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ACCESS TO THE ARTS FOR ALL: A JOURNEY FROM PARENT TO ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE

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For Teachers, Arts Administrators, Arts Educators, Teaching Artists, Parents, School Boards, Arts Organizations

Ryan Hourigan shares the unique story that has led him to become a leading advocate for the inclusion of students with disabilities in arts education. Ryan invites the audience along on his journey from music educator and parent to advocate for change, highlighting stories of the exceptional students that have inspired his work along the way.

Ryan Hourigan, 2010 Indiana Music Educators Association Outstanding University Music Educator of the Year, joined the faculty at Ball State University in the fall of 2006 after nine years of teaching instrumental and vocal music at the secondary and university level. Dr. Hourigan holds a B.M. from Eastern Illinois University, M.M. in wind conducting from Michigan State University, and Ph.D. in music education from the University of Michigan. He currently teaches music education and is the associate director of the School of Music at Ball State University. Dr. Hourigan has been published in many journals, including *Update: Applications of Research in Music Education*, *Arts Education Policy Review*, *The Journal of Music Teacher Education*, *The Journal of Research in Music Education*, and *The Music Educators Journal*. Dr. Hourigan is the co-author of *Teaching Music to Students with Special Needs: A Label-free Approach*. Dr. Hourigan and Alice Hammel's second book, *Teaching Music to Students with Autism*, will be released in the spring of 2013 with Oxford University Press. Dr. Hourigan co-founded the Prism Project, which provides an opportunity for Ball State University students to gain skills in the area of teaching students with special needs.