



VBODA District VII Concert Assessment

Thursday, March 22, 2018

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Virginia High School

Bristol, VA

Virginia High School welcomes you to the 2018 VBODA District VII Concert Band Assessment. Gary Skeen and Ben Parks, along with Virginia High School, are proud to host this event, which includes 27 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**

3:00 P.M.

Richlands High School Wind Ensemble (V)

D. Bruce Miller, Director

Fairest of the Fair.....J. P. Sousa/arr. Holcombe

The Winged Stallion.....Rossano Galante

Iron and Ice: A Viking Adventure.....Randall Standridge

Special Thanks

Gary Skeen--Event Co-Host/Chair

Ben Parks--Event Co-Host

Allison Deel--Program

Dr. Joe Moore--Stage Judge

Vincent J. Tornello--Stage Judge

John E. Wright--Stage Judge

John D. Wright--Sight-reading Judge

Virginia High School

VHS Band Boosters

Tracey Dingus--BVPS Technology

Mr. Ronnie Collins--VHS Principal

Jim Hall--Dominion Music

-----Break 12:00-12:30-----

12:30 P.M.

Grayson County High School Concert Band (IV)

Taryn Wooten, Director

Bandology.....Eric Osterling

Shenandoah.....Frank Ticheli

Invicta.....James Swearingen

1:00 P.M.

Patrick Henry High School Wind Ensemble (IV/V)

Pete Marcum, Director

Cincinnatus.....Vandercook/arr. M. Graner

Trailblazer.....David Gillingham

Luminaria.....William Himes

1:30 P.M.

Marion High School Concert Band (IV)

Brandon Guffey, Director

Pulsar.....Eric Osterling

Perthshire Majesty.....Samuel Hazo

American Flourish.....Robert W. Smith

2:00 P.M.

Pulaski Middle School Concert Band (I/II)

Kevin Faller, Director

Battle Creek March.....Mark Williams

Character.....Larry Clark

Furioso.....Robert W. Smith

2:30 P.M.

Galax High School Symphonic Band (III/IV)

Allison Deel, Director

The American Way March.....Karl King/arr. Swearingen

Fanfare and Triumph..... James Swearingen

The Maelstrom.....Robert W. Smith

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

Dr. Joe Moore.....Stage Judge

Dr. Joe D. Moore is Director of Athletic Bands and Associate Director of Bands at East Tennessee State University where his responsibilities include directing the Marching Band and Pep Bands, assisting with the Concert Bands, co-teaching Brass Methods, and teaching Marching Band Techniques, Arranging/Orchestration, and Music Fundamentals. Previous to coming to ETSU, Dr. Moore served as Director of Bands at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi. His public school experience includes sixteen years as a high school band director in Tennessee, Georgia, and Virginia. He has served as a guest conductor, clinician, adjudicator, and marching band arranger throughout the country. Dr. Moore received the Doctor of Musical Arts in Wind Band Conducting from the University of Kentucky, the Masters of Music Education from the University of Miami (FL), and the Bachelors of Music Education from East Tennessee State University. His professional affiliations include the National Band Association, the College Band Directors National Association, the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma, and Pi Kappa Lambda.

Vincent J. Tornello.....Stage Judge

Vincent J. Tornello is an accomplished musician, educator, and arranger based in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Vincent is a product of Oceanside Public Schools, Long Island, New York, a graduate of Oceanside High School with a State University of New York Regents Diploma. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music, and a Master of Education degree from the University of Virginia.

Vincent began his career as an educator in 1972 at Lane High School in Charlottesville. For two years he directed the marching band, organized and directed the Jazz Ensemble, and served as assistant concert band director. Over the course of the following 37 years, the Charlottesville High School band excelled under his direction until his retirement in 2009. The program earned countless honors and accolades, and proudly holds a number of state concert and marching band records including the Virginia Honor Band Award for 27 years, superior ratings at the grade six music level for 34 of 37 years and 28 consecutive years of state marching assessment superior ratings.

He is a past-president of the Virginia Chapter of the National Jazz Educators Association, and a past-president of the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association. Vincent had served as treasurer of the Virginia Music Educators Association 27 years. He is also a lifetime member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity and member of Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity. In addition, Vincent has served as an adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor throughout the east coast and the midwest. He has served as an adjudicator for the Kentucky, Wisconsin, and South Carolina State Marching Championships, the Virginia State Marching Assessments, the Indiana District and Regional Marching Championships, Bands of America Regional Championships, USBands (judge & chief judge) Regional Championships as well as numerous invitational contests. Vincent has adjudicated many of the district concert assessments throughout Virginia, the Kentucky State Concert Festival and numerous other regional concert festivals. He currently serves as the adjunct saxophone instructor for the University of Virginia Wind Ensemble.

