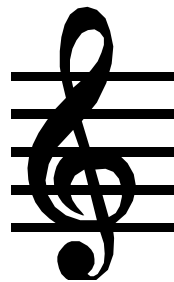


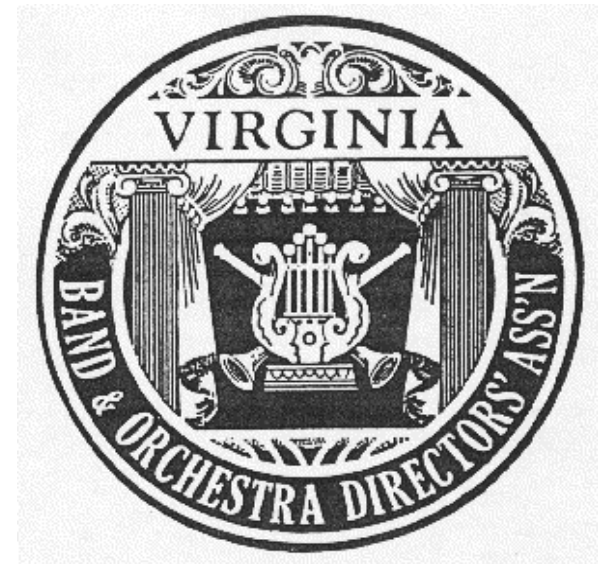


Special Thanks

Tom Hopson—Event Co-Host
Ben Parks—Event Co-Host
Bruce Miller—Event Chair
Allison Deel- Event Assistant
Barry Tucker—Sight-reading Judge
Dr. Carson Vermillion—Stage Judge
Robert Wall—Stage Judge
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VBODA District VII Concert Assessment



March 14 & 15, 2012
Virginia High School
Bristol, VA



Virginia High School welcomes you to the 2012 VBODA District VII Concert Band Assessment. Tom Hopson and Ben Parks, along with Virginia High School, are proud to host this event, which includes 23 bands from Southwest Virginia. These groups range from middle school bands to high school bands performing a wide variety of music.

This is an assessment: not a competition.

Bands do not compete against each other, but they are judged on a variety of criteria that complies with the Virginia Standards of Learning for Music Education.

On stage, bands will perform three to four prepared selections. The first selection is a march, while the remaining selections are graded music. Music is graded from 1-6, with 1 being the easiest and 6 being the hardest. This music is graded by Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors' Association. While performing, the band will be judged on a range of categories including, but not limited to, intonation, technique, balance, interpretation, blend, and overall musical effect. After their stage performance, bands will go to another venue to be judged on their sight-reading capabilities. The sight-reading selections are newly published pieces that have not been available for performances.

Ratings are:

- I - Superior**
- II - Excellent**
- III - Good**
- IV - Fair**
- V - Poor**

4:15 P.M.

Abingdon High School Symphonic Band (IV)

Gary Holley, Director

Fidelity March

Swedish Folk Suite

Chorale and Shaker Dance II

Karl King/arr. A. Glover

Eric Osterling

John Zdechlik

-----**JUDGES BREAK: 4:40-5:15**-----

5:15 P.M.

John Battle High School Symphonic Band (V)

Fairest of the Fair

Flight of the Pegasus

Metroplex: Three Postcards from Manhattan

J.P. Sousa/arr. Fennell

David Shaffer

Robert Sheldon

5:45 P.M.

Lee High School Concert Band (IV)

Ben Harding, Director

El Capitan

Falcon Lake Overture

All Glory Told

J.P. Sousa/ed. Brian & Schissel

Robert Sheldon

James Swearingen

6:15 P.M.

Richlands High School Wind Ensemble (V)

D. Bruce Miller, Director

Aces in the Air

Second Suite in F for Military Band

I. March

II. Song Without Words: "I'll Love My Love"

Arabian Dances

Karl King/arr. Swearingen

Gustav Holst

Brian Balmages



1:45 P.M.

Northwood Middle School Band (II)

Jamie Davidson, Director
The High School Cadets
Grayhawk Overture
G Force Five

J.P. Sousa/arr. R. Ford
Anne McGinty
Ralph Ford

2:15 P.M.

Dublin Middle School Intermediate Band (II)

Donny Riddle, Director
March of Freedom
Fanfare for a New Era
Quintus

John Edmondson
Mark Williams
Larry Clark

2:45 P.M.

