

**The North Jersey School Music Association  
proudly presents**

*The*

***Twenty-Third Annual  
High School  
Concert Band Festival***

**March 21, 2023**

*West Essex Regional High School, 9:15 am  
Hanover Park High School, 6:30 pm*

**March 22, 2023**

*Parsippany Hills High School, 9:00 am*

**March 23, 2023**

*Mount Olive Middle School, 9:00 am  
Bergenfield High School, 6:00 pm*

***Tuesday, March 21, 2023***  
***West Essex Regional High School***

**West Essex High School Concert Band – Elise McAloon, Director**

Selection #1: Balladair.....Frank Erickson  
Bourne

Selection #2: Chant and Savage Dance.....Brian Balmages  
FJH Music

**Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan – Amy Wilcox, Director**

Selection #1: The Bonsai Tree.....Julie Giroux  
Musica Propria

Selection #2: Spring River Fantasy.....William Owens  
FJH Music

**Morristown High School Symphonic Band – David Gallagher, Director**

Selection #1: Chasing Sunlight.....Cait Nishimura  
Murphy Music Press

Selection #2: Where Eagles Soar.....Steven Reineke  
CL Barnhouse

**Wayne Valley High School Symphonic Band – Gabriel Batiz and Scott Byers, Directors**

Selection #1: Perthshire Majesty.....Samuel R. Hazo  
Boosey & Hawkes, Inc.

Selection #2: Toccata Marziale.....R. Vaughan Williams  
Boosey & Hawkes, Inc.

**Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan Wind Ensemble – Amy Wilcox, Director**

Selection #1: Through Healers' Eyes.....Catherine Likhuta  
Murphy Music Press

Selection #2: Scootin' on Hardrock.....David Holsinger  
TRN Music

**Pascack Hills High School Concert Band – Ryan Dore and Derek Weigl, Directors**

Selection #1: At Morning's First Light.....David Gillingham  
C. Alan Publications

Selection #2: Ignition.....Todd Stalter  
Alfred Publishing

**Morristown High School Wind Ensemble – David Gallagher, Director**

Selection #1: Arabesque.....Samuel R. Hazo  
Hal Leonard

Selection #2: Danzon No. 2.....Arturo Marquez  
Peer Music

**Wayne Hills High School Concert Band – Matthew Paterno, Director**

Selection #1: Let My Love Be Heard.....Jake Runsestad  
JR Music

Selection #2: Abram's Pursuit.....David Holsinger  
TRN Music

**West Essex High School Symphonic Winds – Elise McAloon, Director**

Selection #1: Shenandoah.....Frank Ticheli  
Manhattan Beach Music

Selection #2: Urban Dances.....Erik Morales  
FJH Music

***Tuesday, March 21, 2023***  
***Hanover Park High School***

**West Orange High School Wind Ensemble – Lewis Kelly, Director**

Selection #1: March of the Revolutionary Guard from the Three Revolutionary Marches  
.....Bedrich Smetana, arr. Vaclav Nelhybel  
Franco Colombo, Inc.

Selection #2: Trail of Tears.....James Barnes  
Souther

**West Orange High School Symphonic Winds – Erin Lagatic, Director**

Selection #1: In the Forest of the King.....Pierre La Plante  
Daehn Publications

Selection #2: La Madre de los Gatos.....Brian Beck  
Alfred

**Whippany Park High School Wind Ensemble – Carl Sabatino, Director**

Selection #1: A Longford Legend.....Robert Sheldon  
Alfred

Selection #2: Albanian Dance.....Shelley Hanson  
Boosey & Hawkes, Inc.

**Hackettstown High School Wind Ensemble – Adam Freeman, Director**

Selection #1: Esprit de Corps.....Robert Jager  
Hal Leonard

Selection #2: Irish Tune from County Derry and Shepherd's Hey.....Percy Grainger  
Carl Fischer

**Hanover Park High School Symphonic Band – David Finkelstein and Joe Spina, Director**

Selection #1: Hymn for Band.....Hugh Stuart  
Shawnee Press, Inc.

Selection #2: Enchanted Spaces.....Samuel R. Hazo  
Music Works

***Wednesday, March 22, 2023***  
***Parsippany Hills High School***

**Parsippany Hills High School Concert Band – Michelle Christianson, Director**

Selection #1: Ghost Walk.....Chris Brubeck  
American Composers Forum

Selection #2: Cajun Folk Songs.....Frank Ticheli  
Manhattan Beach Music

**Mountain Lakes High School Wind Ensemble – Meredith Boyan, Director**

Selection #1: In Heaven’s Air.....Samuel R. Hazo  
FJH Music

Selection #2: The American Str.....H.A. Vandercook/arr. Larry Henry  
Alfred

**West Orange High School Concert Band – Erin Lagatic, Director**

Selection #1: Shaker Variants.....Elliot Del Borgo  
Alfred

Selection #2: For the New Day Arisen.....Steven Barton  
Daehn Publishing

**Nutley High School Wind Ensemble – Angelina Hamada, Director**

Selection #1: Foundry.....John Mackey  
Osti Music, Inc.

