



Adam E. Ardner (b. 1980) is an American composer/arranger, music educator, conductor, and performing musician.

Mr. Ardner holds the Master of Education (educational leadership and supervision) degree from The University of Houston - Victoria, and was a Master of Music (music education) candidate at the University of Florida. He also plans to pursue post-graduate study in doctor of education programs.

Ardner earned the Bachelor of Science (instrumental music education) degree from the Hargreaves School of Music, and Teachers' College at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. His primary instructors include: Dr. George Wolfe (saxophone), Dr. Joseph Scagnoli (wind bands and conducting), and Dr. Christian Zembower (wind bands and conducting). While at Ball State, Mr. Ardner performed with the wind ensemble,

symphony band, studio jazz ensemble, "The Pride of Mid-America" marching band, basketball pep band, "X-Band" women's volleyball band, and multiple saxophone quartets. In his senior year, he was the principal tenor saxophone, and soloist of the Indiana All-State Intercollegiate Band at the IMEA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

From 2003 to 2004, Mr. Ardner served as a music educator within the Wabash City Schools in Wabash, Indiana. From 2004 until 2010, he served as assistant director of bands and director of jazz ensembles at Victoria Memorial High School in Victoria, Texas. While at Memorial High School, he instructed the marching band, concert band, pre-AP music theory, and class piano. From 2010 until 2014, he served as the director of bands at Victoria West High School where he oversaw and instructed within all facets of the band program grades 6-12. From 2015 to 2021 he served as the director of bands at El Campo Middle School in El Campo, Texas. From 2021-2022, he served as the transition mentor and SEL/character educator at the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center.

Mr. Ardner is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA), and the Texas Bandmasters Association (TBA). He has also held membership in the International Association for Jazz Education (IAJE), Indiana Music Educators Association (IMEA), and Music Educators National Conference (MENC). He is an alumnus of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, men's music fraternity. In 2007, Mr. Ardner was honored in that year's edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers and Educators*.

Mr. Ardner currently serves as the director of music programs within the Louise Independent School District in Louise, Texas. He maintains an active performance schedule as a bass guitarist, performing in venues throughout the state of Texas.