As a professional musician, Vincent has performed for live radio broadcasts as well as studio recording sessions, in addition to numerous other performances in Virginia and the New York metropolitan area.

Vincent has been recognized by numerous organizations for his dedication to the fine arts, as well as to the profession of education. His commendations include: 1985-86 Charlottesville Public Schools Distinguished Teacher Award; 1989 VMEA Service to Music Education Award; 1992 VBODA Ten Year Honor Band Director Award; 1994 Who's Who Among America's Teachers; 1994 Arts Award in Music Education from the Piedmont Council of the Arts, Virginia Alliance for Arts Education Distinguished Service Award; 1995-96 VMEA Music Educator of the Year Award, Charlottesville Daily Progress Distinguished Dozen, VFW Meritorious Service Award, VMEA Twenty-five Year Service Award; 1997 National Federation of Interscholastic Music Association Outstanding State Music Educator Award, VBODA Honor Band Director 15-Year Honor Roll List; 1998 NFIMA Section 2 Outstanding Music Educator Award, Shenandoah Conservatory of Music Alumnus of Excellence Award; 1999 American Legion Certificate of Appreciation; 2000 Air Force Association Certificate of Appreciation; 2002 VBODA Honor Band Director "Hall of Fame"; 2004 National Sousa Foundation "*Legion of Honor*"; 2006 Marqui's Who's Who in America Award; 2008 Virginia Governor's School Outstanding Educator Award; 2009 was awarded the Key to the City of Charlottesville, VA., received the National Ground Intelligence Center Command Award of Excellence and the Charlottesville H.S. Band Rehearsal Hall named in his honor; 2014 the VBODA Phil Fuller Service Award; 2015 the VBODA "Hall of Fame" and in 2017 the Phi

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9:00 A.M.

Virginia Middle School 8th Grade Concert Band (III)

Ben Parks, Director

General Greene.....John Edmondson
Gently Touch the Sky.....Robert Sheldon
Arabian Dances.....Roland Barrett

9:30 A.M.

Damascus Middle School Concert Band (II)

Bob Ballengee, Director

Baywood March.....Robert L. Lee
Pandora.....Randall Standridge
Dansbury Run.....Michael Sweeney

10:00 A.M.

Northwood High School Symphonic Band (III/IV)

Erica Johnson, Director

March Bravissimo.....John Edmondson
In Endless Song.....Robert Lowry/arr. Standridge
Sonatina for Band.....Frank Erickson

10:30 A.M.

Graham High School Concert Band (III/IV)

Chuck Yost, Director

Badge of Honor March.....Ken Harris
On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss.....David Holsinger
Into the Storm.....Robert W. Smith

11:00 A.M.

Bland County High School Concert Band (III)

Jared Perdue, Director

Darklands March.....Randall Standridge
Moscow, 1941.....Brian Balmages
Repercussions.....Robert W. Smith

Beta Mu “Hall of Fame”.

3:30 P.M.

Tazewell High School Concert Band (III/IV)

Caitlin Hutchison, Director

Sunliner.....Eric Osterling
Encanto.....Robert W. Smith
Creed.....William Hines
Prelude and Primal Danse.....Ed Huckeby

4:00 P.M.

Holston High School Wind Ensemble (IV)

Logan Childress, Director

The Capitol March.....William Foden/arr. T. Stalter
Ammerland.....Jacob De Haan
Brandon Bay.....Ed Huckeby

4:30 P.M.

Lee High School Concert Band (IV)

Chris Aker, Director

Advance March.....H. Bennett/arr. L. Clark
Ave Maria.....A. Bruckner/arr. M. Reid
Rhythm of the Winds.....Frank Erickson

5:00 P.M.