Selection #2: Galop.....Dmitri Shostakovich  
G. Schirmer, Inc.

**West Orange High School Ninth Grade Band – Joshua Zimmer, Director**

Selection #1: Chant and Savage Dance.....Brian Balmages  
FJH Music

Selection #2: Chasing Sunlight.....Cait Nishimura  
Murphy Music Press

**Mahwah High School Symphonic Band – Jeffrey Bittner, Director**

Selection #1: Kirkpatrick Fanfare.....Andrew Boysen, Jr.  
Wingert Jones

Selection #2: Amelia, Flight Eternal.....Masanori Taruya  
Bravo Music

**Randolph High School Concert Band – Michael Lichtenfeld, Director**

Selection #1: Danny Boy.....arr. Warren Barker  
CL Barnhouse

Selection #2: Rites of Tamburo.....Robert W. Smith  
Alfred

**Randolph High School Symphonic Winds – Diana May, Director**

Selection #1: Deir’ In De.....Warren Barker  
CL Barnhouse

Selection #2: Joy Revisited.....Frank Ticheli  
Manhattan Beach Music

**Randolph High School Wind Ensemble – Nicholas Fantazzi, Director**

Selection #1: Sleep.....Eric Whitacre  
Hal Leonard

Selection #2: Chester “Overture for Band”.....William Schuman  
Theodore Presser

**Parsippany Hills High School Wind Ensemble – Michael Iapicca, Director**

Selection #1: Broken Pieces.....Peter Sciano  
RWS Music Company

Selection #2: Different Voices.....Rick Kirby  
I. The Spoken  
III. The Voices of Song  
Boosey & Hawkes, Inc.

***Thursday, March 23, 2023***  
***Mount Olive Middle School***

**Mount Olive High School Symphonic Band – Timothy Burke, Director**

Selection #1: El Zorro Rojo.....Randall D. Standridge  
Alfred

Selection #2: Be Thou My Vision.....Traditional, arr. Clark  
Carl Fischer

**West Milford High School Wind Ensemble – Brain McLaughlin, Director**

Selection #1: March of the Belgian Parachutists.....Pierre Leemans, ed. John Bourgeois  
Wingert-Jones

Selection #2: After a Gentle Rain.....Anthony Iannacone  
Shawnee Music

**West Morris Central High School Wind Ensemble – Mick Gibbons & Kyle Gelatka, Directors**

Selection #1: Cenotaph.....Jack Stamp  
Neil A. Kjos

Selection #2: October.....Eric Whitacre  
Hal Leonard

**Northern Highlands High School Wind Ensemble – Taylor Rehe, Director**

Selection #1: Second Suite in F.....Gustav Holst  
Boosey & Hawkes

Selection #2: Sevens.....Samuel R. Hazo  
Hal Leonard

**Kinnelon High School Wind Ensemble – Ryan Stroud, Director**

Selection #1: Fanfare for a New Era.....Pinkzebra  
Pinkzebra Publishing

Selection #2: Into the Light.....Jay Bocook  
Hal Leonard

**Ramsey High School Wind Ensemble – Joshua Jenkins, Director**

Selection #1: In Dreams.....Cait Nishimura  
Murphy Music Press

Selection #2: Vesuvius.....Frank Ticheli  
Manhattan Beach Music

**West Morris Mendham High School Wind Ensemble – Mick Gibbons & Kyle Gelatka,  
Directors**

Selection #1: Melodious Thunk.....David Biedenbender  
Murphy Music Press

Selection #2: Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo.....Malcolm Arnold, arr. John Paynter  
Carl Fischer

**Mount Olive High School Wind Ensemble Honors – Darrell Hendricks, Director**

Selection #1: The Marbled Midnight Mile.....Steven Bryant  
Gorilla Salad Productions

Selection #2: Danzon No. 2.....Arturo Marquez  
Peer Music



***Thursday, March 23, 2023***  
***Bergenfield High School***

**Bergenfield High School Symphonic Band – Danielle Wheeler, Director**

Selection #1: Hypnotic Fireflies.....Brian Balmages  
FJH Music

Selection #2: Cyclone.....Michael Oare  
Hal Leonard

**North Bergen High School Wind Ensemble – Michael Connor, Director**

Selection #1: Fantasy on a Japanese Folk Song.....Samuel R. Hazo  
Hal Leonard

Selection #2: Until the Scars.....John Mackey  
Osti Music, Inc.

