



VBODA District VII

Concert Assessment

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
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Virginia High School
Bristol, VA

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Virginia High School welcomes you to the 2019 VBODA District VII Concert Band Assessment. Brandon Guffey and Ben Parks, along with Virginia High School, are proud to host this event, which includes 25 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

5:30 P.M.
Patrick Henry High School Wind Ensemble (V)
 Pete Marcum, Director
 The Avenger March.....King/arr. Milford
 No Greater Joy.....Ryan Nowlin
 On the Banks.....Matt Conaway

6:00 P.M.
Richlands High School Wind Ensemble (V)
 D. Bruce Miller, Director
 The Washington Post.....Sousa/edited Fennell
 Toccata for Band.....Frank Erickson
 Noble Gestures.....Gary P. Gilroy

Special Thanks

Brandon Guffey--Event Co-Host/Chair
 Ben Parks--Event Co-Host
 Allison Deel--Program
 Dr. Susan Nicholson--Stage Judge
 Hunter Mullins--Stage Judge
 Patrick Butler--Stage Judge
 Dr. Matthew Frederick--Sight-reading Judge
 Virginia High School
 VHS Band Boosters
 Tracey Dingus--BVPS Technology
 Mr. Ronnie Collins--VHS Principal
 Jim Hall--Dominion Music

Thursday, March 21 (cont.)

3:00 P.M.

Northwood High School Concert Band (IV)

Erica Johnson, Director
Bunker Hill March.....John Edmondson
As Summer Was Just Beginning.....Larry Daehn
Battaglia.....W. Francis McBeth

3:30 P.M.

Graham High School Concert Band (III/IV)

Chuck Yost, Director
Brighton Beach.....William P. Latham
Under An Irish Sky.....Larry Neeck
Prairie Dances.....David Holsinger

4:00 P.M.

Lee High School Concert Band (IV)

Chris Aker, Director
Pulsar.....Eric Osterling
Perthshire Majesty.....Samuel Hazo
American Flourish.....Robert W. Smith

4:30 P.M.

Pulaski High School Symphonic Band (IV)

Matthew Warnock, Director
Von Grrthart's 613th Regimental March.....D. R. Holsinger
Fractures in Time.....Michael Sweeney
Fantasia on an Irish Ballad.....Elliot Del Borgo

5:00 P.M.

Abingdon High School Concert Band (IV)

Will Shell, Director
Arsenal.....Jan Van Der Roost
Mountain Thyme.....Samuel Hazo
Fate of the Gods.....Steven Reineke

Dr. Susan Nicholson.....Stage Judge

A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Dr. Susan Nicholson earned a Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music Education from Winthrop University and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Multiple Woodwind Performance from the University of Miami (FL). Dr. Nicholson's woodwind professors include Phil Thompson, Margaret Donaghue, Gary Keller, Francesca Arnone, and Luciano Magnanini. She studied conducting with William Malanbri and has had post-graduate conducting study with Virginia Allen, Eugene Corporon, Jack Stamp, and Dennis Fisher.

In the fall of 2017, Dr. Nicholson was appointed Director of Instrumental Studies at King University in Bristol, Tennessee. Most recently, Dr. Nicholson was an adjunct professor of music at Winthrop University, woodwind specialist at Fort Mill High School (SC), and the Coordinator of the Carowinds Festival of Music in Charlotte. Previous appointments include Director of Bands and Music Education Coordinator at Brevard College, and Director of Upper School Bands at the Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She has performed with the Tri-Cities Jazz Orchestra, Rhode Island Philharmonic, Providence Ballet, Rhode Island Civic Chorale and Orchestra, Asheville Symphony, Asheville Lyric Opera, Hendersonville Symphony, Charlotte Repertory Orchestra, and other performing organizations throughout the Southeast and New England areas.

Dr. Nicholson was awarded the Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts award at Brevard College in 2006 and 2007 for exceptional teaching in the arts. She was selected as the Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce's Teacher of the Year (1996) and Teacher of the Year at St. Anne School (1996). Her professional affiliations include membership in Pi Kappa Lambda (Winthrop University and University of Miami), the College Band Directors National Association, National Association for Music Education, Delta Omicron, and Tau Beta Sigma (honorary member).

Hunter Mullins.....Stage Judge

Hunter Mullins is an active performer, studio teacher, and has been the band director at John Sevier Middle School in Kingsport, Tennessee, since 2009. He is a Kingsport native and graduated from Dobyns-Bennett High School in 2004 after having performed in the first bands from Dobyns-Bennett to attend the Tournament of Roses Parade and the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic.

