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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 2016 New Jersey Band Association Concert Band Gala. The New Jersey Band Association (NJBA) is dedicated to presenting concerts, clinics, workshops, and lectures in support of concert bands and their directors throughout the state of New Jersey. We are proud to host this prestigious event, which represents the culmination of months of hard work for the young musicians you will see and hear on stage today.

The State Gala concerts would not be possible without the hard work of Professor Darryl Bott (Rutgers) and 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 Rutgers University for the use of their outstanding facilities and the Rutgers music students who have volunteered their time to assist with the concerts today.

It is also crucial to thank all of the school administrators associated with today's performing ensembles. As a school administrator, your support is vital in providing young musicians access to a substantive and meaningful arts education. The presence of your students here today stands as evidence of your firm commitment to excellence in the arts.

NJBA also commends the parents and guardians of these talented young musicians. Due to your support of the many hours it takes to perform music at this level, rest assured that your children are now more successful and prepared for whatever profession they may choose.

Finally, NJBA needs to thank the talented, dedicated conductors of the bands on stage today. The time and effort you have freely given your students is above and beyond the call of duty and we applaud all of your efforts on behalf of your ensembles.

Enjoy these concerts celebrating the outstanding concert band music education happening here in the state of New Jersey!

Respectfully,

Dr. David Vickerman

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Executive Board Chair, New Jersey Band Association

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NEW JERSEY STATE BAND GALA

The New Jersey State Band Gala Concert is an annual educational activity that serves more than 750 instrumental music students from New Jersey's public high schools in a day-long series of performances.

The Gala Concert is the culmination of a larger, statewide educational program, the New Jersey State Band Festival, which encourages the participation of every high school band in the state. The twelve high school bands that perform in the Gala Concert are chosen through a series of three competitive preliminary rounds in three regions of the state: north, central and south. Each year, more than 150 high school bands from all over New Jersey participate in the preliminary rounds of the New Jersey Band Festival. Because of the high degree of preparation and practice that each band and its individuals members devote to this activity, the New Jersey Band Festival fosters personal growth and achievement for nearly 10,000 music students in New Jersey each year.

In years past, a very small proportion of New Jersey music ensembles were capable of more than a moderate level of achievement when compared to ensembles from other parts of the country. However, since the inauguration of the state-wide festival, the level has improved dramatically. Currently, ensembles from New Jersey travel to competitions throughout the United States and often to Europe and return with outstanding success. Such success can be directly attributable to the statewide band festival and the culminating Concert Gala. The Gala has become the foremost musical goal of bands in the State of New Jersey.

Now in its 34th season, the New Jersey State Band Festival was established in 1983 by Dr. William H. Silvester, then Director of Bands at The College of New Jersey, who served as the festival's administrator for 15 years. In 1998, after fifteen years of operation, the festival grew too large to run at TCNJ, and so a new, expanded organization was developed, under the direction of Darryl J. Bott.

With the establishment of the New Jersey Band Association in 2006, it was decided that the New Jersey State Band Gala Concerts would take place under the sponsorship of the newly-formed association. This year, the administration of the Gala is once gain under the direction of Darryl J. Bott, Deputy Director of the Department of Music and Associate Director of Bands.

Since the inception of the Gala, the number of music students staying within the state to study music on the college level has been remarkable. The road to the Gala has been a significant incentive for high school-age students to become involved in music and many of them see the benefits of staying in-state to study. In turn, the music education graduates of our state colleges are entering the field with higher goals and expectations, and are helping to continue to raise the level of music in New Jersey's schools.

Bridgewater-Raritan High School Wind Ensemble

James P. Crowley & Thomas Bourgault, Directors

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. Daniel Silvia (Interim)
Board of Education President.....Ann Marie Mead
Principal.....Dr. Mark Morrell
Supervisor of Music & Art.....Mr. Ronald Heller
Band Parent President(s).....Mrs. Chistiana Staffin & Mrs. Kerri Ireland

The Bridgewater-Raritan High School Bands is 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.

