

NEW JERSEY
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KENDALL HALL
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY
EWING, NJ

WELCOME...!

On behalf of the Executive Board of the New Jersey Band Association, please allow me to welcome you to the 2017 New Jersey Band Association Concert Band Gala. We are honored to host this prestigious event. The annual Gala concerts are, in many ways, the culmination of months of hard work for the young musicians you'll see and hear on stage today. You will be amazed by the mature, well-prepared performances you will hear.

The State Gala concerts would not be possible without the hard work of The College of New Jersey's staff and students as well as John Peter Holly (Association of New Jersey Orchestras). Their efforts to produce these concerts display just how dedicated they are to advancing concert bands in New Jersey. We would also like to thank TCNJ for the use of their outstanding facilities!

It is also important to thank all of the school administrators associated with these performing groups. The support that school administrators provide is invaluable and we hope they will continue to help young musicians and students involved in all of the arts to realize their dreams.

The NJBA also thanks the parents of these wonderfully talented young people. Music teaches students things that no other subject can offer. Please know that the many hours of rehearsals, lessons, sectionals, and practice time in which you support your children will help them to become more dedicated, loyal, and successful adults no matter what profession they eventually choose for themselves.

Finally, the New Jersey Band Association needs to thank the talented, dedicated conductors of the bands on stage today. The time and effort you give to your students is far above and beyond the call of duty. We honor and respect all of your efforts on behalf of your students.

Enjoy the concerts!

Respectfully,

Dr. David Vickerman

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Executive Board Chair, New Jersey Band Association

Director of Bands

The College of New Jersey

Cherokee High School Wind Ensemble

D. Michael Lynch, Director

Superintendent.....Dr. Carol L. Birnbohm
Board of Education President.....Linda M. Eckenhoff
Principals.....Donna Charlesworth & Len Iannelli
Music Supervisor.....Steve Lee
Band Booster Association President.....Christie Steglik

The Cherokee High School Instrumental Music Department offers two levels of wind band study. The Wind Ensemble is aligned as the top performing ensemble within the curriculum. Wind Ensemble members are required to complete an audition each year, for their assigned chair in the ensemble. The ensemble rehearses as an accredited honors course, and occasionally rehearses during after-school hours. The Cherokee High School Wind Ensemble received top honors at the 2014 and 2016 SJBODA Concert Band Festival and had the honor of representing Region III in NJ State Gala Evening Concert. Additionally, the Wind Ensemble has performed at the Kimmel Center, home of the Philadelphia Orchestra, each year since 2014 for the annual US Bands Wind Band Festival.

Bridgewater-Raritan High School Wind Ensemble

Thomas Borgault & James P. Crowley, Directors

Superintendent.....Russell Lazovick
Principal.....Dr. Mark Morrell
Board of Education President.....Jill Gladstone
Supervisor of Music & Fine Arts.....Ronald Heller
Band Parents Association President.....Kerri Ireland

The Bridgewater-Raritan High School Band offers a four-year comprehensive program for instrumental music education. The instrumental music department offers three curricular levels of concert band. Extra-curricular performance opportunities include jazz ensembles and marching band as well as percussion ensemble and color guard. The BRHS Wind Ensemble is an honors-level course which emphasizes personal growth, performance, enthusiasm and leadership. Musicians from this band have been selected to the Central Jersey Region Bands, the New Jersey All-State Bands and other honors ensembles. The Wind Ensemble is a perennial selection to the New Jersey State Gala Concert. Other performing honors include the 2006 New York Wind Band Festival, the 2012 Eastern Wind Symphony Symphonic Gala at Carnegie Hall and the 2013 and 2015 Mid-Atlantic Wind Band Festivals.