



Kappa Kappa Psi - Alpha Rho

Brad Henderson



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Brad Henderson is currently employed at First Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He serves there as Worship Associate. His responsibilities include supervision of technical arts, arranging and writing, maintaining the church's music library, arranging and writing and rehearsing the various music ensembles of the church.

Henderson was employed for ten years at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma where he was responsible for booking and scheduling of the NSU Jazz Lab facility. He handled contracts and arrangements for jazz artists and his writing and arranging duties for the university included the Jazz Lab Christmas Shows and the NSU River City Players. Henderson also served as the pianist and bassist for the NSU Jazz Lab house band for 8 years, performing with such artists as Bobby Shew, Frank Mantooth, Randy Johnston, Dave Riekenberg, Jeff Campbell and many others.

Henderson worked for the international group, Up With People, for five years. He worked as cast musical director and his casts performed with the Belgian National Symphony, the Boston Pops and the Winnipeg Symphony. During this stint, he did all the arrangements for a two-month tour of Ireland. He later worked as the chief sound engineer on two national television shows in Germany and Portugal. During his last two years with the group, he served as show manager. His casts performed at Radio City Music Hall for the Met Life International Convention, the Pontiac Silverdome for the General Motors 75th Anniversary Celebration, the Superdome in New Orleans for the International Mary Kay Leadership Conference, the Indy 500 pre-race show and National Anthem and the Hoosierdome in Indianapolis for the halftime show of the NBA All Star game in 1994. Henderson traveled extensively in South and Central America, Canada, Bermuda and Europe and all of the continental United States.

In 1991, Henderson was commissioned to write an overture for the Sister Cities International Convention's opening ceremonies. In 1992, Henderson's arrangement and soundtrack of the Star Spangled Banner has used for the Republican National Convention in Houston, Texas. In 1998 and 1999, Henderson produced two jazz Christmas shows, for All-American TV, entitled "Seasoned With Jazz." Also in 1999, he produced a 2 hour multi-media musical tribute to Duke Ellington entitled "An Evening on Ellington."

He served four years as the pianist/arranger and musical director for the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame awards show, working with music greats including Claude Williams, David Gates, Patti Page, Jay McShann, Vince Gill, the Oak Ridge Boys, Roy Clark and many more. He recently completed five compositions for jazz band as well as several arrangements for the Jazz at Walton Arts Center's season opener and Tulsa Sinfonia Pops Orchestra.

Henderson performs and records with his wife and talented singer, Mary Kay. Their latest recording is "Blessed", a project of original praise and worship music. They live in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma and have two sons, Josh, age 13 and Joe Creed, age 12. Henderson also frequently works with popular Tulsa singer Debbie Campbell.

The Hendersons are members of First Baptist Church of Tulsa

Henderson graduated from Northeastern State University in 1996 where he earned the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education. He also recently graduated with a Master's of Music degree in composition with an emphasis on music technology from the University of Arkansas.