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



Checking over whistle commands



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





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



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)

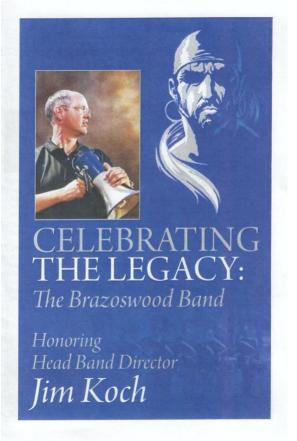


The Brazoswood Band Booster Club will host a reception, "Celebrating the Legacy: The Brazoswood Band," from 3 to 6 p.m. June 6 at the Lake Jackson Civic Center, 333 Highway 332 E. For information, contact Beth Dauer at dtdauer@earthlink.net or or visit the Buc Band website. See story, Page 2C.



Contributed prices The Brazoswood Band Booster Club will host "Celebrating the Legacy: The Brazoswood Band" from 3 to 6 p.m. June 6 at the Lake Jackson Civic Center, 333 Highway 322 E. The reception will honor recently retired head band director Jim Koch and others who have contributed to the Brazoswood Buc Band's legacy of excellence. Donations are being accepted to help fund the event. Contact Beth Dauer at dtdauer@earthlink.net or or visit the Buc Band website.

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.



srazoswood Band Directors Timeline



Symphonic Band Fred McDonald 1969-1974 Rod Cannon 1974-1982 Bill Gottschalk/Bill Braun 1982-1983 Bill Braun 1983-1984 Jim Koch 1984-2009 Jim Koch/Brian Casey 2009-2010

Concert Band

Rod Cannon 1971-1974 Herman Gauthier 1974-1975 Cliff Collier 1975-1978 Bill Gottschalk 1978-1992 Brian Casey 1992-2009 Brian Casey /Martin Montoya 2009-2010

Concert Winds

Herman Gauthier 1975-1981 Jim Koch 1981-1984 Brian Casey 1984-1990 Jeff Schulz 1990-1993 Bernard Rosenberg 1993-1998 Joanna Stevens 1998-1999 Jennifer Hawken 1999-2001 Carrie Harper 2001-2004 Jennifer Alcocer 2004-2006 Sam Woodfield 2006-2007 Jason Myer/Amy Walden 2007-2008 Amy Walden 2008-2010

Percussion Eric Harper 1999-2010



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

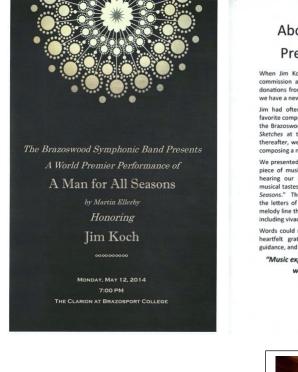


Martin Ellerby Commission - "A Man for All Seasons"





A Man For All Seasons program:



About Tonight's World **Premier Performance**

When Jim Koch retired in 2009, a campaign was begun to commission a new piece of music in his honor. Thanks to donations from Jim's former students and parents, not only do we have a new piece, we have a new masterpiece!

Jim had often said that Martin Ellerby was among his very favorite composers. It was a thrill to have jim return to conduct the Brazoswood Symphonic Band in the 4th movement of *Paris Sketches* at the 2013 TMEA Honor Band concert. Shortly thereafter, we asked Dr. Ellerby if he would do us the honor of composing a new piece for band. Fortunately, he agreed!

We presented Dr. Ellerby with a challenging task: to compose a piece of music for someone that he had never met. After hearing our descriptions of Jim's personality traits and his musical tastes, Ellerby presented the concept of "A Man For All Seasons." The intervals for the melody are based on a cipher of the letters of Jim's name. These intervals happen to create a melody line that is fitting through all "seasons" of musical styles, including vivacious, lyrical, jazz-like, and humorous.

Words could never adequately express to Jim Koch the deeply heartfelt gratitude for the years of friendship, musicality, guidance, and mentorship. Victor Hugo said it best:

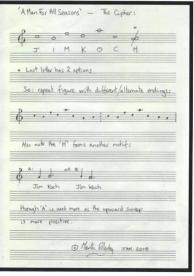
"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."

BREAD CASEY



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

(Symphonic Variants on a Musical Cipher in Three Parts)



A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

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