Richlands Middle School Wind Ensemble (III)

D. Bruce Miller, Director
March from 1st Suite in Eb
Two Renaissance Sketches
Hocus Pocus
Liturgical Fanfare

Gustav Holst/arr. M. Story
Todd Stalter
Rob Romeyn
Robert W. Smith

3:15 P.M.

Marion Senior High School Concert Band (IV/V)

Sara Woody, Director
Hands Across the Sea
Seagate Overture
Ghost Fleet

J.P. Sousa/arr. Gore
James Swearingen
Robert Sheldon

3:45 P.M.

Patrick Henry High School Wind Ensemble (IV)

Justin Camacho, Director
Normandy Beach
Drayton Hall Esprit
Overture Jubiloso

John Edmondson
W. Francis McBeth
Frank Erickson

This year, District VII is proud to have a judging panel of highly qualified and respected adjudicators. They are:

Barry Tucker -----Sight Reading

Barry Tucker has 35 years experience teaching in Roanoke County Virginia. He is currently the supervisor of music for the county school system. Prior to his appointment to this position, he has spent 5 years starting the band program at the brand new Hidden Valley High School in Roanoke Virginia where he involved over 30% of the students in the instrumental music program. He also taught for 14 years at Cave Spring High School and 11 years at Cave Spring Middle School

Mr. Tucker received his BS in Music Education from Western Carolina University and MA in Music performance from Radford University. He has been on the faculties of Radford University, Virginia Tech, and the King's School in Sydney Australia. In his tenure as a high school band director he has chosen teacher of the year in 1990, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006. In 1997, he was chosen educator of the year in Roanoke by Cox Cable TV for his work with technology in the classroom. Three times, he has received the Star Award given by the General Electric Corporation for his contribution to the lives of his students and in 2004 was nominated Educator of the Year for the county school system.

Mr. Tucker has been a guest clinician/ conductor through out the south east including Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Tennessee. He is a trombonist with the Roanoke Symphony, the Roanoke Chamber Brass and is a freelance musician in the Roanoke Virginia area. His wife Donna is a stockbroker and his son Adam is a junior in College.

Dr. Carson Vermillion-----Stage Judge

Dr. Carson Vermillion serves as Director of Bands at Science Hill High School in Johnson City, TN. His duties include the direction of the Hilltopper Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and the oversight of the operations of the Science Hill Band Department. Dr. Vermillion holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Appalachian State University and the Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in conducting from the University of Southern Mississippi where he was a conducting student of Dr. Thomas V. Fraschillo. Before joining the SHHS faculty, Dr. Vermillion served as Associate Director of Bands at Northern Arizona University where he also served as the director of the Curry Summer Music Camp. Originally from Lenoir, NC, Dr. Vermillion enjoyed a successful career as a middle school and high school band director for several years. Under his direction, ensembles consistently received superior

ratings at state and regional concert and marching festivals. Dr. Vermillion's professional affiliations include the Tennessee Music Educators Association, East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Kappa Lambda, Kappa Delta Pi, National Band Association, College Band Directors National Association, Music Educators National Conference, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Kappa Kappa Psi.

Robert Wall-----Stage Judge

Robert Wall was born in Luray, VA and educated in Virginia schools. He received his B.A. degree in History from Virginia Tech and his M.A. from Radford University in Theory/Composition. His principal teachers were John Diercks (Hollins College), Arthur Jannery (Radford), and Edward Troupin (University of Florida). He served as Director of Bands at Halifax County Senior High School for 12 years and Director of Bands at Christiansburg Middle and High School for 20 years and as Supervisor of Fine Arts for Montgomery County Schools for 5 years until his retirement from public education in June 2004. During his tenure as band director, his bands received many superior ratings at district and regional festivals.

As a composer, he has written in all musical forms (except opera) and has had numerous performances of his works in such venues as the Mid-West International Bandmasters Convention in Chicago, various Virginia Music Educators Conferences, the 1970 Lakeside Ohio Summer Music Season, Canada, Finland, and Europe. His music is published by Brodt Music, William Allen Music, TRN Music Publishers, and Kastuck Percussion Studio. He has written on a commission basis for bands in VA and NC, as well as the 150th anniversary of the Franklin, PA. Silver Cornet Band. He is currently involved in an ongoing commission with the VBODA since 2004, composing all wind etudes for the All-VA Band auditions. Present professional memberships include Virginia Music Educators Association, VBODA, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Beta Mu honorary band directors fraternity and the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers. His biography has been included in Who's Who in American Education, and Who's Who Among American Teachers. At present, Mr. Wall is enjoying retirement and lives with his recently retired wife, Sarah, in Blacksburg, VA.

