

NEW JERSEY  
BAND ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS

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 New .....Hugo 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  
Kwytjibo.....Daniel Montoya, Jr.

## Cherokee High School Wind Ensemble

D. Michael Lynch, conductor

Gavorkna Fanfare.....Jack Stamp  
American Overture for Band .....Joseph 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 Percussion .....Daniel Bukvich  
*In Memoriam, Dresden, Germany, 1945*  
The Redwoods.....Rosanno Galante

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## 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