

# Robert Emberson



*Robert Emberson is a music educator and musician who, as an instrumental music teacher at John F Ross Collegiate and Centennial Collegiate, passed on his love of music to a grateful generation of students. Centennial's famous "Music Knights" youth concert band, founded under his guidance, has brought more than 100 awards to the school from music festivals across the province.*

*Bob has been more than just a teacher to those who studied under him. He was always a friend and mentor, using humour and a sense of 'play' to keep his students engaged and inspired and he was known for making learning a fun and light experience. Bob is proud that in all his career no student was ever sent to the office and 7:30 a.m. practices always had a full attendance, even on snow days!*

*Born in 1934 and raised in a musical Guelph family, Bob followed a great Royal City Brass Band tradition. He had his first lesson on the trombone in 1946 from fellow Wall of Fame Member and local legend Ted Denver, who became a major influence on his musical style and career path. Bob was a professional trombone player with a number of orchestras before becoming a full-time teacher in the 1960's.*

*Outside of school Bob was director of music for many organizations including the Ontario Youth Music Camp, the K-W Musical Productions and the Galt Kiltie Band. He helped shape the public School Board's music curriculum, and gave career guidance as Vice-President of the Central Ontario Musician's Association.*

*Bob Emberson's passion and enthusiasm for band music have helped to shape Guelph's cultural identity as a city of music.*