Columbia High School Honors Wind Ensemble

Peter F. Bauer, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. John J. Ramos, Jr.
Principal.....Elizabeth Aaron
Supervisor.....Mara Rubin
BOE President.....Elizabeth Baker
Music Parent Association President...Michelle Schwartzbard and Barbara Cokorinos
Band Co-Vice Presidents.....Lisa Mantone and Jennifer Meusel

The students and directors of the Columbia High School Honors Wind Ensemble are proud to represent the School District of South Orange and Maplewood, as well as the artistically rich communities of South Orange and Maplewood, as the group returns to the State Band Gala for the second time in the school's history. The group is one of five honors-level performing ensembles at Columbia, and is the elite wind band in the district. Admittance is via performance assessment, and members of the ensemble are expected to exemplify the highest level of musicianship, dedication, and professionalism. The group's continual goal is to study and perform the finest in traditional and contemporary wind band literature while giving students the experience and coaching necessary for them to be lifelong performers and artists in music.

Mainland Regional High School Wind Ensemble

Keith W. Hodgson, Director

Superintendent.....	Robert Previti
Board of Education President.....	Jill Ojserkis
Principal.....	Mark Marrone
Supervisor.....	Kristen Lavery
Music Parent Rep.....	Katie Fugee

The instrumental music program at Mainland Regional High School is a three-tiered ensemble design with a selected auditioned wind ensemble, an intermediate symphonic band and an entry level concert band. All instrumental students are guided with an "individual learning plan" in a portfolio model of assessments and evaluation documentation. Technical fluency in all keys, attention to rhythmic accuracy, developing the characteristics of good tone quality and improving sight reading skills comprise the teaching philosophy of our concert band program. Students are encouraged to become involved with many other musical opportunities that include two jazz bands, marching band, various chamber ensembles as well as auditioning for regional and state honors ensembles.

West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South Wind Ensemble

Jesse Argenziano, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....	David Aderhold, EdD
Principal.....	Dennis Lepold
Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts.....	Jeffrey Santoro
Board of Education President.....	Anthony Fleres

The West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South Band Program is a collection of comprehensive instrumental ensembles including three concert bands, two jazz ensembles, multiple percussion ensembles, and a competitive marching band. The ensembles have gained a strong reputation for performing advanced repertoire with a very high level of artistry and musicianship. Over the years the band program has consistently received superior ratings at concert, jazz, and marching band festivals and competitions. The program also offers the opportunity for travel and performance tours, the most recent tour taking place across Spain in 2015. The success of the band program at WW-P HSS is contributed to the outstanding music educators at the elementary and junior high levels.

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 two NJSMA Concert Band Festivals, earning a Gold rating in each. The Concert Band participated in its first festival this year, earning a Silver rating. This is the first time in the school's history that a band from Parsippany Hills has been invited to the NJ State Band Gala.

Southern Regional High School Wind Ensemble

Kevin Moninghoff, Director

Chief School Administrator.....Craig Henry
Board of Education President.....Keith Weidenhof
Principal.....Eric Wilhelm
District Performing Arts Supervisor.....Dr. Richard Falletta
High School Symphonic Band Director..... Mrs. Jennifer Hodgson
Junior High Band Director Director..... Andrew Wright
Student Representatives.....Kayla Byrnes, Cassandra Martin

The Southern Regional High School music program offers a myriad of musical opportunities to every student in the school. The comprehensive curricular program includes Honors Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Music Theory and A.P. Music Theory. The extensive extracurricular program offers Marching Band, Indoor Drum Line, Indoor Guard, Pit Orchestra, Jazz Combo, Jazz Ensemble, Clarinet Choir, Flute Choir and Brass Choir. It is the collective goal of the music staff to provide an enjoyable and rewarding experience for its students and to instill a sense of high standards within each member.

NEW JERSEY STATE BAND GALA

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Nicholas Music Center • Rutgers University

Afternoon Concert • 2:00 p.m.

Bridgewater-Raritan High School Wind Ensemble

James P. Crowley and Thomas Bourgault, conductors

March, Opus 99.....Sergei Prokofiev
Symphony for the Millennium.....Aldo Raphael Forte
i. Dawn 1,000 A.D. ii. Mechanization

Columbia High School Honors Wind Ensemble

Peter F. Bauer, conductor

Undecim.....Randall Standridge
Yorkshire Ballad.....James Barnes
El Camino Real.....Alfred Reed

Mainland Regional High School Wind Ensemble

Keith W. Hodgson, conductor

March from English Folk Song Suite.....Ralph Vaughan Williams
Armenian Dances.....Alfred Reed

West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South Wind Ensemble

Jesse Argenziano, conductor

Children's March: "Over the Hills and Far Away".....
Percy Aldridge Grainger, ed. by R. Mark Rogers
El Camino Real.....Alfred Reed

Parpippany Hills High School Wind Ensemble

Michael Iapicca, conductor

Heaven's Light.....Steven Reineke
Dancing In Rain.....Yo Goto

Southern Regional High School Wind Ensemble

Kevin Moninghoff, conductor

The Hounds of Spring.....Alfred Reed
Journey to the Lion's Castle.....Rossano Galante

NEW JERSEY STATE BAND GALA

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Nicholas Music Center • Rutgers University
Evening Concert • 6:00 p.m.