**Clifton High School Wind Ensemble – Bryan Stepneski, Director**

Selection #1: Exhale.....Sean O’Loughlin  
Excelcia Music Publishing

Selection #2: A Longford Legend.....Robert Sheldon  
Alfred

**Bergenfield High School Symphonic Winds – Danielle Wheeler, Director**

Selection #1: Salvation is Created.....Pavel Tschesnokoff, arr. Houseknecht  
Neil A. Kjos

Selection #2: A Longford Legend.....Robert Sheldon  
Alfred

**Pequannock Township High School Concert Band – Anthony Streifer, Director**

Selection #1: Olympiada.....Samuel R. Hazo  
Boosey & Hawkes, Inc.

Selection #2: Sheltering Sky.....John Mackey  
Osti Music, Inc.

**Bergenfield High School Honors Wind Ensemble – Brian Timmons, Director**

Selection #1: Hymn to a Blue Hour.....John Mackey  
Osti Music, Inc.

Selection #2: Danzon No. 2.....Arturo Marquez, trans. Nickel  
Peer Music Classical

# **How the Festival is Adjudicated**

*The National Band Association Guidelines:*

Tone – 20 points

Intonation – 15 points

Ensemble Technique – 15 points

Interpretation – 20 points

Balance – 20 points

Literature – 10 points

## **TOTAL POINTS – 100**

Gold Rating - 88 to 100 points

Silver Rating - 75 to 87.9 points

Bronze Rating - 50 to 74.9 points

# *The Adjudicators*

**Dr. Eric Laprade** is Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Music at The College of New Jersey, where he conducts the wind ensemble and teaches courses in conducting, rehearsal techniques, and instrumental literature. He also serves as Managing Director & Artistic Partner, and Festival Wind Ensemble conductor of South Shore Conservatory's Summer Music Festival (Hingham, MA).

Previously, Laprade served as the Visiting Director of Wind Ensembles at The University of Utah and as Music Department Chairperson and Instrumental Music Teacher for the Randolph, MA Public Schools. He has conducted many of the nation's premier wind bands, including The Eastman Wind Ensemble, The United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own", University of Michigan Symphony Band, and Manhattan School of Music Wind Ensemble. He holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts in conducting and Catherine Filene Shouse Arts Leadership Certificate from the Eastman School of Music, a Master of Music in conducting from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelor of Music in music education and tuba performance from the Eastman School of Music, where he was the recipient of the school's prestigious Performer's Certificate. His primary teachers include Mark Davis Scatterday, Michael Haitcock, and Malcolm W. Rowell, Jr.

**Mary K. Schneider** is Professor of Conducting and Director of Bands at Eastern Michigan University where she conducts the Wind Symphony, teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in conducting and music education, directs the Music Now contemporary music festival, and guides the vision of the comprehensive band program at EMU. In addition, Dr. Schneider was appointed to serve as interim Faculty Associate Director of the School of Music & Dance from 2018-2019. Prior to her appointment at Eastern Michigan University in the fall of 2008, Dr. Schneider served on the music faculty at the University of Minnesota for three years.

Active nationally and internationally as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator, Dr. Schneider is a strong advocate for new wind music, and maintains an active interest in that area of research. She has participated in commissioning and/or premiering over three dozen new works for wind band, and her ensembles frequently collaborate with a diverse group of composers. In addition to published articles in the GIA book series, *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band*, Schneider has presented on the topic of wind band repertoire at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, and is a frequent invited lecturer on the celebrated American composer, John Corigliano, and his Symphony No. 3 for large wind ensemble, "Circus Maximus."

Dr. Schneider brings a diverse background to the podium and to her students in the classroom. She holds a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin, where she studied conducting with Jerry Junkin. She has also earned degrees in horn performance and music education from the New England Conservatory of Music, and the University of Connecticut, having graduated with Distinction in Performance honors from the former. Elected to the prestigious American Bandmasters Association in 2013, Schneider is currently President of the North Central Division of the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA), and has previously served two terms as President of the Mid-American Conference Band Directors Association. She is a contributing founder of the Music Education Alliance, which sponsors the William P. Foster project, a collaborative initiative between CBDNA, Music For All, and the National Band Association. Additionally, she serves on the Music Education Committee and has chaired the Diversity Committee for CBDNA, and has professional affiliations with the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, and holds honorary membership in the national band fraternities of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

