



VBODA District VII Concert Assessment

**Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Thursday, March 10, 2022
John S. Battle High School
Bristol, VA**

John S. Battle High School welcomes you to the 2022 VBODA District VII Concert Band Assessment. Brandon Guffey and Mark Collins, along with John S. Battle High School, are proud to host this event, which includes 20 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 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

Brandon Guffey--Event Co-Host/Chair
Mark Collins--John S. Battle Band Director
Josh Turner--John S. Battle Assistant Director
Allison Anders--Program
Chris Caldwell--Stage Judge
Kathryn Holdway Sotelo--Stage Judge
Rhett Butler--Stage Judge
Vince Tornello--Sight-reading Judge
Virginia High School
VHS Band Boosters
Jim Hall--Dominion Music

1:40 P.M.

Holston High School Concert Band (IV)

Ryan Carpenter, Director

- Darkland March.....Randall Standridge
- Arrows.....Samuel R. Hazo
- Novena.....James Swearingen

2:15 P.M.

Patrick Henry High School Wind Ensemble (IV)

Pete Marcum, Director

- Cincinnatus March.....arr. Mark Grauer
- Mid-American Sketches (Mvts. 2 & 3).....Ryan Nowlin
- Majestia.....James Swearingen

2:45 P.M.

Graham High School Concert Band (V)

Chuck Yost, Director

- March of the Belgian Paratroopers.....Leemans/Swearingen
- Toccata for Band.....Frank Erickson
- Havendance.....David Holsinger

3:25 P.M.

Richlands High School Wind Ensemble (V)

D. Bruce Miller, Director

- Monterey March arr. Pierre la Plante
- A Lasting Legacy.....James Swearingen
- Impact.....Randall Standridge
- Carpe Diem.....Steven J. Pyter

Chris Caldwell.....Stage Judge

Chris Caldwell is currently in his 23rd year of teaching in the Roanoke area. He received his first teaching position as the instrumental music teacher at Staunton River Middle School in Moneta, Virginia where he taught for four years. In the fall of 2001, Mr. Caldwell became the director of bands at Staunton River High School where he served as the band director until the spring of 2004. In the fall of 2004, Mr. Caldwell accepted his current position as band director at Lord Botetourt High School in Daleville, Virginia. During his tenure at Lord Botetourt, the instrumental music program has grown from a small marching and concert program to a marching band of over one hundred and a thriving concert and jazz band program.

Mr. Caldwell has served as the District VI Instrumental Chairman for the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors' Association, he has also served his district in several other positions. He has served as a guest clinician for several honors groups in Virginia and enjoys spending time working as a marching band adjudicator.

At Lord Botetourt High School, Mr. Caldwell is the Head Indoor and Outdoor Track Coach, Webmaster, Department Chair, and Technology Contact. He is a certified Virginia High School League and USATF Track Official. He has officiated at local, District, Region, and State level meets. When he is not teaching or coaching he enjoys spending every moment he can with his wife, Melissa; his two daughters, Haley and Keely; and his son Jesse.

Kathryn Holdway Sotelo.....Stage Judge

Kathryn (Kathy) Holdway Sotelo is a native of East Tennessee and a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education. She later received her Master of Arts in Music Education from the University of North Alabama, and a certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Music Education from Boston University. She has taught for 35 years, with the last 17 being at Cocke County High School and in the elementary (K-8) feeder programs for the high school. The Cocke County band program offers concert band, chamber ensembles, marching band, jazz band, and winterguard. Her bands have received numerous superior ratings in both concert and marching and many of her students through the years have received music scholarships and achieved success in the field of music.

Kathy has adjudication experience in the areas of Concert Festival, Solo & Ensemble, and Clinic Auditions. She is a member of ETSBOA/TMEA, MENC, Tennessee Bandmasters Association, Sigma Alpha Iota, The International Clarinet Association, and the Smoky Mountain Trumpet Guild. In addition to teaching band, she is the pianist at St. Paul Presbyterian church, and carries on the family farming tradition managing farmland in Hamblen and Greene counties. Kathy enjoys performing music whenever possible and has performed on clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and piano in many venues in the Southeast. Aside from music, Kathy has played volleyball in the Morristown Rec League for the past 24 years, and enjoys gardening, running, and hiking in the beautiful Smoky Mountains. She was married for 34 years to the late Chris Sotelo, a freelance musician and brass instructor in the East Tennessee area. Kathy lives near Panther Creek outside of Morristown with her three cats, Leo, Katara, and Azula.

Rhett Butler.....Stage Judge

Rhett Butler is a graduate from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor's degree in music education. He is also a graduate from Carson Newman with his MEd. in Educational Leadership & currently holds a TN administrative license. Mr. Butler is a 1999 graduate from Karns High School of Knoxville, TN. He has performed with the University of Tennessee Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, the Pride of the Southland Marching Band & Pep Band, the UT Percussion Ensemble and professionally with the Southern Stars Brass Band. Mr. Butler spent 10 years as the Director of Bands at Seymour High School where his Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Bands and Marching Bands consistently received Superior Ratings. In 2017, the Seymour Marching Band was a Finalist at the Contest of Champions held at Middle Tennessee University. In 2018, the Seymour Band was a finalist at the Tournament of Champions held at Western Carolina University. In 2017, the Seymour Indoor Percussion was a WGI Finalist at the WGI World Championships. Mr. Butler was hired in summer of 2018 to start the band program at Lakeway Christian Academy. The Lakeway Christian Academy Band started with 30 members in 2018. In 2022 the Lakeway Christian Academy had over 120 members in all band programs. Over the last several years, Mr. Butler has adjudicated Concert & Marching Festivals, and Contest & Indoor Percussion events in East Tennessee, Middle Tennessee, Northern Georgia and Virginia.

