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# 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.

## Parsippany Hills High School Wind Ensemble

Michael Iapicca, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. LeRoy Seitz, Interim Superintendent  
Board of Education President.....Frank Neglia  
Principal.....Michael DiSanto  
Supervisor of Math, Art and Music.....Pamela Freund  
Music Parent President.....Christina Folan, Lynn Wald

The Parsippany Hills High School band program consists of two ensembles and approximately 100 students per year. The Concert Band is under the direction of Ms. Michelle Christianson, and the Wind Ensemble is directed by Mr. Michael Iapicca. The program has a rich history of excellence, established by its first director, Donald Mars. Under the direction of Richard DeCicco, the Viking Marching Band is an eight-time US Bands Champion. The Parsippany Hills Wind Ensemble has participated in three NJSMA Concert Band Festivals, earning a Gold rating in each. The Concert Band participated in its second festival this year, earning a Silver rating. The Parsippany Hills High School Wind Ensemble is honored to have been selected to perform at the State Gala Concert for the second consecutive year.

## Deptford High School Wind Ensemble

Michael Armstrong, Director

Superintendent.....Dr. Charles R. Ford Jr  
Board of Education President.....Sue Kryszczak  
Principal.....Melvin Allen  
Supervisor.....Robert Rambo  
Band Parent President.....Kathy McDevitt

The Deptford Music Department's mission is to provide a comprehensive education in the performing arts for students in grades 9 - 12. Courses include: 2 music theory courses (Music Theory I and AP), an exploration of the arts course, in-school lessons (both instrumental and vocal), 3 choirs, 2 jazz ensembles, and 2 concert ensembles. As one of 3 upper level ensembles offered at Deptford, the Wind Ensemble strives to continue the steady growth of musicianship for its students, while also exposing them to upper level literature through a variety of performance opportunities. The ensemble meets as a regular class 5 days a week for 25 minutes. The students are excited to once again perform at the NJ State Band Gala this year.

## Edison High School Wind Ensemble

Marc DeNicuolo, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. Richard O'Malley  
Board of Education President.....Mr. Frank Heelan  
Principal.....Mr. Charles Ross  
Supervisor of Music and Art.....Mr. Robert Pispecky  
Associate Director of Bands.....Mr. Valentine Kuntz  
Band Parent President.....Ms. Phyllisann Sperato

The instrumental music program at Edison High School offers a comprehensive music program for all students involved. A balance of curricular and extracurricular ensembles contributes to the success of the entire program. In 2013 the band won the US Bands Group 2 Open National Championship while sweeping all caption awards for the entire season. In 2014 the band culminated their second undefeated season in a row by winning the Group 3 Open National Championship as well as the awards for best music, best effect and best guard. The EHS Wind Ensemble has received "Superior" ratings at almost all festivals attended in the last 10 years.

## Verona High School Concert Band

Erik Lynch & Ryan Wiemken, Directors

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. Riu Dionisio  
Board of Education President.....Mr. John Quattrocchi  
Principal.....Mr. Joshua Cogdill  
Vice Principal.....Mr. Thomas Lancaster  
Verona Music Parents Association President.....Mrs. Laura Fortgang  
Brass Instructor.....Max Morden

The Verona Concert Band is a ninth through twelfth grade ensemble that encompasses every member of the instrumental music department. The band has received unanimous Gold/Superior ratings at Music in the Parks, North American Music Festivals, and the New Jersey State Concert Band Festival. The Verona Concert Band has also made multiple appearances at the Rutgers University Mid-Atlantic Wind Band Festival and the New Jersey State Gala Concert. In 2013 the Verona Concert Band performed at Carnegie Hall as part of the Eastern Wind Symphony's Symphonic Gala. In April 2016 the ensemble returned to the Cathedral of the Basilica in Newark, NJ to give the world premiere of David Gillingham's Organic Matter.

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Sunday, April 30, 2017  
Kendall Hall • The College of New Jersey  
Afternoon Concert • 2:00 p.m.

