



VBODA District VII Concert Assessment

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Virginia High School Bristol, VA

Mr. Brandon Guffey, Event Host

Mr. Ben Parks, Co-Host

Mr. Bruce Miller, District Chair

Virginia High School welcomes you to the 2023 VBODA District VII Concert Band Assessment. Brandon Guffey and Ben Parks, along with Virginia High School, are proud to host this event, which includes 23 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:

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

Special Thanks

Brandon Guffey--Event Co-Host/Chair
Ben Parks – Event Co-Host
Vince Tornello--Stage Judge
Uley Daniels--Stage Judge
Taryn Wooten--Stage Judge
Keith Cottrill--Sightreading Judge
Virginia High School
VHS Band Boosters
Jim Hall--Dominion Music
Chris Guffey--Recording

-----**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023**-----

WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND

9:35 AM M. Collins, J. Turner, conductors Grade II

- Courage March.....arr. Larry Clark
- Soaring Valor.....David Samuel
- Blue Sky Horizon.....Randall Standridge

VIRGINIA MIDDLE SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND

10:00 AM B. Parks, conductor Grade II/III

- Salute to Liberty.....James Swearingen
- Metalheads.....Randall Standridge
- Arabian Dances.....Roland Barrett

CHILHOWIE HIGH SCHOOL MIGHTY WARRIOR BAND

10:30 AM J. McFarland, conductor Grade III

- Cluster, Fluster, Bluster March.....David Holsinger
- Afterburn.....Randall Standridge
- Under an Irish Sky.....arr. Larry Neeck
- Encanto.....Robert W Smith

MARION SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BAND

11:00 AM A. Holmes, conductor Grade III

- Alamo.....King, arr. J Swearingen
- Pegasus (Wings of Majesty).....Michael Sweeney
- Legend of Crystal Lake.....David Shaffer

RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND

11:30 PM C. Dyer, conductor Grade III

- Conquista.....David Shaffer
- Lullaby to the Moon.....Brian Balmages
- Knights of Destiny.....Michael Sweeney

DAMASCUS MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

12:00 PM B. Ballengee, conductor Grade III/IV

- Battle Creek March.....Mark Williams
- Mid-American Sketches.....Ryan Nowlin

- Groovee!!.....Richard Saucedo

-----LUNCH BREAK (12:30-1:15)-----

VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND

1:30 PM B. Guffey, conductor Grade IV

- The White Rose.....John Phillip Sousa
- Land of Enchantment.....Carol Brittin Chambers
- Kinetic Dances.....Randall Standridge

GILES HIGH SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND

1:50 PM D. Sechrist, conductor Grade IV

- The Red Cape.....James Meredith
- Lorva Horovel.....A. Reed, arr. Romeyn
- Breaking Through.....Brian Balamages

ABINGDON HIGH SCHOOL

2:15 PM W. Shell, conductor Grade IV

- Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.....John Phillip Sousa
- In the Bleak Midwinter.....Holst, arr. by RW Smith
- Anthem for Winds and Percussion.....Robert W Smith

PATRICK HENRY HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE

2:45 PM P. Marcum, conductor Grade V

- Grays Harbor March.....Steve Hodges
- On the Banks.....Matt Conaway
- Otter Point Holiday.....Robert Sheldon

JOHN BATTLE HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE

3:10 M. Collins, J. Turner, conductors Grade V

- First Responders March.....Anthony Susi
- Life Eternal.....Rossano Galante
- Columbia.....Randall Standridge

-----**THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023**-----

EB STANLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCED BAND

9:35 AM J. Hughes, B. Campbell, conductors Grade II

- Hillside March.....Randall Standridge
- Joyous Venture.....Bruce W. Tippet
- Brace for Impact.....Christina Huss

GLADE SPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

10:00 AM B. Ballengee, conductor Grade II

- Marching Marines.....arr. John O'Reilly
- Colliding Visions.....Brian Balmages
- Final Impact.....Roland Barrett