10:45 A.M.

Rural Retreat High School Concert Band (II/III)

Joshua Morrison, Director

- Darklands March (Flex).....Randall Standridge
- Spring (Flex).....Randall Standridge
- Moscow 1941 (Flex).....Brian Balmages

11:15 A.M.

Narrows High School Concert Band (III)

Karyn Spade, Director

- Armed Forces on Parade.....Michael Sweeney
- Appalachian Air.....Nathan Daughtrey
- Blue Ridge Reel.....Brian Balmages

11:45 A.M

Richlands Middle School Wind Ensemble (III)

D. Bruce Miller, Director

- Macarena.....arr. Michael Story
- Carpathia (Flex).....William Owens
- Circuit Breaker.....Randall Standridge
- Light Cavalry Overture.....Von Suppe/arr. Foster

12:15-1:00 P.M.:LUNCH BREAK

1:15 P.M.

Ridgeview High School Concert Band (III)

Jonathan McCullough, Director

- Bunker Hill March.....Karl King/arr. Swearingen
- Unsinkable Farewell.....J. McInnish
- On the Edge of the Sword.....David Shaffer

2:45 P.M.

Damascus 7th & 8th Grade Band (III)

Ryan Carpenter, Director

- Baywood March.....Robert L. Lee
- Entrance of the Tall Ships.....James Swearingen
- On the Edge of the Sword.....David Shaffer

3:10 P.M.

Northwood High School Concert Band (III)

Erica Coates, Director

- March Bravissimo.....John Edmondson
- Epic Venture.....Tyler S. Grant
- Convergence.....Larry Clark
- Fireball!.....Brian Beck

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

10:00 A.M

Glade Spring Middle School 6th Grade Band (I)

Bob Ballengee, Director

- Quicksilver March.....Gary Fagan
- Conquest.....Brian Balmages
- Appalachian Folk Dance.....Robert W. Smith

10:20 A.M.

Wallace Middle School Symphonic Band (II)

Mark Collins & Josh Turner, Directors

- Big Circus March.....Robert Foster
- The Invincible Warrior.....Donald Shaffer
- As Winds Dance.....Samuel Hazo

Vincent J. Tornello.....Sight-Reading Judge

Vincent Tornello is an accomplished musician, educator, adjudicator, and arranger, currently residing in Charlottesville, Virginia. Vincent holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music, and a Master of Education degree from the University of Virginia.

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. 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 and Maryland State Concert Festivals and numerous other regional concert festivals.

Vincent has been recognized by numerous organizations for his dedication to the fine arts, as well as to the profession of education. Among his commendations are: the Charlottesville Public Schools Distinguished Teacher Award; Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers; VMEA Music Educator of the Year Award; Shenandoah Conservatory of Music Alumnus of Excellence Award; VBODA Honor Band Director Hall of Fame; VBODA Hall of Fame; Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame; the Marquis Who’s Who Lifetime Achievement Award: and the National Sousa Foundation “Legion of Honor”.

In addition to adjudicating and guest conducting, he has been a published arranger with Woodson Publications and currently serves as adjunct saxophone instructor for the University of Virginia Wind Ensemble.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

10:00 A.M.

John Battle High School Wind Symphony (V)

Mark Collins & Josh Turner, Directors

- March of the Belgian Paratroopers.....Pierre Leemans
- Imaginarium.....Randall Standridge
- To Dance in the Secret Garden.....Robert W. Smith

10:30 A.M.

Abingdon High School Concert Band (IV)

Will Shell, Director

- Trombone King.....Karl L. King/arr. Paynter
- Rise of the Firebird.....Steven Reineke
- Chanteys.....Robert Sheldon

11:00 A.M.

Virginia High School Concert Band (IV)

Brandon Guffey, Director

- Shadow Cover March.....Randall Standridge
- Southern Hymn.....Samuel Hazo
- Festivo.....Vaclav Nelhybel

11:30 A.M.

Pulaski County High School Wind Ensemble (IV)

Kevin Faller, Director

- Marches Des Parachutistes Belges.....P. Leeman/arr. Wile
- Prairie Dances.....David Holsinger
- Into the Storm.....Robert W. Smith

12:00 P.M.

Chilhowie High School Concert Band (IV)

Justin McFarland, Director

- March for First Suite for Military Band.....Holst/Story
- Into the Storm.....Robert W. Smith
- On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss.....David Holsinger
- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.....Bach/arr. Leidzen

12:30-1:15 P.M.: LUNCH BREAK

1:30 P.M.

Damascus Middle School 6th Grade Band (I)

Ryan Carpenter, Director

- Early Bird March.....Mark Williams
- West Wind Overture.....Anne McGinty
- Shockwave.....Larry Clark

1:50 P.M.

Giles High School Symphonic Band (III)

Dawn Secrist, Director

- Alamo March.....Karl King/arr. James Swearingen
- Festival of Flight.....Travis Weller
- Encanto.....Robert W. Smith

2:15 P.M.

Galax High School Concert Band (II/III)

Allison Anders, Director

- Darklands March.....Randall Standridge
- Shadow Warriors.....Chris M. Bernotas
- Cataclysm.....Robert Sheldon