## Cherokee High School Wind Ensemble D. Michael Lynch, conductor

Black Granite.....James Hosay  
Elegy.....John Barnes Chance  
Ride.....Samuel R. Hazo

## Bridgewater-Raritan High School Wind Ensemble Thomas Bourgault & James P. Crowley, conductors

Variations on "America".....Charles Ives, arr. Schuman  
Hymn to Yerevan.....Alan Hovhaness  
This is the Drum.....Andrew Boysen, Jr.

## Parsippany Hills High School Wind Ensemble Michael Iapicca, conductor

I Am .....Andrew Boysen, Jr.  
Dozokuteki Dance.....Kaoru Wada

## Deptford High School Wind Ensemble Michael Armstrong, conductor

Shepherd's Hey.....Percy Aldridge Grainger  
Song of the Gandy Dancers.....Richard Saucedo  
Mother Earth Fanfare.....David Maslanka

## Edison High School Wind Ensemble Marc DeNicuolo, conductor

O Magnum Mysterium.....Morten Lauridsen, trans. Reynolds  
Yiddish Dances.....Adam Gorb  
i. Khosidl ii. Terkische iii. Doina iv. Hora v. Freylachs

## Verona High School Concert Band Erik Lynch, conductor

The Klaxon.....Henry Fillmore  
Lincolnshire Posy.....Percy Aldridge Grainger  
ii. Horkstow Grange  
With Heart and Voice.....David Gillingham

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Sunday, April 30, 2017  
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Evening Concert • 6:00 p.m.

## Clearview Regional High School Wind Ensemble Tyler Wiernusz, conductor

O Magnum Mysterium.....Morten Lauridsen, trans. Reynolds  
Pageant .....Vincent Persichetti

## Westfield High School Wind Ensemble Chris Vitale & Trevor Sindorf, conductors

The Gladiator.....John Philip Sousa  
Variations on "America".....Charles Ives, arr. Schuman  
Celebrations.....John Zdechlik

## West Orange High School Wind Ensemble Lewis C. Kelly, conductor

His Honor.....Henry Fillmore, ed. Frederick Fennell  
Angels in the Architecture.....Frank Ticheli

## Absegami High School Wind Ensemble Jon Porco, conductor

Danza No. 2.....Bruce Yurko  
Four Scottish Dances.....Malcolm Arnold, arr. John P. Paynter

## John P. Stevens High School Wind Ensemble Andrew S. DeNicola & John M. Zazzali, conductors

Second Century.....Alfred Reed  
American Overture for Band.....Joseph Willcox Jenkins  
Variants on a Medieval Tune for Band.....Norman Dello Joio

## Bergenfield High School Honors Wind Ensemble Brian P. Timmons, conductor

Lincolnshire Posy.....Percy Aldridge Grainger, ed. Frederick Fennell  
Circle Dance.....Joseph Turrin

## Clearview Regional High School Wind Ensemble

Tyler Wiernusz, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....John Horchak III  
Board of Education President.....Michele Giaquinto  
Principal.....Keith Brooks  
Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor.....Diane Bernstein  
Band Parent President.....Betty Peterson

The Clearview Regional High School instrumental music program is a tiered program seeking to facilitate the musical development of students. The Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, and chamber ensemble meet during school hours as part of a balanced array of musical offerings. An extra-curricular marching band and jazz band supplement the curricular ensembles, and perform at numerous events in the Mullica Hill community. The Clearview Regional High School Wind Ensemble is the premier wind band in the district. This honors ensemble performs between five and eight concerts per year, both on campus and in support of the local community. The Wind Ensemble was awarded numerous honors, including being selected for the New Jersey State Band Gala over a dozen times.

## Westfield High School Wind Ensemble

Chris Vitale & Trevor Sindorf, Directors

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. Margaret Dolan  
Board of Education President.....Gretchan Ohlig  
Principal.....Dr. Derrick Nelson  
Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts.....Dr. Linda King  
Band Parents Association President.....Heather Bryant

The Westfield High School Band Program provides ensemble performance opportunities to 240 Westfield High School students. Three concert bands serve as the foundation of the band program while an additional three jazz bands, two percussion ensembles, a winter color guard, and the 135 member Marching Blue Devils make up the WHS Bands. The Wind Ensemble is the premier ensemble in the WHS Band Program. This ensemble strives to provide students in grades 10 thru 12 with an opportunity to perform challenging repertoire while developing their musical knowledge and artistry at the highest level. The Westfield Bands have given performances at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall, at the Kimmel Center, and have toured Austria and the Czech Republic. In 2018 the group will go on a performance tour in Italy.