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Mr. Mullins earned a Bachelor of Music from East Tennessee State University in 2008, receiving the Frank E. Little award for academic excellence. He went on to obtain a Master of Education in 2009 from Milligan College. Mr. Mullins is currently pursuing doctoral studies in educational leadership at East Tennessee State University.

As band director at John Sevier Middle School, Mr. Mullins has had the opportunity to maintain and build upon a long established tradition of musical excellence at his own alma mater. The Sevier Warrior Band program, grades 6-8, is well over 200 members strong. Performing ensembles include beginning band, concert band, jazz band, and percussion ensemble. Most recent accolades under Mullins' direction include multiple Superior ratings at concert festival in Grade III and invitations to perform the National Anthem in collaboration with the Ross N. Robinson Middle School band at the Chattanooga *Lookouts*, Asheville *Tourists*, and Tennessee *Smokies* baseball parks.

Hunter Mullins is an adjunct music faculty member at Milligan College. His duties at the school include teaching the brass studio, brass methods, and world music. Performance and studio teaching are high priorities for Hunter. His private studio has produced many all-state players and college scholarship recipients on trombone, euphonium, and tuba. Mr. Mullins has been the 2nd trombonist for the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra since 2004 and regularly performs with a number of other regional ensembles including the Symphony of the Mountains and the Brass Band of Appalachia. He performed as a guest artist at the Tennessee Music Education Association state conference in 2016 and has been on stage with phenomenal musicians such as The Temptations, Jon Faddis, Doc Severinsen, The Ahn Trio, The Texas Tenors, and Béla Fleck. Hunter has been Kingsport's TubaChristmas coordinator since 2013 as well. His primary teachers include Bill Medearis, Jimmie Self, and David Bubsey. He also studied with Don Hough, Dale Warren, and Brad Kerns. Hunter and his wife, Leslie, have three young daughters, Chloe, Clara, and Chylar.

Patrick Butler.....Stage Judge

Patrick Butler has been the Director of Bands at Ardrey Kell High School in Charlotte, NC since 2013. The Ardrey Kell band program consists of over 300 students in four concert bands, jazz ensemble, two winter guards, indoor percussion,

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12:30 P.M.

Twin Springs High School Concert Band (III)

Ryan Carpenter, Director

Spain.....

Pevensey Castle.....

Black Forest Overture.....

David Shaffer
Robert Sheldon
Michael Sweeney

1:00 P.M.

Virginia Middle School 8th Grade Band (III)

Ben Parks, Director

Baywood March.....

Crest of Nobility.....

Rhythm Machine.....

Robert L. Lee
Robert Sheldon
Timothy Broege

1:30 P.M.

Galax High School Symphonic Band (III/IV)

Allison Deel, Director

Castlewood March.....

Dragonship.....

The Last to Defend.....

Ralph & Jack Hale
Larry Neek
David Shaffer

2:00 P.M.

Marion Senior High School Concert Band (IV)

Jeremy West, Director

Spectre of Fortune.....

Irish Tune from County Derry.....

Shenandoah.....

Kevin Kaisershot
Percy Grainger
Frank Ticheli

Break 2:30-3:00

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4:00 P.M.

Chilhowie High School Mighty Warrior Band (IV/V)

J. J. Green, Director

The Thunderer.....John Philip Sousa

Echoes of the Silent.....Robert Buckley

Folk Song Suite.....R. Vaughan Williams

Mouvements II & III

4:30 P.M.

John S. Battle High School Wind Symphony (V)

Mark Collins & Josh Turner, Directors

The Invincible Eagle.....John Philip Sousa

Impressions.....Julie Giroux

Impact.....Randall Standridge

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11:00 A.M.

Damascus Middle School 7th/8th Grade Band (II)

Bob Ballengee, Director

Marching Marines.....arr. O'Reilly

Amberwood Overture.....Anne McGinry

Whitewater Run.....Ed Kiefer

11:30 A.M.

Narrows High School Concert Band (IV)

Karyn Spade, Director

Espana Cani.....arr. M. Story

In Times of Triumph.....James Swearingen

March of the Trolls.....E. Grieg/arr. Beck

12:00 P.M.

Rural Retreat High School Concert Band (II/III)

Thomas Hilliker, Director

Winchester March.....John Edmondson

Ancient Moon.....Elliot Del Borgo

In Honor of the Fallen.....Barry Milner

winter winds, and marching band. Under Mr. Butler's direction, the Mighty Knight Marching Band has become a symbol of excellence in North Carolina, winning many local and regional awards, including the North Carolina Roll of Honour in 2018 as the highest scoring North Carolina marching band at the WCU Tournament of Champions. Since 2015 the Mighty Knight Marching Band has been performing at Bands of America events, including the 2017 Grand National Championships.

