**Michael Tackett**

**Michael Tackett** is a Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Music at College of the Sequoias, Visalia, CA. Michael earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Bowling Green State University (Ohio) and a Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Denver’s Lamont School of Music. In 2002 he was appointed Assistant Conductor of the Lamont Symphony Orchestra/Opera Theatre and the Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Prior to his tenure at College of the Sequoias he served as Director of Band/Orchestral and Musical Theatre Activities at El Diamante High School in Visalia. Michael has served fourteen years as conductor for the College of the Sequoias Music Theatre Program and sixteen years for the Tulare County Office of Education Musical Program. He has currently conducted and/or directed over fifty musical productions for a variety of theatre companies. He has been a guest conductor with The Tulare County Symphony Orchestra, The Citrus Wind Ensemble, The TKMEA Honor Orchestra and Band, and The Fresno-Madera Counties Music Educators Association Honor Orchestra. He currently sits on the CBDA board as CASMEC Exhibit Host.

Michael has been awarded a Certificate of Merit from the National Band Association (2007), was named Tulare/Kings County Band Educator of the year (2008), Orchestra Educator (2011), and Teacher of the Year for Visalia Unified School District in 2013. Michael is a member of The California Music Education Association, National Association for Music Education, and The College Band Directors National Association.

Michael loves his job and feels blessed to work with such wonderful students.