Ridge High School Wind Ensemble

Daniel Zugale, conductor

Themes from Green Bushes.....Percy Grainger, arr. Larry Daehn
Angels in the ArchitectureFrank Ticheli

West Orange High School Wind Ensemble

Lewis C. Kelly, conductor

Hymn for the Lost and the Living.....Eric Ewazen
Incantation and Dance.....John Barnes Chance

Cherokee High School Wind Ensemble

D. Michael Lynch, conductor

Gavorkna Fanfare.....Jack Stamp
Prelude, Siciliano, Rondo.....Malcolm Arnold, arr. Paynter
Vesuvius.....Frank Ticheli

John P. Stevens High School Wind Ensemble

Andrew S. DeNicola & John Zazzali, conductors

Fantasy Variations on a Theme of Paganini.....James Barnes
Chimes of Liberty.....Edwin Franko Goldman, arr. Loras Schissel

Mendham High School Wind Ensemble

Timothy Beadle, conductor

Gloriosa.....Yasuhide Ito
i. Oratio ii. Cantus iii. Die Festus

Absegami High School Wind Ensemble

Jon Porco, conductor

Overture to Candide.....Leonard Bernstein, arr. Beeler
Blue Shades.....Frank Ticheli

Ridge High School Wind Ensemble

Daniel Zugale, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Nick Markarian
Principal.....Frank Howlett
Supervisor.....Michael Fackelman
Board of Education President.....Linda Wooldridge
Music Parent President.....Janet Smith and Brenda Miller

Ridge High School, in Bernards Township, New Jersey serves approximately 1,800 students in grades 9 - 12. The core of the Ridge High School band program is the Concert Band and Wind ensemble, and two jazz bands, and a marching band are offered as co-curricular supplements. The band program, under the direction of the Daniel Zugale seeks to develop musicianship through performance. The wind ensemble has performed with noted guest artists and conductors and has performed at the NJBA Gala concert and NJMEA conference. We are deeply grateful for the support of the school administration, district band faculty, parents, and the community of Bernards Township.

West Orange High School Wind Ensemble

Lewis C. Kelly, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Jeffery Rutzky
Principal.....Hayden Moore
Board of Education President.....Laura Lab
Music Booster President.....Rick Adelsohn

The West Orange High School Bands have established themselves with a reputation of exciting performances and quality programs in all areas. All of the ensembles participate in festivals and competitions throughout the school year. The curricular bands, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Concert Band, and Ninth Grade Band, meet on a rotating schedule and also have small group lessons and/or chamber ensemble rehearsals. The co-curricular ensembles of WOHS are also recognized for their consistently outstanding performances. The Marching Mountaineers, two Indoor Color Guards, Indoor Percussion Ensemble, Jazz I, Jazz II, and Pit Orchestra have all have been recognized for their high quality performances. The Wind Ensemble has been selected to represent Region I in the New Jersey State Gala Concert for nine consecutive years.

Cherokee High School Wind Ensemble

D. Michael Lynch, Director

Superintendent.....	Dr. Carol L. Birnbohm
Business Administrator.....	James H. Hager
Principals.....	Donna Charlesworth & Len Iannelli
Music Supervisor.....	Steve Lee
Board of Education President.....	Linda M. Eckenhoff
Band Booster President.....	Jennifer Thiel

The Cherokee High School Instrumental Music Department offers three levels of wind band study. The Wind Ensemble is aligned as the lead performing ensemble. The Wind Ensemble members are required to complete an audition, each year, for their assigned chair in the ensemble. The Cherokee High School Wind Ensemble received top honors at the 2014 SJBODA Concert Band Festival and had the honor of representing Region III in NJ State Gala Evening Concert. In addition to the NJ State Gala Concert, the Wind Ensemble has performed at the Kimmel Center for the annual US Bands Wind Band Festival. The Wind Ensemble was selected to perform in clinic at the 2015 Mid-Atlantic Wind Band Festival at Rutgers University under guest conductor Dr. Andrew Boysen Jr. The students are very proud of their accomplishments and are eager to share in making music at the 2016 NJ 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 Pispecky
Band Parent President.....	Maya Gurnani

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 for over the last decade. In the current 2015-2016 school year, 48 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.

