

Bill Locklear (b. 1947) resides in Kennesaw, Georgia with his wife and children. He has composed for the professional, community, university and public school levels. Most recently, Mr. Locklear was commissioned by the District Nine Georgia Music Educators Association band directors to compose and conduct a work for their annual honor band clinic and concert. He was asked in 1993 to arrange music for the Atlanta Braves World Series homecoming party and in 1996 several of Mr. Locklear's compositions were performed at the Atlanta Summer Olympic Games. He is a member of ASCAP, National Band Association, NAFME, Georgia Music Educators Association and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

During his thirty year music education career Mr. Locklear served at the elementary, middle and high school levels. He has been invited to guest conduct numerous middle, high school and community bands in the southeastern United States. He was twice named "S.T.A.R. Teacher" by the Effingham County school system and selected for "Who's Who in Teaching" three times. He holds the Bachelor of Science in Education from Jacksonville State University.

Mr. Locklear has performed as a professional bassist for over four decades and appeared with such diverse entertainers as Bob Hope, Frankie Avalon, Frank Gorshen, Dick Shawn, Rita Moreno, Buddy Grecco, Rich Little, Carol Channing, Kate Smith, Kay Starr and jazz musicians Jerry Coker, Clark Terry, Joe Morello, Jimmy Heath, Tom Ferguson, Joe Jones and Slide Hampton. He currently performs with the Clocktower Jazz Ensemble, the Georgia Wind Symphony and leads his own jazz trio.