

The North Jersey School Music Association
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The

NJSMA Region I Concert Band Festival 2017

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 26, 2017 – West Essex High School

M.J. Ryerson Honor Band – Donald Van Teyens, Jennifer Wise, Directors

Selection #1: Resplendent Light.....Tyler S. Grant
FJH

Selection #2: Mad Dash (Galop).....Timothy Loest
FJH

Mendham Township Middle School Wind Symphony – Russell Branch, Director

Selection #1: La Madre De Los
Gatos.....Brian Beck
Alfred Music Publishing Co.

Selection #2: Life at Kopilla
Valley.....Matthew Maslanka
maslankapress

Millburn Wind Ensemble – Brian Fleming, Director

Selection #1: Second American Folk
Rhapsody..... Clare Grundman
Boosey & Hawkes

Selection #2: Cafe 512..... Ryan George
Fornine Music

West Essex 7th and 8th grade Concert Band – Eric Fitzke, Director

Selection #1: Nathan Hale
Trilogy.....James Curnow
I. Intrada II. Intermezzo III. Finale
Hal Leonard

April 26, 2017 – Westwood Jr./Sr. High School

Roy W. Brown Middle School 8th grade Band – Danielle Wheller, Director

Selection #1: Encanto.....Robert W. Smith
Hal Leonard Corporation

Selection #2: Blue Ridge

Reel.....Brian Balmages
FJH Music Company

Harrington Park School 6th grade Band – Tyler Adel, Director

Selection #1 The

Tempest.....Robert W. Smith
Belwin Band

Selection #2 In the Hall of the Mountain

King.....Greig, Arr Wasson
Belwin Band

Ramapo Ridge Middle School – David Iacoviello, Directors

Selection #1: “Entry of the Gladiators..... Julius Fucik, arr. Andrew Balent
Carl Fischer

Selection #2: Selections from “Aladdin”: Arabian Night.....arr. Michael Sweeney
FJH

Westwood Regional 8th Grade Band – James Lawrence, Daniel Pena, Directors

Selection #1: Polly Oliver.....Thomas Root
KJOS

Selection #2: Beautiful Savior.....James Swearingen
C.L. Barnhouse

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

J. Craig Davis, a native of Sylacauga, Alabama, is currently Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Music at William Paterson University. In addition to those responsibilities, he is also brass coordinator for the music department, and teaches instrumental conducting for undergraduate and graduate students. He has also served on the faculties of Princeton University, Furman University, and The Interlochen Center for the Arts National Music Camp, The New Jersey Symphony Conducting Staff as Conductor and Music Director of the Greater Newark Youth Orchestra, as well as, taught public school in New York State. Davis holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Trumpet Performance from the Juilliard School, and the following degrees from the Eastman School of Music: Master of Music in Trumpet Performance, the Performer's Certificate in Trumpet Performance, and a Bachelor of Music in Music Education.

Dr. Davis is currently a free-lance trumpeter and conductor in the New York Metropolitan area primarily as a soloist and participant in chamber music concerts. He has performed with The New Jersey Symphony, The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Pops, Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, and the Rochester Philharmonic. Dr. Davis frequently guest conducts and serves as a clinician for honor bands, public schools, and education conventions throughout the United States. Professional affiliations include College Band Director's National Association, World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, New Jersey Band Association Board of Directors, The International Trumpet Guild, and the Music Educator's National Conference.

Richard Hartsuiker was recently appointed the Director of Bands at Morris Hills High School in Rockaway, New Jersey, and prior to this appointment, he served for sixteen years as the Associate Director of Bands and Brass Specialist at Roxbury High School in Succasunna, New Jersey. His curricular responsibilities at Morris Hills include directing the Advanced and Freshmen level concert bands, teaching lessons to students in grades nine through twelve, and teaching the electives Advanced Placement Music Theory and Theory/Composition. Mr. Hartsuiker's extra-curricular duties include directing the Scarlet Knights Marching Band, directing the Jazz Band, and facilitating the Pit Orchestra for the annual school musical.

Mr. Hartsuiker holds a Masters of Music degree in Wind Band Conducting from Messiah College, where he studied conducting with Dr. Bradley Geneviro and Eugene Migliaro Corporon, and he is an honors graduate from William Paterson University. He has studied trumpet with Dr. J. Craig Davis, Roger Ingram, Chris Jaudes, Dr. William Stowman, Garth Greenup, and Kurt Zimmermann, and has participated in master classes given by the Boston Brass, Fred Mills, and Wynton Marsalis..

He has guest conducted the New Jersey Region I Symphonic Band, the inaugural New Jersey Region I Honors Brass Ensemble, has served as the New Jersey Region I Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band manager multiple times. He also has adjudicated the NJMEA Middle School Band Festival on a number of occasions. Mr. Hartsuiker is happily married to his wife Michelle and is the proud father of three wonderful sons.

Special Thanks and Acknowledgements

West Essex Hosts: Eric Fitzke and Anthony Fabrizio

Westwood Hosts: James Lawrence and Daniel Pena

High School Festival Chair: Peter Bauer, Columbia 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.