelton and Kelby after both performing in the same T.M.E.A. All-State Jazz Band in 2008



Jim, Kaelyn, Kelton, and Kelby Koch



Still reaching new peaks