## West Orange High School Wind Ensemble

Lewis C. Kelly, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Jeffery Rutzky  
Board of Education President.....Sandra Mordecai  
Principal.....Hayden Moore  
Director of Visual and Performing Arts.....Louis Quagliato  
Music Booster President.....Rick Adelsohn  
Associate Director.....Erin Lagatic  
Assistant Director.....Joshua Zimmer

The band program at West Orange High School serves more than 225 students with curricular opportunities that include Ninth Grade Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble. Honors credit is offered to members of the Wind Ensemble, as each member participates in a chamber music group. Additionally, students can participate in the Marching Mountaineers, two jazz bands, winter color guard, pit orchestra, and percussion ensemble. Recently, the Wind Ensemble performed in the prestigious National Concert Band Festival and this is the tenth consecutive year the group has been selected to represent Region I in the State Gala Concert.

## Absegami High School Wind Ensemble

Jon Porco, Director

Superintendent.....John Keenan  
Board of Education President.....Carol Houck  
Principal.....Dr. Jeri-Lynn Vernon  
Supervisor of Performing Arts.....Leslie Madison  
Band Parent President.....Chuck Reed

Absegami High School is located outside of Atlantic City in Galloway Township. The school consists of around 1100 students and is part of the Greater Egg Harbor Regional School District. Absegami's Music Program consists of a Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, and various chamber groups through their Tri-M Music Honor Society. The Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble, which were both started in 2014, meet one to two times a week after school. Concert Band, Piano Lab, Music Lab, Music Theory, and Jazz Improvisation are all courses offered during the school day. The Wind Ensemble that you will hear tonight consists of 45 members and is by audition only. This is the group's fourth consecutive invitation to the State Gala.

## John P. Stevens High School Wind Ensemble

Andrew S. DeNicola, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. Richard O'Malley  
Board of Education President.....Frank Heelan  
Principal.....Gail Pawlikowski  
Supervisor of Visual & Fine Arts.....Robert Piscecky  
Band Parent President.....Debbie Schildkraut

John P. Stevens High School Wind Ensemble hails from a music program truly devoted to providing a variety of opportunities to its young musicians. Individual members of the band are encouraged to challenge themselves by auditioning for region and statewide ensembles each year. This spring, the wind ensemble was selected to perform at the NAfME Eastern Division Conference. In 2015, the wind ensemble was a featured ensemble at the prestigious National Concert Band Festival located in Indianapolis, IN. The group has represented Central Jersey numerous times at the State Gala Concert. Ever committed to a well-rounded music education, the John P. Stevens High School Band Program seeks to maintain its tradition of excellence in music.

## Bergenfield High School Honors Wind Ensemble

Brian P. Timmons, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Christopher Tully  
Board of Education President.....Dr. Joseph Amara  
Principal.....James Fasano  
Friends of Music President.....Melissa Weigl  
Assistant Director of Bands / Instrumental .....Matthew Skouras

The Bergenfield High School Music Department's curricular ensemble offerings include a four-tiered band program, three orchestras, and three choirs. In addition, the program includes a 175-member marching band, two jazz ensembles, an indoor percussion ensemble, and coursework in AP music theory, music technology, piano, and guitar. The Honors Wind Ensemble, the program's premier wind band, has performed across the eastern US and Canada. Its members also form the wind and percussion section of the Honors Symphony Orchestra. This year, their 15th anniversary season, they commissioned Joseph Turrin to compose "Circle Dance." This will be Honors Wind Ensemble's fourth appearance in the NJ State Band Gala. The Bergenfield Public Schools are a perennial recipient of the Best Communities for Music Education award.

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