

Ross McIntyre has been a conductor/educator within the Westwinds Music Society adult band organization in Calgary since 1992. He retired from The Calgary Board of Education in 2019 after thirty years of teaching both junior and senior high school music and is currently teaching for Mount Royal University, (Custom Music Workshops) as teacher mentor, guest conductor and trumpet clinician. Ross continues to be active throughout western Canada adjudicating music festivals.

In 1993, Ross received the "Excellence in Teaching Award" from the Alberta government and in 2001 received the "Tommy Banks Award" for his contribution to Jazz education. Ross was honoured in 2006 as one of the University of Calgary's "Top Forty Alumni". In 2013, Ross was awarded by the Canadian Government with the Prime Minister's Award for teaching excellence.

Along with friend and co-producer, Samantha Whelan Kotkas, Ross received funding from the Canadian Space Agency to create and produce "From Blue To Red" - a hard cover children's book and interactive online e-book. The book was written and illustrated by Lord Beaverbrook High School students whom were inspired by several professional mentors from across Canada. "From Blue To Red" features the narration of Jazz legend, Diana Krall and three Canadian astronauts: Dr. Robert Thirsk, Julie Payette and David Saint-Jacques. The e-book continues to live online in both English and French at: www.frombluetored.net or www.dubleuaurouge.net. "From Blue to Red" was chosen as the recipient of the 2013 Award for "Best Children's and Young Adult Book of the Year" among Alberta Publishers.