Pulaski County High School Wind Ensemble (IV)

Matthew Warnock, Director

March to Nowhere.....Vaclav Nelhybel
In the Bleak Midwinter.....Gustav Holst/arr. R. W. Smith
Invicta.....James Swearingen

John E. Wright.....Stage Judge

Mr. John E. Wright is currently in his second year as the Director of Bands at Salem High School. John began his teaching career in Roanoke City at William Ruffner Middle School, Lincoln Terrace Elementary where he piloted the VH1 Save the Music Beginning Band Grant and Lucy Addison Middle School. From there John accepted the position as band director at Andrew Lewis Middle School in Salem before moving on to Salem High School. Mr. Wright’s education includes an Associate’s Degree in Social Science from Virginia Western Community College and a Bachelor’s degree in Music Education from Radford University. While at Radford Mr. Wright was Section Leader of the Radford Concert Band and performed with the Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble. John is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Tau Kappa Epsilon. The Wright’s are currently building a house in Salem and will move in this spring. John and his wife Jessa have 2 girls, Brynn and Elle and they have a son named Jett.

John D. Wright.....Sight-reading Judge

John David Wright is a native of Clifton Forge, VA and has been married to his wife, Bonney, for 42 years. They have 2 sons and 7 grandchildren. He retired from full-time teaching in 2013 with 37 years service, both in West Virginia and Virginia. Having graduated from West Virginia Institute of Technology (B.S. MEd. ’77 Cum Laude) and Radford University (M.S. MEd. ’93) he has also attended The West Virginia School of Graduate Studies, JMU and UVA. His bands have performed throughout the Eastern United States and in Canada while consistently earning Excellent and Superior ratings in Marching, Concert and Jazz festivals / competitions. Notable performances would include the National Anthem for the Baltimore Orioles and the Atlanta Braves, a command performance at the United States Capitol and being selected the official band from the State of Virginia for the National 4th of July Parade in Washington D.C.. In 2013, the Virginia Music Educators presented Mr. Wright a plaque for his years of service to Virginia’s students.

Mr. Wright is currently the Associate Director of the “Pride of Salem” Marching Band and periodically serves as an University Supervisor for the James Madison University Department of Education. He is a substitute music teacher in Botetourt County, Roanoke County and Salem City Schools. Mr. Wright is an active adjudicator / clinician and a member of the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association and the National Band Association. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

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Virginia High School Wind Ensemble (IV)

Gary Skeen, Director

March for Freedom.....Steve Hodges

Cajun Folk Songs.....Frank Ticheli

I. La Belle et le Capitaine II. Belle

Convergence.....Roland Barrett

10:00 A.M.

John S. Battle High School Wind Ensemble (V)

Mark Collins & Will Shell, Directors

The Thunderer.....John Philip Sousa

First Suite in E-flat.....Gustav Holst

I. Chaconne III. March

Inferno.....Robert W. Smith

10:30 A.M.

Chilhowie High School Concert Band (IV)

William Green, Director

Darklands March.....Randall Standridge

Australian Up-Country Tune.....Percy Grainger/arr. Bainum

Brain Waves.....Grant Michel

11:00 A.M.

Narrows High School Concert Band (IV)

Karyn Spade, Director

Allied Honor March.....Karl King/arr. Swearingen

Beyond the Horizon.....T. Behrman

Everest: The Forbidden Journey.....Rob Romeyn

11:30 A.M.

Union Middle/High Combined Concert Band (III)

Kimberly Sturgill, Director

Darklands March.....Randall Standridge

The Phantom Herd (Across the Western Sky).....Robert W. Smith

Critical Mass.....Todd Stalter

-----Break 12:30-1:00-----

1:00 P.M.

Glade Spring Middle School Concert Band (III)

Bob Ballengee, Director

March of Freedom.....John Edmondson

Abington Ridge.....Ed Huckleby

Zeal.....Rob Grice

1:30 P.M.

George Wythe High School Concert Band (IV)

Dan Wilner, Director

Allied Honor March.....Karl King/arr. Swearingen

Ascentium.....Ed Huckleby

Choreography.....Robert Sheldon

2:00 P.M.

Wallace Middle School Concert Band (II/III)

Will Shell & Mark Collins, Directors

Acclaim March.....Larry Clark

Gently Touch the Sky.....Robert Sheldon

Engines of Resistance.....Larry Clark

2:30 P.M.

Twin Springs High School Concert Band (III/IV)

Ryan Carpenter, Director

March of the Irish Guard.....arr. James Ployhar

Evening Prayer.....David Shaffer

North Star Overture.....John O'Reilly

3:00 P.M.

Patrick County High School (IV)

Joseph Whitt, Director

Union March.....Mekel Rogers

Herndon Exaltations.....Robert W. Smith

Brandon Bay.....Ed Huckleby

