

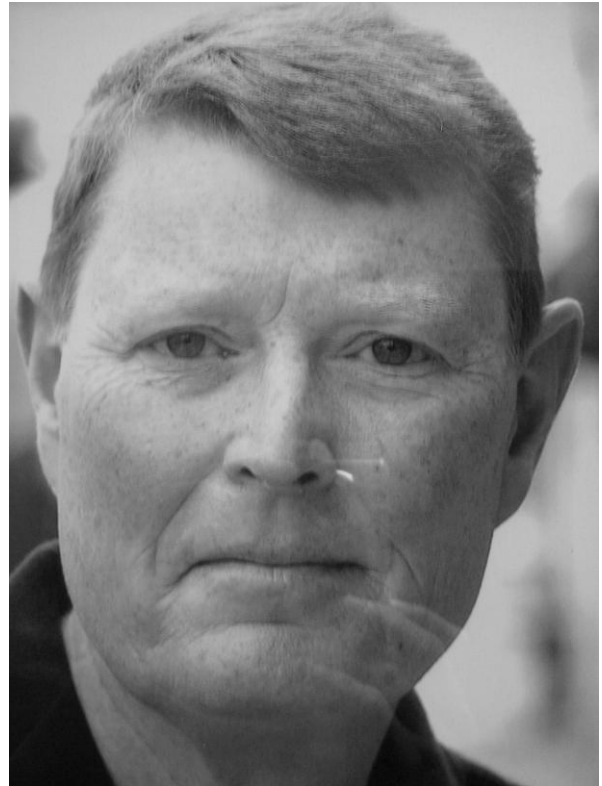
David Rogers (2002)

“I just wanted to make music a positive experience for everyone involved.”

With those words, David Rogers summed up a twenty-five year career spent instilling a love and enthusiasm for music in all its forms into two generations of Guelph youth. In the process, he created informed and appreciative audiences for the future, and exemplified exactly the values envisioned by the founders of the Guelph Youth Music Centre.

At John F. Ross Collegiate, David taught music classes, conducted orchestras and choirs, formed award-winning concert and jazz bands and organized ambitious productions of Broadway musicals. In the broader community, he has been a key resource for Royal City Musical Productions, the Road Show Theatre, the Annex Stage Dinner Theatre, K-W Musical Theatre and the Waterloo Stage Theatre. He served as the first musical director for Guelph's River Run Centre and conducted for its opening gala in 1997.

A talented vocal and instrumental musician himself, David has sung in choirs including the St. John's Elora Parish Choir and the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, and has performed extensively as a jazz musician.



David's impact on the youth of the community has been both broad and deep. The ripple effect of that impact will be of ever-increasing benefit to the arts community both locally and across the country as these young people take their places in Canadian society.