

The Virginia High School
Bearcat Band

Presents

***The 2002 District VII Concert
Band Festival***

**Friday, March 22nd & Saturday, March 23rd
The Hamp "Pappy" Richardson Auditorium
Virginia High School**



The Virginia High School Bearcat Band welcomes you to the 2002 District VII Band Festival. This year's concert festival will include 24 bands from across Southwest Virginia. The groups are middle school and high school bands playing a wide variety of music.

This is only a festival, not a competition. Bands do not compete against each other. They are judged on how well they perform. On stage, bands will perform three prepared selections (one warm-up march and two pieces from a list of music graded by the Virginia Band and Orchestra Director's Association - VBODA). While performing, the bands will be judged on a range of categories, including, but not limited to: intonation, technique, balance, interpretation, blend, and the overall musical effect. After their stage performance, bands will proceed to another venue to be judged on their sight-reading capabilities. The sight-reading selections are newly published pieces that few or no bands have ever played.

Ratings given are:

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

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

Mr. Reginald Purvis Stage Judge

Reginald Purvis is the Director of Bands at George Washington High School in Danville, Virginia. A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, Mr. Purvis holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. Under his direction, the music programs at George Washington High School has consistently won numerous superior ratings in marching and concert captions at contests throughout Virginia and the Eastern United States. He is a member of the National Music Educators Association, the National Band Association, the Virginia Music Educators Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Professional Music Fraternity, and the National Education Association. He has also served as an adjudicator for contests and music festivals in Virginia and North Carolina. Mr. Purvis resides in Danville with his wife Renee and their son Matthew.

Mr. Mac Bowman Stage Judge

Mac is a native of Bristol, Tennessee. He was a member of the Vance Junior High School Band, directed by his father, the late Edwin M. Bowman, and the Tennessee High School Band, directed by the late L. Howard Nicar Jr. He attended East Tennessee State University and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He received his Master of Science degree from Troy State University in Troy, Alabama. He was Director of Bands for ten years at Halls High School in Knoxville, Tennessee. He has served as a member of the Executive Board of The East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association. In June of 2001, Mac retired from McEachern High School, in Powder Springs, Georgia. He served as Director of Bands and Chairmen of Fine Arts at McEachern for twenty-three years. His Symphonic Bands have received consistent Superior ratings at both the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association and The Georgia Music Educators Festivals. The McEachern Symphonic Band has performed at the Southeastern United States High School Band Clinic and the University of Georgia "Janfest" Band Clinic. His marching bands have won Superior ratings and Grand Championships at marching band festivals throughout the south. Mac has been active for many years as an adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor, in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Joe Allison Stage Judge

Dr. Joseph H. Allison is currently Associate Professor in the School of Music at Eastern Kentucky University, serving as the Director of Bands and Graduate Conducting Activities, as well as Director of the Stephen Collins Foster Music Camps. He previously taught in the public schools for eighteen years and serves as an adjudicator, clinician and consultant for concert, marching and jazz events throughout North America, Europe and Japan. Allison has held professional affiliations with the CBDNA, NBA (Board of Directors), ETSBOA, SCMEA, MENC, ASBDA, IAJE, PAS (Advisory Board) BOA (Advisory Board), Pi Kappa Lambda, Phi Beta Mu and Phi Mu Alpha. Under his direction, the Sumter (SC) High School Bands were the first awarded both the Sudler Flag and Sudler Shield for concert and marching excellence. Dr. Allison's personal honors include the National Band Association's "Citation of Excellence", the John Philip Sousa Foundation's "Sudler Order of Merit" as well as achievement awards from both the International Association of Jazz Educators and the Percussive Arts Society. He is listed in Who's Who of American Educators, Outstanding Young Men of America, and has been honored in five resolutions of the South Carolina State Legislature. Dr. Allison is also a laureate of both the Order of the Palmetto from the state of South Carolina, and Kentucky Colonel, from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Mr. David Vail Sight-reading Judge

David Vail has served as a band director and music teacher in the Virginia Public Schools teaching at the high school and middle school levels. Recently retired after 34 years service David continues to be actively involved in music education. He has appeared as adjudicator, clinician and performer throughout the Mid-Atlantic States. Mr. Vail's musical compositions and arrangements have been performed by school and college bands as well as the Miss Virginia and Miss America Orchestras. As a woodwind performer, David has played with a variety of groups including Mill Mountain Theatre pit orchestra, Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and many local jazz and big bands. He served as band director in the Smyth County Schools (Chilhowie High 1965-71), Roanoke County Schools (Northside High and William Byrd High), Roanoke City Schools (Woodrow Wilson Junior High and Patrick Henry High). David received his formal training at Concord College (B.S. 1965) and Radford College (M.S. 1970). Mr. Vail currently resides with his wife in Botetourt County.

