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NEW JERSEY
STATE BAND GALA
2018

Sunday, April 29, 2018
Wilkins Theatre
Kean University
Union, NJ

WELCOME....!

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome each and every one of you to Kean University for the 2018 New Jersey Band Gala. Today we will hear 11 of the finest New Jersey high school concert bands/wind ensembles that have each recently distinguished themselves with an outstanding performance at their respective regional band festivals. On behalf of the executive board of the New Jersey Band Association (NJBA), it is my pleasure to congratulate the band directors and their student musicians for their dedication to excellence, which has led to their participation in this year's annual New Jersey Band Gala. Their outstanding achievements serve as a model and inspiration to all of us who find great satisfaction in the fact that quality music education does reside in New Jersey. Congratulations!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many school administrators and school staff members who actively champion music education in the school setting. Without their true support, music would remain an unknown art form as well as an unknown form of personnel expression for many of today's performers. I know that it is often very difficult to convince others of the long-term value of arts education in spite of the fact that it remains at the core of our humanity. I thank you for all that you do to provide the opportunity for the students of your school district to receive a full and enriching education.

I also wish to thank the parents and other family members who have supported these young people in all of their endeavors, not the least of which has been their development as a musician. Parents, you hold the key to creating a brighter future for our world. Thank you for all that you do.

Last but not least, I wish to once again congratulate the conductors of each ensemble for the exceptional work that they do in teaching excellence through music performance in their respective communities.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Connors, Ph.D.

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Executive Board Chair, New Jersey Band Association
Director of Music, Kean University

Bridgewater-Raritan High School Wind Ensemble

James P. Crowley & Thomas Bourgault, Directors

Superintendent of Schools.....Russell Lazovick
Board of Education President.....Jill Gladstone
Principal.....Dr. Mark Morrell
Supervisor of Performing Arts.....Laura Craig
Band Parent Co-Presidents.....Anna Rooney & Patti Abella

The Bridgewater-Raritan High School Bands offer a four-year comprehensive program for instrumental music education. The instrumental music department offers three curricular concert bands including the all-9th grade Concert Band, mixed Symphonic Band, and the Honors Wind Ensemble. Extracurricular performance opportunities include jazz ensembles, marching band, percussion ensemble, and color/winter guard. While all bands emphasize personal musical growth, performance opportunities, and leadership with artistic integrity, students in the Honors Wind Ensemble earn honors credit for the course, and participate in many outside musical projects including festivals, recording sessions, and hosting artists in residence. The Bridgewater-Raritan Wind Ensemble is a perennial invitee to the New Jersey Band Directors' State Gala. Other honors include the 2012 Eastern Wind Symphony Gala, the 2013 and 2015 Mid-Atlantic Wind Band Invitational, and the 2017 Music For All National Concert Band Festival.

Parsippany Hills High School Wind Ensemble

Michael Iapicca, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. Barbara Sargent
Board of Education President.....Frank Neglia
Principal.....Michael DiSanto
Supervisor of Grades 6-12 Math / Business / Music.....Pamela Freund

The PHHS Wind Ensemble is the top performing instrumental ensemble at Parsippany Hills High School. The band is made up of students in grades 10-12 by audition. As part of the school curriculum, the Wind Ensemble meets daily for 44 minutes with students in attendance from 1-5 days of the week. In addition to school concerts, the band performs at local public events in Parsippany and has performed at several music festivals. The PHHS Wind Ensemble has earned a gold rating in each of its four years participating in the NJSMA Band Festival. 2018 marks their third consecutive appearance at the NJ State Band Gala.

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Afternoon Concert • 2:00 p.m.

Bridgewater-Raritan High School Wind Ensemble

Thomas Bourgault, conductor

Fanfare for the NewHugo Montenegro
Traveler.....David Maslanka
Overture to Colas Bruegnon...Dmitry Kabalevsky/Donald Hunsberger

Parippany Hills High School Wind Ensemble

Michelle Christianson & Michael Iapicca, conductors

Nimrod from *Enigma Variations*.....Edward Elgar, arr. Alfred Reed
Kwyyjibo.....Daniel Montoya, Jr.

Cherokee High School Wind Ensemble

D. Michael Lynch, conductor

Gavorkna Fanfare.....Jack Stamp
American Overture for BandJoseph Willcox Jenkins
Vigils Keep.....Julie Giroux

Edison High School Wind Ensemble

Marc DeNicuolo, conductor

Magnolia Star.....Steve Danyew
Limerick Daydreams.....Nathan Daughtrey

Randolph High School Wind Ensemble

Dawn D. Russo, conductor

Symphony No. 1 for Winds and PercussionDaniel Bukvich
In Memoriam, Dresden, Germany, 1945
The Redwoods.....Rosanno Galante

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Evening Concert • 6:00 p.m.

