

**ARKANSAS BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION  
BANDMASTER OF THE YEAR**



**1975  
Audra Cowan  
Fort Smith  
(Deceased)**



**1976  
Gene Witherspoon  
Arkansas Tech  
University  
(Deceased)**



**1977  
J. Raymond  
Brandon  
North Little Rock  
(Deceased)**



**1978  
H. L. Shepherd  
Russellville**



**1979  
Floyd Pitts  
Lincoln  
(Deceased)**



**1980  
Wendell Evanson  
Arkadelphia  
(Deceased)**



**1981  
Donald R. Minx  
Arkansas State  
University  
(Deceased)**



**1982  
Curry Martin  
Warren  
(Deceased)**



**1983  
Stan Cate  
Fort Smith**



**1984  
Jon Barbarotto  
Newport  
(Deceased)**



**1985  
Russell Langston  
University of  
Central Arkansas**



**1986  
Eldon Janzen  
University of  
Arkansas  
(Deceased)**



**1987  
Ramey Herren  
Springdale  
(Deceased)**



**1988  
Hal Cooper  
Arkansas Tech  
University**



**1989  
Travis Beard  
Russellville**



**1990  
Richard Peer  
Fort Smith**



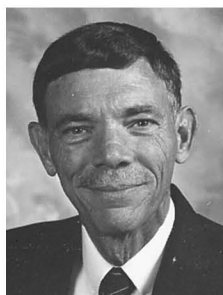
**1991  
Pat Ellison  
Springdale  
(Deceased)**



**1992  
Paul Gray  
Mena  
(Deceased)**



**1993  
Prissy Buchanan  
Fort Smith**



**1994  
Robert Nelson  
Mountain Home  
(Deceased)**



**1995  
Julian Herring  
Lake Hamilton-  
Pearcy**



**1996  
Jerry Ratzlaff  
Russellville  
(Deceased)**



**1997  
Julia Reynolds  
Russellville**



**1998  
Mike Croom  
Fort Smith  
(Deceased)**



**1999  
Steve Warner  
Jonesboro**

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**2000  
John Webb  
Benton**



**2001  
Mike Jones  
Van Buren  
(Deceased)**



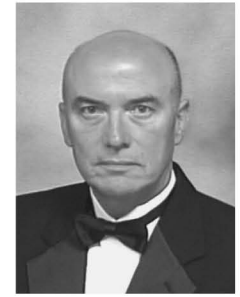
**2002  
Ed Abbott  
Springdale  
(Deceased)**



**2003  
Claude Smith  
Searcy**



**2004  
George Pokorski  
Marion**



**2005  
John Combs  
Fort Smith**



**2006  
Duane Walker  
Fort Smith**



**2007  
Tim Cunningham  
Conway**



**2008  
Ricky Brooks  
University of  
Central Arkansas**



**2009  
Steve Kesner  
Fort Smith**



**2010  
Joe Trusty  
Cabot**



**2011  
Jan Cunningham  
Conway**



**2012  
Karen Dismuke  
North Pulaski**



**2013  
Sheila Brooks  
Conway**



**2014  
Cathy Williams  
West Memphis**



**2015  
Kevin Taylor  
Harmony Grove  
Benton**



**2016  
David O. Stuart, Sr.  
Magnolia**



**2017  
Grant Brinkle  
Nettleton**



**2018  
Trey Reely  
Riverview**



**2019  
Gordon Manley  
Fort Smith**



**2020  
Dewayne Dove  
Russellville**



**2021  
Peggy Jeffries  
Nettleton**



**2022  
Greg Bruner  
Highland**



**2023  
Susan Ford  
Cabot**