

# **WDCHOF Nomination for: Robert (Bob) Thomas**

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Membership Type: regular

Nomination Category: Visual

## **Performance History:**

Pittsburgh Rockets - 10 years - Brass

Erie Thunderbirds - 3 years - Brass

Norwin Knights Marching Band - 2 years - Brass

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## **Instructional History:**

Finleyville Crusaders - 1975-1976 - Program coordinator, drill designer

Steel City Ambassadors - 1990-1992 - Program coordinator, drill designer, tech

General Butler Vagabonds - 1973-1976 - Visual staff, tech

Catholic Daughters of America - 1975-1976 - Program coordinator, drill designer

Cambia Cadets - 1974-1976 - Program coordinator, drill designer

## **Administration History:**

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## **Judging History:**

Drum Corps International - 35 years, 7 world championships - Visual

Drum Corps Associates - 5 years, 5 championships - Visual

Drum Corps Europe - 17 years, 17 championships - Visual

Marching in Okayama, Japan - 4 years - Visual

World Marching Band Championships - Malaysia, 3 years - Visual

## **Special Achievements:**

International judging: Okayama, Japan (4 years); World Marching Band Championships, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (3 years); Grand Prix Marching Band Championship, Jakarta, Indonesia (3 years); Italian Marching Show Band Association, Lake Como, Italy (3 years); Thailand Drum Line and Color Guard Competition, Bangkok, Thailand (2 years) -- pageantry judging: Winter Guard International (24 years); Music for All/Bands of America (23 years); Pennsylvania Federation of Contest Judges (15 years); Youth Education in the Arts (12 years); Ohio Judges Association (9 years); Indiana State Scholastic Music Association (6 years) -- Judge association education curriculum for instructors and judges: Florida Federation Color Guard Circuit (9 years); Atlantic Indoor Association (9 years); Ohio Judges Association (7 years); Pennsylvania Interscholastic Marching Band Association (5 years); Virginia Marching Band Cooperative (4 years) ; international judge education curriculum, develop scoring system and training -- Drum Corps Europe (17 years); recruited and developed 23 drum corps judges in 7 countries and much more!

## **Sponsor Comments:**

I have known Bob for more than 15 years through his judging of European championships. He's well-versed in all aspects of judging for pageantry groups (drum and bugle corps, marching bands,

winter guards) through his training of judges in Europe, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand to nurture the expansion of the American-type activity. I have found him to be enthusiastic in every project he takes on and is one of the most personable people I know. This recognition is long overdue and certainly deserved. Bob's influence on the activity in the United States and drum corps-type activities around the world is far-reaching and at a very high quality level.

On a professional level outside the activity, he has been a sales representative, sales manager, vice president of sales for Dictaphone, Acusis and Nuance (voice recording and speech recognition technology), as well as 22 years Chairman Club attendee, 10 times top 5 sales team and five times "Salesman of the Year."

**Sponsor Name: Steve Vickers**

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