Friday, March 22nd

- 1:00 Damascus MS 7th and 8th Grade Band (II)**
 Beverly Massingill, Director
 Lexington March John Edmondson
 Mystic River Fantasy James Swearingen
 Legend of Ft. Apache Jerry Williams
- 1:20 Virginia Middle School Symphonic Band (III)**
 Ben Parks, Director
 Colonel Bogey Kenneth Alford, arr. A. Balent
 Hungarian Rhapsody No.2 arr. Mitchell Bender
 Rites of Tamburo Robert W. Smith
- 1:40 Wallace Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Band (III)**
 Cynthia Roberts, Director
 Washington Post John Phillip Sousa arr. Story
 Joyant Winds Ed Huckleby
 Liturgical Fanfare Robert W. Smith
- 2:00 Carroll County Intermediate 8th Grade Band (II-III)**
 Riley Pugh, Director
 March of the Irish Guard J. Ployar
 Rites of Tamburo Robert W. Smith
 Silvergate Overture John Edmondson
- 2:20 Chilhowie Middle School Band (III)**
 Glen Weller, Director
 Silver Sable David Shaffer
 Blue Ridge Rhapsody Frank Erickson
 White River Canyon John Higgins
- 2:40 Richlands Middle School 8th Grade Band (III)**
 Danny Swartz, Director
 Thunderbay March John O'Reilly
 Highland Echoes Larry Daehn
 Procession and Torch Dance Timothy Broege
- 3:00 E.B. Stanley Middle School (III-IV)**
 Donnie Riddle, Director
 Pride and Progress J. Olivadoti
 Introduction and Fantasia R. Mitchell
 Majestia James Swearingen
- 3:20 Judges Break (10 Minutes)**
- 3:30 Fort Chiswell High School Concert Band (IV)**
 Frank Pugh, Director
 Call to Victory Karl King, arr. Swearingen
 Lindberg Variations Robert Sheldon
 To Challenge The Sky
 And Heavens Above Robert W. Smith

- 4:00 Richlands High School Symphonic Band (IV)**
 David Miller and Danny Swartz, Directors
 Coast Guards March Karl King, arr. Swearingen
 Prairie Dances David Holsinger
 Cajun Folk Songs Frank Ticheli
- 4:30 George Wythe High School Symphonic Band (IV-V)**
 Ashley Whittaker, Director
 Military Escort Harold Bennet, arr. Swearingen
 Courtly Airs and Dances Ron Nelson
 Amazing Grace Frank Ticheli
- 5:00 Carroll County High School Band (IV/V)**
 Robert Correll, Director
 Coast Guards Karl King, arr. Swearingen
 Tocatta For Band Frank Erickson
 Fall River Overture Robert Sheldon
- 5:30 – 6:30 Dinner Break**
- 6:30 Patrick Henry High School Band (V)**
 Tammy Harmon, Director
 Americans We Henry Fillmore
 Elegy For A Young American Ronald Lo Presti
 The Ascension Robert W. Smith
- 7:00 John S. Battle High School Wind Ensemble (V)**
 Mark Collins, Director
 Moorside March Gustav Holst, arr. Curnow
 To Dance In The Secret Garden Robert W. Smith
 Second Suite In F Gustav Holst
 II March
 III. Song Of The Blacksmith

Saturday, March 23rd

- 10:00 Marion Middle School Concert Band (II)**
 Hubert Fulton, Director
 Valley Vista March Steve Hodges
 Entrada Jeffrey Taylor
 Song Of The Flute arr. Anne McGinty
 Fanfare And Celebration Paul Jennings
- 10:20 Carroll County Intermediate Eighth Grade Band (IV)**
 Riley Pugh, Director
 Valdres Hanssen, arr. R.W. Smith
 Irish Tune From County Derry arr. M. Roger
 Lake Canterbury Regatta David Holsinger
- 10:50 Rural Retreat "Big Indian" Concert Band (IV)**
 David Dingus, Director
 Foxfire March Ed Huckleby
 A Windsor Portrait R. Wall
 Invicta J. Swearingen

11:20 **Virginia High School Wind Ensemble (IV)**
 Tom Hopson, Director
 Land of Liberty Jack Lee
 Momentations Jared Spears
 Prairie Dances David Holsinger

Lunch 12:00 to 1:00

1:00 **Holston High School Concert Band (IV)**
 Uley Daniels, Director
 March Of The Irish arr. James Ployar
 In Praise Of Gentle Pioneers David Holsinger
 Drayton Hall Espirit Francis McBeth

1:30 **Tazewell High School (IV)**
 Jim French, Director
 Aerostar Eric Osterling
 Centoria James Swearingen
 Bravada Espirit David Shaffer
 Brandon Bay Ed Huckleby

2:00 **Gate City Wind Ensemble (IV)**
 Rick Lake, Director
 Lexington March Karl King, arr. Swearingen
 Chorale And Capriccio G. Giovannini, arr. Robinson
 Majestia J. Swearingen

2:30 **Marion Senior Concert Band (IV)**
 Noel Collins, Director
 Allied Honor Karl King, arr. Swearingen
 Amazing Grace Frank Ticheli
 The Maelstrom Robert W. Smith

Judges Break (30 minutes)

4:00 **Chilhowie Sr High School Band (V)**
 Glenn Weller, Director
 Bandology Eric Osterling
 Emperata Overture Claude T. Smith
 Visions Of Flight Robert Sheldon

4:30 **Abingdon High School Symphonic Band (V)**
 Gary Holley, Director
 The Naval Sea Cadet March Joseph Olivadoti
 A Festival Prelude Alfred Reed
 Emperata Overture Claude T. Smith

5:00 **Richlands Wind Ensemble (V/VI)**
 Danny Swartz, Director
 Hosts of Freedom Karl King, arr. Paynter
 Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo Malcolm Arnold
 Vesuvius Frank Ticheli

SPECIAL THANKS

Mr. Larry Lusk, VHS Principal
 Mr. Paul Hurley, VHS Assistant Principal
 Mrs. Brenda Carroll, VHS Assistant Principal

Dr. Frank Finan, Superintendent of Bristol City Public Schools

Dr. Linda Fore, Assistant Superintendent of Bristol City Public Schools

Dr. Amstein, Director of Administration

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Mr. Ben Parks, VMS Director of Bands

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