

VBODA District VII  
Concert Assessment



Wednesday, March 15, 2017  
Thursday, March 16, 2017  
Virginia High School  
Bristol, VA

Virginia High School welcomes you to the 2017 VBODA District VII Concert Band Assessment. Gary Skeen and Ben Parks, along with Virginia High School, are proud to host this event, which includes 26 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**

**Special Thanks**

**Gary Skeen**—Event Co-Host/Chair  
**Ben Parks**—Event Co-Host  
**Allison Deel**—Program  
**Richard Galyean**—Sight-reading Judge  
**David Miller**—Stage Judge  
**Vincent J. Tornello**—Stage Judge  
**Janet Longerbeam**—Stage Judge  
**Logan Childress**—Website Support  
**Virginia High School**  
**VHS Band Boosters**  
**Tracey Dingus**—BVPS Technology  
**Mr. Ronnie Collins**—VHS Principal  
**Jim Hall**—Dominion Music



**2:45 P.M.**

**Rural Retreat High School Concert Band (III)**

Thomas Hilliker, Director  
March of the Irish Guard  
Country Wildflowers  
Encanto

James Ployhar  
Larry Daehn  
Robert W. Smith

**3:10 P.M.**

**Patrick Henry High School Wind Ensemble (IV)**

Pete Marcum, Director  
Royal Brigade  
Mid-American Sketches  
• Movements II & III  
The Last to Defend

Robert Wall  
Ryan Nowlin  
David Shaffer

**3:35 P.M.**

**Galax High School Concert Band (IV)**

Chris Sklar, Director  
Imperial March  
Arrows  
Among the Clouds

Karl King/arr. Swearingen  
Samuel R. Hazo  
Brian Balmages



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

**Richard Galyean**-----Sight Reading

Mr. Richard Galyean joined the University of Virginia's College at Wise faculty in 2002. He holds both a BS degree and MS degree in Music Education from Radford University. He has done postgraduate work at Boston University.

Mr. Galyean is the Director of Bands and Music Education at UVA-Wise. He conducts the Highland Winds, the Marching Highland Cavaliers, the college Wind Ensemble, the Highland Cavalier Pep Band and the Wise Guys Low Brass Ensemble.

In addition to his conducting responsibilities, he also teaches classes in music education and supervises student interns. He is a member of VBODA, the National Band Association, NAFME and the College Band Directors National Association. He frequently adjudicates marching band and concert band festivals and serves as a clinician in Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

**David Miller**-----Stage Judge

David Miller is currently in his fourteenth year as the Director of Bands at Christiansburg High School. His classes include Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Piano Lab, and Music Theory. Mr. Miller's groups consistently receive Excellent and Superior ratings at District and State Assessments. Under his direction, the CHS bands have been recognized as a Virginia Honor Band by the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association and Blue Ribbon School by the Virginia Music Educators Association. Currently Mr. Miller is the district rep. for VBODA District 6. In 2009, Mr. Miller received his Master's Degree in Education, Curriculum and Instruction from Virginia Tech. He received his Bachelor of Music Education degree in 2003 from Virginia Tech. Mr. Miller and his wife Cassie

live in Christiansburg. They have two sons – Thomas, age 5, and Andrew, age 2.

**Vincent J. Tornello**-----Stage Judge

Vincent J. Tornello is an accomplished musician, educator, and arranger based in Charlottesville, Virginia. He is a product of Oceanside Public Schools, Long Island, New York, and 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 held 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 for 27 years. He is also a lifetime member of the 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 United States. 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 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 serves as the adjunct saxophone instructor for the University of Virginia Wind Ensemble.

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 "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 VBODA Phil Fuller Service Award and in 2015 selected to the VBODA Hall of Fame.

**Janet Longerbeam**-----Stage Judge

Janet Longerbeam, a Virginia native, has been involved in music since the age of eight. Janet is a graduate of Loudoun County High School, where she was an active member in the marching, jazz, and concert bands. She continued her musical journey at the Berklee College of Music, where she studied Jazz Performance in saxophone with, William Pierce from 2000-2002. Other influential instructors include: Gary Hammon, Dayl Burnett, Wayne Gallops, Fred Lipsius, and Shannon LeClaire. Upon leaving Berklee Janet pursued her Undergraduate Degree in Music Education at Shenandoah University and graduated in 2006.

In 2006, Janet became the Director of Bands at Pulaski Middle School where she taught grades 6-8. She led various performing ensembles such as Jazz Band, Beginning Band, Pep Band, Marching Band and two Concert Bands. During her tenure Ms. Longerbeam's bands received straight superior ratings at VBODA Concert Assessment from 2006-2012. The program also provided large numbers of representatives in VBODA All-District bands and VT honor bands through 2013.

In addition to her teaching career, Janet is also a professional saxophonist. Her dedication to jazz, blues, and R&B led to her founding and leading the highly successful group the *Jamtastics* which performs currently in many venues in Southwest VA.

In 2015 Janet Longerbeam graduated from Radford University with a Master of Arts Degree in Conducting. During her studies, Janet taught capstone Music Education Classes, conducted both the RU Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band, and performed in the Jazz Ensemble. Ms. Longerbeam was also the featured guest artist with the RU jazz Ensemble and invited to perform at the Jazz Educators Network Conference in 2015.

Currently, Janet is Assistant Band Director of Radford High School Band, where she continuing to inspire the love of music in students. She assists with all facets of the program,

including: Marching Band, Concert Bands, Beginning Bands, Percussion Ensembles, Jazz Band & Combos, as well as private lessons.