## *The Clinicians*

**Dr. Thomas McCauley** is currently the Director of University Bands in the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University in New Jersey where he conducts the Montclair State University Wind Symphony, the Symphonic Band, and teaches both graduate and undergraduate conducting. He has held similar positions in the states of Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois, in addition to teaching high school instrumental music in Nevada for nine years. Composers including Karel Husa, David Gillingham, Michael Daugherty, Joseph Turrin, Bruce Yurko, Robert Aldridge, Morten Lauridsen, Armando Bayolo, and O'Neal Douglas have praised his work. Dr. McCauley has appeared as a clinician at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago on three different occasions. Each November, he hosts and co-teaches a symposium at Montclair State University called the *Weekend Wind Conducting Symposium* with special guest clinicians and participants from around the world.

Dr. Thomas McCauley is in demand as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator throughout North America. Ensembles under McCauley's direction have appeared at national and regional conventions and conferences, and he has collaborated with artists including Dame Evelyn Glennie, The Imani Winds, The Manhattan Brass Quintet, Warren Vache', Demondrae Thurman, Monarch Brass, and Phil Smith among others.

In February of 2019, Dr. McCauley led the Montclair State Wind Symphony in concert at the 2019 *College Band Directors Association* national conference in Tempe, Arizona. And the appearance of the Montclair State Wind Symphony at the WASBE International Conference in Prague, Czech Republic in July of 2022 was the first in the school's history.

McCauley is the Founder and Artistic Director of *Windhaven*; an intensive, week-long performance opportunity for wind players and percussionists, which takes place each Spring at the Kinhaven Music School in the beautiful mountains of Weston, Vermont.

Dr. McCauley's book titled, *Adventures in Band Building (or How to Turn a Less-Than-It-Could-Be into a More-Than-It-Should-Be)* is published by G.I.A. Publications. He has been published in *The Instrumentalist* magazine, several state music magazines, and in the second edition of *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band, Vol I* published by G.I.A. publications. In 1995, the Nevada Music Educators' Association named Dr. McCauley *Music Educator of the Year* and in 2006, the Indiana Music Educators Association honored Dr. McCauley with an *Outstanding University Music Educator Award*. He currently serves on the Executive Board of the New Jersey Band Association, is the New Jersey State Representative of the College Band Directors National Association, and is the former New Jersey State Representative of the National Band Association. He is also an active member of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, and the National Association for Music Education, in addition to serving as a Conn-Selmer Educational Clinician.

**Teresa Purcell-Giles** joined the faculty at William Paterson University in 2021, serving as Director of Bands/Assistant Professor of Music and Flute. In her role at WP, Dr. Purcell-Giles conducts the William Paterson Wind Symphony, teaches applied flute, advanced conducting and woodwind methods and coordinates the WP woodwind area applied studies.

Prior to her appointment at William Paterson, she was Director of Bands at Oklahoma Baptist University, and taught 5th-12th grade bands in the public schools of Georgia and Kansas. Purcell-Giles holds degrees from the University of Oklahoma (D.M.A. Wind Conducting, 2017), Kansas State University (M.M. Instrumental Conducting, 2011) and the University of Texas at El Paso (B.M. Music Education, 2007). Her primary conducting teachers have been Frank Tracz and Bill Wakefield, and she studied flute with Melissa Colgin-Abeln and Mary Lee Cochran.

Dr. Purcell-Giles is active as a clinician, adjudicator and guest conductor across the country, and in June 2022, she taught at the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music Summer Camp in East Jerusalem as part of a partnership with the Basem and Muna Hishmeh Foundation and William Paterson University. She has presented nationally on topics ranging from engaging audiences through interactive performances to wellness and injury prevention for conductors, and in 2016, was invited to guest conduct the United States Army Band Pershing's Own as part of their annual Conductor's Workshop.

She holds professional affiliations with the College Band Directors National Association, the National Association for Music Educators, New Jersey Music Educators, the National Flute Association and is an honorary member of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi. Purcell-Giles lives in Wayne, NJ with her husband, Ken and son, Simon.



## *Special Thanks and Acknowledgements*

West Essex Host: Elise McAloon

Hanover Park Host: Joseph Spina

Parsippany Hills Hosts: Michael Iapicca and Michelle Christianson

Mount Olive Middle School: Darrel Henricks and Melany McQueeny

Bergenfield Hosts: Brian Timmons and Danielle Wheeler

Festival Co-Chairs: John J. Maiello, Retired  
Amy Wilcox, Northern Valley Reg. HS, Old Tappan

NJSMA Band Division Chairs: Michelle Christianson, Parsippany Hills  
Lewis Kelly, West Orange HS  
Lyn Lowndes, Butler Public Schools

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