

John Madden served as Artistic Director and Conductor (2019-2022) of the Meridian Community Band in Okemos, Michigan. From 1989 until 2017, John served on the faculty of the College of Music at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. While at MSU, he served as Professor of Music, Associate Director of Bands, Director of the Spartan Marching Band, and Conductor of the MSU Symphony Band. Additionally, he taught advanced instrumental conducting at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He had previously taught courses on marching band techniques. His former music students hold successful band conducting positions at middle schools, high schools, colleges, and universities across the country.



Madden received the Dortha J. and John D. Withrow Award for Excellence in Teaching, as awarded by his faculty peers, from the MSU College of Music in 2014. Prior to coming to MSU, Madden served from 1987 to 1989 as Associate Director of Bands at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He received his Master of Music Education and master of wind conducting degrees from Wichita State University in 1987. Madden is a 1985 graduate of the Michigan State University College of Music, where he received his Bachelor of Music Education degree.

As Emeritus Professor of Music at MSU, Madden maintains an active schedule as conductor, rehearsal, and conducting clinician, adjudicator, music arranger, and drill designer. Invitations to guest conduct have taken him across the United States, Central Europe, and to Shanghai, China. Madden was inducted into the prestigious American Bandmasters Association in March of 2008. He has presented scholarly workshops for the Midwest Clinic, the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA), the Michigan Music Conference (MMC), the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA), the Michigan Youth Arts Festival (MYAF), and for Drum Corps International (DCI). For 15 summers, he served as the resident conductor of the Symphony Band at the New England Music Camp (NEMC) in the Belgrade Lakes region of Maine.