Absegami High School Wind Ensemble

Ben Fong & Patrick O'Keefe, conductors

Molly on the Shore.....Percy Aldridge Grainger
Armenian Dances, Part 1.....Alfred Reed

West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South Wind Ensemble

Jesse Argenziano, conductor

Funiculi, Funicula.....Luigi Denza, arr. Alfred Reed
Molly on the Shore.....Percy Aldridge Grainger
The Hounds of Spring.....Alfred Reed

Verona High School Concert Band

Erik Lynch, conductor

His Honor.....Henry Fillmore
Divertimento for Winds and Percussion.....Robert Cichy
I. Exaltation II. Follies III. Remembrance IV. Salutation

Clearview Regional High School Wind Ensemble

Tyler Wiernusz & Gerald DeLoach, conductors

His Honor.....Henry Fillmore
A Hymn for the Lost and the Living.....Eric Ewazen
Chorale and Alleluia.....Howard Hanson

John P. Stevens High School Wind Ensemble

Andrew S. DeNicola & John Zazzali, conductors

Overture for Winds, Opus 24.....Felix Mendelssohn
Emblems.....Aaron Copland

West Orange High School Wind Ensemble

Lewis C. Kelly, conductor

One Life Beautiful.....Julie Giroux
E.E. Cummings Poems for Wind Ensemble.....Bruce Yurko
I. Seeker of Truth II. Who Are You, Little I
III. Sitting In A Tree IV. Buffalo Bill's Defunct

Absegami High School Wind Ensemble

Ben Fong & Patrick O'Keefe, Directors

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

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 Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, and various chamber groups. The Wind Ensemble meets 3-4 times a week during and after school. The school also offers Piano Lab, Music Lab, Music Theory, and Jazz Improvisation during the school day. The Wind Ensemble consists of all members of the school's instrumental music program from grades 9-12.

West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South Wind Ensemble

Jesse Argenziano, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. David Aderhold
Principal.....Dennis Lepold
Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts.....Jeffrey Santoro
Board of Education President.....Anthony Fleres
Band Booster Presidents.....Somia Aluwalia, Theresa Thompson, Jerry Olcsvary

The West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South music program offers an extensive curricular experience with a variety of opportunities for a student's music education in band, choir, and orchestra. The curricular band program includes a Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble that pair with weekly small-group lessons for each level, as well as the opportunity to perform in our orchestra full orchestra program. The extra-curricular offerings include marching band, jazz band, percussion ensemble, pit orchestra, and various student-run chamber groups. WW-P has also been able to offer the opportunity to perform abroad in countries such as Spain, Czech Republic, and Austria. Our goal is to educate students in musical performance through the use of literature from various time periods, cultures, and mediums, while incorporating a foundation of music theory skills in order to become self-directed learners and life-long performers. This is the wind ensemble's third Gala invitation in the past four years, having received invitations in 2015 and 2016.

Verona High School Concert Band

Erik Lynch, Director

Superintendent.....Dr. Rui Dionisio
Principal.....Josh Cogdill
Board of Education President.....John Quattrocchi
Verona Music Parents Association Presidents.....Sandra Klose & Emily Boyer Noren

The Verona Concert Band is a nine 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 2012 the band was the first non-professional group to play on the Wednesday's At Noon Concert Series at the historic Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. In 2013 the Verona Concert Band performed at Carnegie Hall as part of the Eastern Wind Symphony's Symphonic Gala. In April 2016 our group returned to Cathedral of the Basilica to World Premier David Gillingham's Organic Matter and recently returned to this historic Church for the third time.

Clearview Regional High School Wind Ensemble

Tyler Wiernusz, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....John Horchak III
Board of Education President.....Michele Giaquinto
Principal.....Keith Brook
Supervisors of Visual & Performing Arts.....Diane Bernstein, Greg Horton

The Clearview Regional High School instrumental music program is a tiered system of ensembles seeking to facilitate the complete musical development of its students. The Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, and chamber ensembles meet during school hours as part of a balanced array of curricular musical offerings. Extra-curricular ensembles, such as the marching band, jazz band, and color guard, meet throughout the year, supplementing the curriculum. The Clearview Regional High School Wind Ensemble is the premier wind band in the district. The Honors Wind Ensemble keeps a full calendar of events throughout the school year, performing both on campus and in support of the local community. The Wind Ensemble and its members have received numerous accolades and the region and state levels, including performances at the 2018 NJMEA State Conference and NJBA State Band Gala.

John P. Stevens High School Wind Ensemble

Andrew S. DeNicola, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. Richard O'Malley
 Board of Education President.....Jingwei Shi
 Principal.....Gail Pawlikowski
 Supervisor of Visual & Performing Arts.....Robert Pispecky
 Band Parent President.....Debbie Schildkraut

The 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. We take pride in having represented the state of New Jersey as having the most number of students from one school for both Region and All-State level bands, consistently over the last decade. In the current 2017-2018 school year, 36 band members were selected by audition for Central Jersey Region II Ensembles. 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.

West Orange High School Wind Ensemble

Lewis C. Kelly, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Jeffery Rutzky
 Principal.....Hayden Moore
 Director of Visual & Performing Arts.....Louis Quagliato
 Board of Education President.....Ron Charles
 Music Booster President.....Matthew Mongelli

The Visual and Performing Arts Department at West Orange High School offers a comprehensive selection of courses in the areas of band, choir, orchestra, theatre, dance, and music theory. The band program 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, three jazz ensembles, two winter color guards, pit orchestra, and percussion ensemble. Last year the Wind Ensemble performed in the Music For All National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis IN. The group was also selected for the eleventh consecutive year to represent Region I in the NJ State Gala Concert.

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