Pete Hodges-----Stage Judge

Pete Hodges retired in 2002 from the Greeneville, Tennessee City School system after 32 years of service, 24 of which were at Greeneville High School. Prior to his teaching at Greeneville High School he taught for six years at Greeneville Middle School. He also taught in the Johnson City, Tennessee school system for two years.

Thursday, March 15, 2012

11:00 A.M.

Virginia Middle School Symphonic Band (III)

Ben Parks, Director
General Greene
Above and Beyond
Moscow, 1941

John Edmondson
James Swearingen
Brian Balmages

11:30 A.M.

Damascus Middle School 7th Grade Band (I)

Uley Daniels & Bob Ballengee, Directors
Cold Brook March
Quest of the Knight Templar
Reflections on the Missouri River

John O'Reilly
Robert Sheldon
Rob Grice

12:00 P.M.

Marion Middle School Scarlet Hurricane Band (II)

Jared Perdue, Director
Spania
The Tempest
Celtic Air and Dance

David Shaffer
Robert W. Smith
Michael Sweeney

-----**LUNCH BREAK: 1:00-1:45**-----



6:30 P.M.

Pulaski Co. High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble (V)

Patrick Butler, Director

Mustang!

Elements (Petite Symphony)

Ireland: Of Legend and Lore

Eric Osterling

Brian Balmages

Robert W. Smith

7:00 P.M.

Chilhowie High School Concert Band (V)

Dan Wilner, Director

The Billboard March

Seagate Overture

Gravity Wave

John Klohr/arr. A. Balent

James Swearingen

Brian Balmages

Following his retirement, Hodges served as a consultant to the Niswonger Foundation, a philanthropic foundation, helping to launch new band programs in Greene County. He started a brand new program in 2003 at Mosheim Middle School. Hodges is currently an adjunct faculty member at East Tennessee State University where he supervises student teachers. He is an active clinician and adjudicator in East Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, and South Carolina.

Hodges earned degrees from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and East Tennessee State University. He is an Honorary Lifetime member of the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association, where he has served as the Executive Secretary-Treasurer since 1986. He was elected to the ETSB&OA Hall of Fame in September of 2011.



Wednesday, March 14, 2012

1:00 P.M.

Virginia High School Symphonic Band (V)

Tom Hopson, Director
March for Freedom Steve Hodges
Exultate Samuel Hazo
American Barndance Richard L. Saucedo

1:30 P.M.

Lee Middle School 7th/8th Grade Band (II/III)

Andrea Russell Hines, Director
Activity March Harold Bennett/arr. L. Clark
A Childhood Hymn David Holsinger
Jubilance James Swearingen

2:00 P.M.

Glade Spring Middle School 7th Grade Band (I)

Bob Ballengee, Director
Knightsbridge March Bruce Pearson
Gentle Winds Timothy Loest
Aftershock Larry Clark

2:30 P.M.

Damascus Middle School 8th Grade Band (II)

Uley Daniels & Bob Ballengee, Directors
Fairest of the Fair J.P. Sousa/arr. Smith & Story
The Gentle Mist of Spring James Swearingen
Air Force One Chris Bernotas

3:00 P.M.

Wallace Middle School Symphonic Band (II)

Mark Collins, Director
Valor March Larry Clark
New World Adventure Douglas Court
Achilles' Wrath Sean O'Loughlin

3:30 P.M.

Glade Spring Middle School 8th Grade Band (II/III)

Justin Camacho, Director
Apollo March John Kinyon
Of Castles and Kings Frank Erickson
Park Street Celebration James Swearingen

4:00 P.M.

Central High School Concert Band (IV)

Jason Bailey, Director
Starward John Cacavas
Visions of Flight Robert Sheldon
Saturn: The Ringed Planet Rob Romeyn

-----DINNER BREAK: 4:30-5:30-----

5:30 P.M.

Bland County High School Concert Band (II/III)

Kevin English, Director
Lexington March Karl King/arr. Swearingen
Air for Band Frank Erickson
Fire Dance David Shaffer

6:00 P.M.

Holston High School Band (IV)

Uley Daniels, Director
Prestissimo Karl King/arr. Swearingen
Nevermore Brian Balmages
Spring River Fantasy William Owens

