



Kathie Van Lare Band

Kathie Van Lare, born and raised in Calgary, has been teaching music in the Calgary area for over 30 years. Recently retired from full-time teaching, Kathie continues to direct the Foothills Music Society Concert Band and the Westwinds Music Society Jazz Gold South Big Band. Kathie is active as a guest conductor and adjudicator throughout much of western Canada and has also served on faculty with MusiCamrose and the

Calgary Regional Summer Band Workshop.

Concert and jazz bands under her direction have been the recipients of numerous Gold Awards and "Superior" ratings and groups under her direction have been invited as featured performers on several occasions. In 2012, Kathie received the Alberta Band Association's "Elkhorn Award" as the Band Director of the Year and in 2017 she received the Alberta Band Association's "Vondis Miller Legacy Award". She is a member of the Phi Beta Mu Bandmasters Fraternity and in 2019 Kathie was inducted as a Laureate in the Bandworld Legion of Honor. In 2020 Kathie was honoured with the Women Band Directors International, "Scroll of Excellence". Besides music, Kathie enjoys woodworking, horseback riding and is an avid baseball fan.