

The North Jersey School Music Association
proudly present

The

NJSMA Region I
Middle School
Concert Band Festival
2019

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

March 27, 2019 – Westwood Jr./Sr. High School

Roy W. Brown 8th Grade Concert Band – Ms. Danielle Wheeler, Director

Selection #1: Oh My Heart Belongs To Ireland

James Swearingen

C.L. Barnhouse Company

Selection #2: Wolverine Summer

Randall D. Standridge

Alfred

Mahwah Spirit Band – Mr. Robert Leet & Ms. Emily Gaul, Directors

Selection #1: Homeward Bound

Marta Keen

Brant Karrick

Alfred

Selection #2: Alamo March

Karl L. King

James Swearingen

C.L. Barnhouse Company

Tenaflly Middle School - Dr. Kim Burja, Director

Selection #1: Portsmouth Overture

Robert W. Smith

Alfred

Selection #2 : Sakura, Japanese Folk Song

Quincy Hilliard

Percussion by Joseph P. D'Aleciandro

further arranged by K. Burja

Birch Island Music Press

Harrington Park 6th Grade Band – Mr. Tyler Adel, Director

Selection #1: Mystic River Fantasy

James Swearingen

C.L. Barnhouse Company

Selection #2: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
IV. Hogwarts March

Patrick Doyle and John Williams

arr. Ralph Ford

Alfred Publishing - Belwin

Westwood Regional 8th Grade Band – Ms. Amy Peterson

Selection #1: Hopak!

William Owens

FJH

Selection #2: Jungle Dance

Brian Balmages

FJH

March 27, 2019 – West Essex High School

Millburn MS Wind Ensemble – Mr. Brian Fleming, Director

Selection #1: A Little French Suite

Pierre La Plante

Bourne Co.

I. March

II. Serenade

III. Finale

Selection #2: Alligator Alley

Michael Daugherty

ACF Publications

Frelinghuysen MS Wind Symphony – Mr. David Gallagher, Director

Selection #1: Horkstow Grange

Percy Grainger

Adapted by Johnnie Vinson

G. Schirmer Inc.

Selection #2: Sweet Like That

Christopher Theofanidis

Band Quest

Macopin MS 8th Grade Band – Ms. Erica McPartland, Director

Selection #1: Kentucky 1800

Clare Grundman, Robert Longfield

Boosey & Hawkes

Selection #2: Propulsion

Robert Buckley

Hal Leonard

H. B. Whitehorne - Mr. Dan Halpern, Director

Selection #1: Highland Legend

John Moss

Hal Leonard

Selection #2: Reverberations

Brian Balmages

FJH

Mount Olive MS Junior Winds – Mr. Ken Adessa, Director

Selection #1: Ammerland

Jacob De Haan

Dehaske

Selection #2: Lost Lady Found

Percy Grainger arr. Sweeney

Hal Leonard

West Essex 7/8th Grade Concert Band – Mr. Rick Fitzke, Director

Selection #1 The Rowan Tree

Randall Standridge

Grand Mesa Music

Selection #2 Darkheart

Randall Standridge

Grand Mesa Music

The Adjudicators

East Site

Evan Cooper

Evan Cooper retired in June of 2008 after 37 years in the public schools. For the past 33 years he was first, the Director of Instrumental Music at Northern Valley Regional High School in Demarest, his alma mater, and then the Supervisor of Related Arts for the Northern Valley Regional High School District.

Mr. Cooper's past responsibilities in Music Education have included serving as President of the North Jersey School Music Association and as the New Jersey Music Educators All-State Band Procedures Chair. He has conducted the All Bergen County Band (twice), the All North Jersey Symphonic Band, the All South Jersey Symphonic Band, the All Rockland County, NY Concert Band and the All North Jersey Junior High School Orchestra.

He is currently the Coordinator for both the North Jersey Band Festival Association and the Music Educators of Bergen County High School Band and Chorus Festival. He is also the Administrator of the Bergen County Teen Arts Festival. This summer will be Mr. Cooper's twenty-first season as Conductor and Music Director of the Teaneck Community Band.

Anthony Mazzocchi

A consummate educator, Musician, and author, Anthony Mazzocchi has taught students from Kindergarten through college and has served as a district Director of Fine and Performing Arts in the [South Orange/Maplewood School District](#). In addition to his education posts, he has also served as a consultant for a variety of arts organizations throughout the New York/New Jersey area. Tony served as faculty and frequent guest lecturer at The Juilliard School, Manhattan School of Music, New York University, and Mannes College of Music.

Tony currently serves as Associate Director and Professor of Trombone at the [John J. Cali School of Music](#) at Montclair State University in Montclair, New Jersey. He also serves as Executive Director of the [Kinhaven Summer Music School](#) in Weston, Vermont.

West Site

Shelly Axelson-McCauley

Dr. Shelley Axelson is currently Assistant Professor of Music Education at Montclair State University in New Jersey where her responsibilities include conducting the Campus Band and teaching courses in instrumental music education. Before coming to New Jersey, she held a similar position at the University of Indianapolis. Dr. Axelson was also the Director of Bands at Central College in Pella, Iowa, Pasco MS in Dade City, Florida (co-author of the Secondary Music Curriculum) and Richardson Jr. HS in Richardson, Texas.

Dr. Axelson has appeared as a guest conductor, clinician or adjudicator throughout much of the United States and Canada. She received an undergraduate degree in Music Education from the University of South Florida, a Master of Music degree in Conducting from the University of Michigan and the Doctor of Music degree in Conducting from Northwestern University. Her principal conducting teachers are Mallory Thompson and H. Robert Reynolds.

Tedi Sotiropoulos

Theodora Sotiropoulos has recently retired from Northern Highlands Regional School after 32 years teaching instrumental music in NJ public schools. She created the Highlands Regiment Marching Band at Northern Highlands. During her tenure there the Highlands Regiment competed in the USBANDS circuit and won 3 Yamaha Cup Championships, 3 NJ State Championships and 3 National Championships in group 3A/4A. Prior to her position at Northern Highlands she was the Instrumental Teacher in the Northvale Public Schools and Director of Bands at Midland Park High School. She holds a B.M. in Music Education from the University of Illinois and an M.M. in Wind Music Conducting from the University of South Florida, where her principal teachers included Dr. Harry Begian and Dr. Mallory Thompson. Miss Sotiropoulos received the 1999 Governor's Teacher of the Year Award for Northern Highlands Regional High School and was a quarterfinalist in the Grammy Music Educator Awards in 2016. Her NHRHS ensembles have performed in Disney World, Universal Studios, Williamsburg, Virginia, Chicago, Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center.

In addition to her teaching duties at Northern Highlands Regional High School, Theodora is an adjunct professor at Montclair State University where she teaches the Marching Band Techniques class.

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West Essex Hosts: Eric Fitzke and Anthony Fabrizio

Westwood Hosts: Daniel Peña and Amy Peterson

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In addition, the success of this festival is only possible with the help of each school's Music/Band Parent Associations; many thanks.