

The North Jersey School Music Association  
proudly present

*The*

*NJSMA Region I  
Concert Band Festival  
2016*

**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

## April 21, 2016 – West Essex High School

### Macopin Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band – Erica McPartland, Director

Selection #1: Cloud Gate.....Timothy Loest  
FJH

Selection #2: Encanto.....Robert W. Smith  
Hal Leonard

### Mendham Township Middle School Wind Symphony – Russell Branch, Director

Selection #1: Procession of the Nobles.....Rimsky Korsakov/Balent  
Carl Fischer

Selection #2: Morris Dance Tunes.....Gustav Holst/Wagner  
Belwin-Mills

### H.B. Whitehorne Middle School Gold Band – Brian Michalowski, Director

Selection #1: Rhythm Stand.....Jennifer Higdon  
Hal Leonard

Selection #2: The Pines of Rome (Finale).....Ottorino Respighi/Curnow  
Hal Leonard

### West Essex 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Concert Band – Eric Fitzke, Director

Selection #1: Air For Winds.....Melvin Shelton  
Ludwig Masters

Selection #2: Dynamo.....Todd Stalter  
Alfred

## April 21, 2016 – Westwood Jr./Sr. High School

### Roy W. Brown Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band – Janet Kim, Director

Selection #1: Among the Clouds.....Brian Balmages  
FJH

Selection #2: Childhood Hymn.....David Holsinger  
Wingert-Jones

### Harrington Park School 6<sup>th</sup> grade Band – Tyler Adel, Director

Selection #1: Mystic River Fantasy.....James Swearingen  
C.L. Barnhouse

Selection #2: Themes from Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire...Doyle/Williams/arr. Ford  
Alfred

### Westwood Regional 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – James Lawrence, Daniel Pena, Directors

Selection #1: The Great Locomotive Chase.....Robert W. Smith  
Alfred

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

# *The Adjudicators*

## *East Site*

Before coming to the Cali School, **Dr. Shelley Axelson** held a similar position at the University of Indianapolis in Indianapolis, Indiana, where her responsibilities included teaching conducting, clarinet, and a variety of instrumental music education classes. Prior to her appointment at Indianapolis, Prof. Axelson was the Director of Bands at Central College in Pella, Iowa, Pasco Middle School in Dade City, Florida (co-author of Secondary Music Curriculum), and Richardson Junior High School in Richardson, Texas. Prof. Axelson received an undergraduate degree in Music Education from the University of South Florida, a Master's Degree in Conducting from the University of Michigan, and the Doctor of Music degree in Conducting from Northwestern University. Her principal conducting teachers were Mallory Thompson and H. Robert Reynolds.

**Bruce Yurko** received his Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Wilkes College and his Masters in Performance from the Ithaca College School of Music. While attending Wilkes College he studied horn with Douglas Hill and corresponded with Vincent Persichetti. At Ithaca College he studied conducting with Thomas Michalik, horn with Jack Covert and composition with Karel Husa.

From 1974-1981 Mr. Yurko was Director of Bands at Madison High School in Madison New Jersey and from 1981- 2005 he was the conductor of the Wind Ensemble, Orchestra and Chamber Music program at Cherry Hill High School East in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. From 1982-2003 he also conducted the Cherry Hill HS West Wind Ensemble. Mr. Yurko was the conductor of the Princeton University Wind Ensemble from 2000 - 2005. In 1987 the Cherry Hill East Wind Ensemble toured the Soviet Union performing concerts in Moscow, Leningrad and Tallinn Estonia. The Wind Ensemble and Orchestra have also performed in Carnegie Hall and Verizon Hall, home of the Philadelphia Orchestra. He has guest-conducted New Jersey's three Regional Honor Wind Ensembles as well as the New Jersey All State Wind Ensemble and All State Symphony Band. He has also guest conducted in Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Texas.

Mr. Yurko has attended Conducting workshops and has studied with Frederick Fennell, Donald Hunsberger, H. Robert Reynolds and Eugene Migliaro Corporon.

## *West Site*

**Mr. Evan Cooper** has both his Bachelor and Master of Music Education degrees from Indiana University. He retired in 2008 after 37 years as a public school teacher and administrator. Mr. Cooper has previously served as President of the North Jersey School Music Association and as the New Jersey Music Educators All-State Band Procedures Chair. He has conducted many all-county and all-region bands and orchestras in New Jersey and frequently adjudicates groups at festivals throughout the state. He is currently the Coordinator for both the North Jersey Band Festival and the Bergen County High School Festival and is the Administrator of the Bergen County Teen Arts Festival. This year will be Mr. Cooper's nineteenth season as Music Director of the Teaneck, N. J. Community Band.

A GRAMMY® nominated music educator, **Anthony Mazzocchi** has performed as a trombonist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, New Jersey Symphony, San Diego Symphony, San Diego Opera, Riverside Symphony, Key West Symphony, in various Broadway shows and numerous recordings and movie soundtracks.

Tony has served as faculty or as a frequent guest lecturer at The Juilliard School, Manhattan School of Music, New York University, and Mannes College of Music. He has taught students from K-college, and has served as a district Director of Fine and Performing Arts in the South Orange/Maplewood School District. Tony has been a consultant for arts organizations throughout the NY/NJ area.

Tony blogs about music advocacy at The Music Parent's Guide, and the book by the same name has sold over 60,000 copies to date.

Tony is currently Associate Director of the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University and Executive Director of the Kinhaven Summer Music School in Vermont. He is a clinician for Courtois – Paris.

## *Special Thanks and Acknowledgements*

West Essex Hosts: Eric Fitzke and Anthony Fabrizio

Westwood Hosts: James Lawrence and Daniel Pena

High School Festival Chair: John J. Maiello, Nutley HS

*A very special thank you goes out to the administration and custodial staff at each of our host schools. In addition, the success of this festival is only possible with the help of each school's Music/ Band Parent Associations; many thanks.*