In 2017 the Ardrey Kell High School Wind Ensemble was awarded the Charlotte Musical Showcase Award of Excellence for the most outstanding high school music ensemble in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Prior to his position at Ardrey Kell High School, Mr. Butler was Director of Bands at Pulaski County High School in Dublin, VA, from 2002-2013, serving as assistant from 2002-2004. At Pulaski County High School, his bands consistently earned superior ratings and was a Virginia Honor Band. His marching bands have performed at the Champs Sports Bowl and the National Fourth of July Parade in Washington D.C. Mr. Butler is graduate of Virginia Tech with a B.A. in music with concentrations in music education and performance. He holds professional memberships in National Education Association, National Association for Music Education, and is an honorary member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He resides in Waxhaw, NC, with his wife Kourtney, dogs Titus and Bailey, and cats Joi and Lulu.

Dr. Matthew Frederick.....Sight-reading Judge

A native of Slatington, Pennsylvania, Matthew Frederick attended West Chester University in West Chester, Pennsylvania and earned a Bachelor's degree in Music Education. Upon graduation he completed his master's degree in music at Auburn University and then continued his education at The University of Texas where he completed his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in trumpet performance. He is currently the Assistant Vice President for Affinity Programs, Director of Bands, and Associate Professor of Trumpet at Emory & Henry College. During his time at Emory & Henry he has built a trumpet ensemble that is a two-time semi-finalist at the National Trumpet Competition and has been selected three times to perform at the International Trumpet Guild Conference. The brass ensembles have toured Germany, Austria, and China and the marching band will be touring Italy next year.

In addition to his duties at Emory & Henry College, Dr. Frederick is the music director at Pleasant View United Methodist Church here in Abingdon. He has

performed as principal trumpet with the Symphony of the Mountains, principal trumpet with the Johnson City Symphony, first trumpet player at The Barter Theater, and is an active lecturer on Civil War Brass Bands as well as serving as a clinician for school music programs. Some of Dr. Frederick's civil war brass band arrangements can be heard on the CD entitled "Cheer Boys Cheer", performed by the American Brass Quintet, the quintet in residence at The Juilliard School. Mart lives in Abingdon, VA with his wife Sandy and their sons Hyder and Jackson.

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11:00 A.M.

Glade Spring Middle School Concert Band (II)

- Bob Ballengee, Director
March Bravissimo.....John Edmondson
Abandoned Treasure Hunt.....Rob Grice
Wildfire.....Ed Kiefer

11:30 A.M.

Pulaski Middle School Concert Band (II)

- Kevin Faller, Director
Acclaim (March).....Larry Clark
To A New Beginning.....James Swearingen
Dark Adventure.....Ralph Ford

12:00 P.M.

Giles High School Spartan Symphonic Band (III)

- Dawn Sechrist, Director
The Liberty Bell March.....Sousa/arr. Brion & Schissel
Gently Touch The Sky.....Robert Sheldon
Knox Bridge Jubilee.....Todd Stalter

12:30 P.M.

Wallace Middle School Symphonic Band (III)

- Mark Collins & Josh Turner, Directors
Darklands March.....Randall Standridge
Waltzing with Dragons.....Gavin Lendt
Olympus.....Rob Romeyn

1:00 P.M.

Union High School Concert Band (III)

- Kimberly Sturgill, Director
The Avenger March.....Karl King/arr.
Clark
In Tantum Lux.....Todd Stalter
Whale Warriors.....Brian Balmages

Break 1:30-2:00

2:00 P.M.

Virginia High School Concert Band (IV)

- Brandon Guffey, Director
March Diabolique.....Brian Balmages
Echoes of the Silent.....Robert Buckley
The Knights' Creed.....Robert Buckley

2:30 P.M.

Holston High School Wind Ensemble (IV)

- Logan Childress, Director
Fidelity March.....Karl King/arr. Glover
Mountain Thyme.....Samuel Hazo
Torrents of Fire.....Larry Neck

3:00 P.M.

Carroll County High School Concert Band (III/IV)

- Michael Farina, Director
The Red Cape.....James Meredith
Air for Winds.....Melvin Shelton
Fanfare and Furiosity.....David Shaffer

3:30 P.M.

Grayson County High School Concert Band (IV)

- Amber Watkins, Director
Free World March.....Karl King/arr. Swearingen
Aventura.....James Swearingen
Rhythm of the Winds.....Frank Erickson