Mendham High School Wind Ensemble

Timothy Beadle, Director

Superintendent.....Michael Ben-David
Assistant Superintendent.....Robert Beers
Board of Education President.....Rob Strobel
Principal.....Michael Matyas
Music Booster Presidents.....Tricia Elgarten and Kelly Liang

West Morris Mendham High School, part of the West Morris Regional High School District, serves 1100 students in grades 9-12. The Wind Ensemble is the top auditioned performing ensemble in our band program that offers marching band, two jazz ensembles, two jazz combos, pit orchestra, a variety of chamber groups and three concert bands. We are proud to be performing at our third State Concert Band Gala and would like to thank our administration, our dedicated music boosters, and our fabulous sending middle schools -- Black River Middle School, Mendham Township Middle School, and Mountain View Middle School -- for their support, dedication, and teaching.

Absegami High School Wind Ensemble

Jon Porco, Director

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

Absegami High School, located in Galloway Township, Atlantic County, is part of the Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District. Absegami High School has an enrollment of approximately 1,800 students. The Absegami 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 third invitation to the State Gala, having previously received invitations to perform in 2014 and 2015.

College & University Directory

Listed below and on the next two pages is a directory of the music programs of the colleges and universities that are represented by the leadership of the New Jersey Band Association.

These schools offer a wide variety of choices and opportunities to music students in New Jersey who are considering pursuing careers in music.



Rutgers University **Mason Gross School of the Arts**

Robert Aldridge, Director of the Music Department

Kraig Alan Williams, Director of Bands

Darryl Bott, Associate Director of the Music Dept; Associate Director of Bands

Music Degree Programs

Rutgers University offers degree programs extending from the baccalaureate to the doctorate.

Specializations include voice, keyboard, guitar and orchestral instruments, conducting, theory, composition, musicology, jazz studies, and music education.

For more information, visit www.masongross.rutgers.edu/music



Montclair State University **John J. Cali School of Music**

Robert Cart, Director

Dr. Thomas McCauley, Director of Bands

Music Degree Programs

MSU offers a wide array of degree programs in music including:

Bachelor of Music in Performance, Composition or Jazz Studies

Bachelor of Music in Music Education • Bachelor of Arts in Music Therapy

For more information, visit www.montclair.edu/arts/cali-school-of-music/



Rowan University

College of Performing Arts

Dr. John Pastin, Dean
Dr. Richard Dammers, Chair, Music Department
Prof. Joseph Higgins, Director of Bands

Music Degree Programs

Bachelor of Music in Performance, Composition or Jazz Studies
Bachelor of Music in Music Education • Bachelor of Arts in Music • Master of Music

For more information, visit www.rowan.edu/music



The College of New Jersey

Department of Music

Dr. John P. Leonard, Chair
Dr. David Vickerman, Director of Bands
Dr. Marian Stewart, Assistant Director of Bands

Music Degree Programs

Bachelor of Music: Performance
Bachelor of Music: Education
Bachelor of Arts: Music

For more information, visit music.tcnj.edu



William Paterson University

Department of Music

Dr. Diane Falk-Romaine, Chair
Dr. J. Craig Davis, Director of Bands

Music Degree Programs

Bachelor of Music in Performance, Jazz Studies, Music Education,
Emphasis in Music Management, Sound Engineering Arts
Bachelor of Arts in Music or Music with Popular Music Emphasis

For more information, visit www.wpunj.edu/music



Kean University

Conservatory of Music

Dr. Anthony Scelba, Chair
Dr. Thomas Connors, Director of Bands

Music Degree Programs

Bachelor of Arts in Music Education
Bachelor of Music in Performance or Pedagogy
Bachelor of Arts in Music

For more information, visit www.kean.edu/degrees-programs/music



Ramapo College of New Jersey

School of Contemporary Arts

Steven Perry, Dean
Dr. Chris Wilhjem, Concert Band Director

Music Major - Music Studies Concentration

Bachelor of Arts in Music Industry • Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance
Bachelor of Arts in Music Production • Bachelor of Arts in Music Studies

For more information, visit www.ramapo.edu/ca/music-studies/



New Jersey City University

Music, Dance and Theatre Department

Patrick J. Burns, Director of Symphony of Winds and Percussion

Music Degree Programs

New Jersey City University offers major programs for undergraduate and graduate students and minors that provide students a solid foundation in theory and performance.

For more information, visit www.njcu.edu

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