



proudly presents

*The*  
***NJSMA Region I Middle School  
Concert Band Festival  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024***

**Tenaflly Middle School  
10 Sunset Lane  
Tenaflly, NJ 07670**

**Mr. Clifford Bialkin and Mr. Richard Summers,  
Adjudicator-Clinicians**

Today's festival will be adjudicated using the The National Band Association Guidelines and rubric:

*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

## Program

### **Tenafly Middle School 8th Grade Band** — Dr. Kimberly Burja, Director

Selection #1: At A Dixieland Jazz Funeral - Jared Spears

C.L. Barnhouse

Selection #2: Zoom! - Ayatey Shabazz

C.L. Barnhouse

### **Harrington Park School Wind Ensemble** — Mr. Allan Daleus, Director

Selection #1: Metamorphosis - Andrew Boysen, Jr.

Neil A. Kjos Music Company

Selection #2: Alligator Alley - Michael Daugherty

BandQuest/Hal Leonard

### **Woodrow Wilson Wind Ensemble** — Mr. Anthony Lanzerotti, Jr., Director

Selection #1: The Falling Rain - James Swearingen

C.L. Barnhouse

Selection #2: Energy Ball - Carol Brittin Chambers

Wingert-Jones Publications

### **Belleville Middle School Concert Band** — Mr. Thomas Ubriaco, Director

Selection #1: Overture in B-flat - Anne McGinty

Queenwood Publications (Kjos)

Selection #2: The Lullaby in the Mirror - Richard Saucedo

Hal Leonard

Selection #3: Auld Lang Syne - arr. Michael Sweeney

Hal Leonard

### **West Essex Middle School Concert Band** — Mr. Kevin Schaarschmidt, Director

Selection #1: Epic Venture - Tyler S. Grant

FJH Music Company

Selection #2: Fragile - Randall Standridge

Randall Standridge Music

**Roy W. Brown Middle School 8th Grade Band** — Mr. Xavier Bonilla, Director

Selection #1: Black Forest Overture - Michael Sweeney

Hal Leonard

Selection #2: Loch Lommond - JaRod Hall

FJH Music Company

**Tenafly Middle School 6th Grade Band** — Dr. Kimberly Burja & Mr. Andrew DeJoseph, Directors

Selection #1: Olympia - Brian Balmages

FJH Music Company

Selection #2: The Spirit of Kilkenny - Carol Brittin Chambers

Excelcia

**Tenafly Middle School 7th Grade Band** — Dr. Kimberly Burja, Director

Selection #1: March of the Arachnids - Randall Standridge

Standridge Music

Selection #2: Lost Woods Fantasy - JaRod Hall

FJH Music Company

## **The Adjudicator-Clinicians**

### **Mr. Clifford (Cliff) Bialkin**

Mr. Bialkin retired after celebrating his 32nd year as the Director of Bands at Ramsey High School in Ramsey, New Jersey. His responsibilities included directing the award-winning Ramsey High School Jazz Ensemble, the “Big Blue” Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, and Pit Orchestra, as well as supervising and working with all competing groups in the department including the Winter Guard and Percussion Ensemble. He arranged and collaborated on music performed by all the bands and ensembles on a regular basis. Under his leadership the groups routinely received top honors in competitions and performances both domestically and internationally. The RHS Jazz Ensemble had been a consistent finalist at IAJE (International Association of Jazz Educators) festivals, as well as many contests and festivals throughout the Tri-State area. Under his direction, the Ramsey High School Wind Ensemble garnered many superior and gold ratings at state, domestic, and international festivals. In 2019, Mr. Bialkin conducted the Music Educators of Bergen County Incorporated (MEBCI) Honors Band. In 2010, Mr. Bialkin was selected to be the guest conductor of the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA) Western Division Jazz Ensemble. In 2003, the Ramsey Jazz Ensemble was selected to be a guest of the Japanese government and the sole representative of the United States at the “All Japan Cultural Arts Festival” held in Fukui, Japan. During his tenure at Ramsey, the Marching Band and Jazz Ensembles traveled to London England, Paris France, and Rome Italy to participate in the New Year’s Day Parades and festivals.

Mr. Bialkin is the owner of Clifford Bialkin Designs LLC which creates marching arts productions for ensembles throughout the United States. Mr. Bialkin is a consultant for Youth Music of The World and often serves as a clinician/judge for bands in and around the New York metropolitan area, as well as internationally. He is also a member of the Conn Selmer VIP program. Currently Mr. Bialkin is the Co-Brass Arranger for the world famous Hawthorne Caballeros. He has been actively teaching in the drum corps world since 1996. In 2003 he joined the staff at Hawthorne Caballeros for their championship run. Since then, he has been teaching, designing, programming, coordinating and consulting multiple all ages, and junior drum and bugle corps. Mr. Bialkin has a full private studio of low brass players, and is a freelance trombonist in the NY/NJ Metropolitan area.

### **Mr. Richard Summers**

Richard Summers retired from NJ public schools in 2013 as an instrumental music teacher, first in Kinnelon and then Pequannock for 32 years. His first full time position in music was as a member of the West Point Band (1972-75). He graduated from Juilliard with both BM (78) and MM (79) degrees, and received certification in music education at William Paterson College. Richard taught all levels of instrumental music from elementary, middle school, high school and college. From 1992 to 2000, he was also the concert band director and clarinet professor at William Paterson University. Rick has been concertmaster, clarinet soloist, personnel manager and assistant conductor of the New Jersey Wind Symphony since the mid 1980’s. He is a published composer and arranger for Bandworks and Carl Fischer Music Publishing and has written many pieces for middle school, high school, and advanced bands. Rick is still active as a guest conductor, clinician, adjudicator, and woodwind performer.

# Special Thanks and Acknowledgements

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A very special thank you to our adjudicators, Mr. Bialkin and Mr. Summers, for providing their expertise and words of wisdom to help young musicians grow and achieve their highest potential.