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017**

**9:35 A.M.**

**Virginia Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert Band (III)**

Ben Parks, Director	
Rights of Our Nation	Joseph Compello
Helios Rising	Todd Stalter
Implacato	Matt Conaway

**10:00 A.M.**

**Wallace Middle School Concert Band (II)**

Will Shell, Director	
Darklands March	Randall Standridge
New World Overture	Douglas Court
Pandora	Randall Standridge

**10:25 A.M.**

**Glade Spring Middle School Concert Band (II)**

Bob Ballengee, Director	
Recognition March	Larry Clark
Conflict	Larry Clark
Imperium	Michael Sweeney

**10:50 A.M.**

**Northwood High School Symphonic Band (III)**

Matthew Warnock, Director

Von Grrrhart's 613<sup>th</sup> Regimental March

Rippling Watercolors

Joy

David Holsinger

Brian Balmages

Frank Ticheli

**11:15 A.M.**

**Marion Senior High School Concert Band (III)**

Brandon Guffey, Director

Joyous Spirit

Metamorphosis

In Late November

David Shaffer

Gary Fagan

Randall Standridge

**11:40 A.M.**

**Richlands Middle School Wind Ensemble (III)**

D. Bruce Miller, Director

The March of the Hyperion Guards

Wild West Saga

Helios Rising

Robert Sheldon

Gary Fagan

Todd Stalter

**12:05 P.M.**

**Salem High School Symphonic Band (IV)**

John Wright, Director

Marche Diabolique

Great Wall

American Flourish

Brian Balmages

William Owens

Robert W. Smith

-----LUNCH BREAK 12:30-1:30-----

**1:30 P.M.**

**Abingdon High School Concert Band (IV)**

Gary Holley, Director

Fidelity March

Faure: Pavane

American Flourish

Karl King/arr. Glover

arr. Anne McGinty

Robert W. Smith

**1:55 P.M.**

**Grayson County High School Concert Band (IV)**

Taryn Wooten, Director

Cedar Crest

Southern Hymn

Prairiescape

David Shaffer

Samuel Hazo

Robert Sheldon

**2:20 P.M.**

**Graham High School Concert Band (III)**

Allison Deel, Director

The Lafayette Escadrille

The Winds of Change

Lanterns in the Sky

John Edmonson

James Swearingen

Rob Romeyn

**2:45 P.M.**

**Richlands High School Wind Ensemble (V)**

D. Bruce Miller, Director

The Age of Chivalry

Tamerlane

Imaginarium

Ryan Meeboer

Frank Erickson

Randall Standridge

**3:10 P.M.**

**Carroll County High School Concert Band (IV)**

Michael Farina, Director

Gateway March

Ammerland

Quad City Stomp

Eric Osterling

Jacob de Haan

Michael Sweeney

**3:35 P.M.**

**Holston High School Wind Ensemble (IV)**

Logan Childress, Director

Military Escort

Majestia

Chorale and Shaker Dance II

arr. James Swearingen

James Swearingen

John Zdechlik

**4:00 P.M.**

**John S. Battle High School Wind Ensemble (V)**

Mark Collins, Director

Arsenal

Beyond the Summit

Imaginarium

Jan Van der Roost

Brian Balmages

Randall Standridge

**11:40 A.M.**

**Eastside High School Wind Ensemble (III)**

Chad Brooks, Director

Mad Dash (Galop)

Romanesque

Fire Dance

Timothy Loest

James Swearingen

David Shaffer

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017**

**10:00 A.M.**

**E.B. Stanley Middle School Wind Ensemble (II/III)**

Beverly Campbell and Uley Daniel, Directors

Newcastle March

Dark Adventure

Acclamations

Johnnie Vinson

Ralph Ford

Ed Huckleby

**10:25 A.M.**

**Damascus Middle School Concert Band (II)**

Bob Ballengee and Logan Childress, Directors

Lexington March

Windsor Overture

Canticum

John Edmonson

Anne McGinty

James Curnow

**10:50 A.M.**

**Central High School Concert Band (III)**

Ben Harding, Director

Let the Flag of Freedom Wave

Ashland Park

Where the Black Hawk Soars

James Swearingen

Ed Huckleby

Robert W. Smith

**11:15 A.M.**

**Union Middle/High Combined Concert Band (III)**

Kim Sturgill, Director

El Capitan

Rampage

Hadrian's Wall

John Phillip Sousa

Todd Stalter

Robert W. Smith

**12:05 P.M.**

**Virginia High School Wind Ensemble (V)**

Gary Skeen, Director

Bandology

Hymn for Loved Ones Lost

Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo

Eric Osterling

Richard Saucedo

Malcolm Arnold

-----LUNCH BREAK 12:30-1:30-----

**1:30 P.M.**

**George Wythe High School Concert Band (IV)**

Dan Wilner, Director

Darklands March

Grand Central Station

Fate of the Gods

Randall Standridge

David Bobrowitz

Steven Reineke

**1:55 P.M.**

**Chilhowie High School Concert Band (IV)**

William Green, Director

Military Escort

Voices of the Sky

DarkHeart

Harold Bennett

Samuel R. Hazo

Randall Standridge

**2:20 P.M.**

**Lee High School Concert Band (IV)**

Christopher Aker, Director

Precision (March)

Ammerland

Clouds that Sail in Heaven

Harold Bennett/arr. Clark

Jacob de Haan

Todd Stalter