GALAX HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND

10:45 N. Meredith, conductor Grade III

- Castlewood March.....Ralph & Jack Hale
- Silhouette of a Dream.....Richard Saucedo
- Impact.....Sean O'Loughlin

RIDGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND

11:15 AM J. McCullough, conductor Grade III/IV

- Darklands March.....Randall Standridge
- On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss.....David Holsinger
- An Irish Legend.....Ed Kiefer

-----**LUNCH BREAK**-----

PULASKI COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE

11:45 AM K. Faller, conductor Grade IV

- The Fairest of the Fair.....John Philip Sousa
- Ouachita.....Julie Giroux
- Chorale and Shaker Dance II.....John Zdechlik

GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND

1:10 PM

D. Wilner, conductor

Grade IV

- Darklands March.....Randall Standridge
- Among the Clouds.....Brian Balmages
- Incantations.....Robert W. Smith

HOLSTON HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND

1:40 PM

R. Carpenter, conductor

Grade IV

- Prestissimo.....King, arr. Swearingen
- For the Fallen.....David Shaffer
- Flight of Valor.....James Swearingen

RICHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL Wind Ensemble

2:15 PM

B. Miller, conductor

Grade V

- Future of Tomorrow.....Benjamin Yeo
- Otter Point Holiday.....Robert Sheldon
- Life Eternal.....Rossano Galante
- Trek!.....Herb Bassett

Vince Tornello - Stage 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

Uley Daniels - Stage Judge

Uley Daniels is a graduate of Grundy Senior High School and attended East Tennessee State University where he earned a Bachelor of Music Education Degree in 1981. Mr. Daniels taught band and chorus at Garden High School for five years before moving to teach instrumental music at Holston High School for thirty years.

The school band programs under his direction have received excellent and superior ratings at Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina Festivals, as well as being awarded thirteen Virginia Honor Band awards. His groups have marched in the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade, Disney's Magical Music Days Parade, and in Sea World.

He has judged both Marching Band and Concert Band Festivals throughout the state and served as a guest clinician in Virginia and Tennessee. He has been recognized as teacher of the year by the High School and the Washington County School Board. He was selected as the Virginia Music Educator of the Year in 2015. Mr. Daniels performs with The Stateline Wind Symphony.

Uley Daniels lives in Abingdon, Virginia with his wife Elaine.

Taryn Wooten - Stage Judge

Taryn Wooten is the Director of Bands at Watauga High School in Boone, NC, where she instructs the WHS Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band. In addition, she also teaches a percussion class, AP Music Theory, and co-teaches the WHS Pioneer Symphony. She is also a co-director of the Appalachian Community Orchestra, at Appalachian State University's Community Music School.

Wooten graduated Magna cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Instrumental Music Education from the Mariam Cannon Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State University, where she studied percussion with Dr. Shawn Roberts, Dr. Robert Falvo, and Mr. Rick Dilling, studied horn with Dr. Karen Robertson, and studied conducting with Dr. John Ross and Dr. Scott Tobias. In addition to teaching at Watauga High School, she is also a counselor for Cannon Music Camp, a three-week music-filled summer music retreat hosted on the campus of ASU. Prior to returning to Boone, Wooten taught 6-12 band for eight years in Grayson County, VA. She plays horn with the Watauga Community Band and with her brass quintet, the Blue Ridge Brass.

In her free time, Wooten enjoys discovering new vegan recipes, kayaking, and hanging out with her cats, Idgie and Ruth.

Keith Cottrill - Sightreading Judge

Keith Cottrill is currently the Assistant Director of Bands and Professor of Music for Emory and Henry College in Emory, Virginia. Keith is in his 25th year of teaching. At Emory and Henry, he directs the Marching Band, Basketball Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Brass Ensemble, Low Brass Ensemble, and Woodwind Ensemble. He also teaches Conducting, Instrumental Methods, Brass Methods, Theory 1, Intro to Music Education, Elementary Methods, Applied Tuba and Euphonium, and plays tuba in the Emory and Henry Faculty Brass Quintet. Prior to coming to Emory and Henry College, he was the Director of Bands at Bethel University in McKenzie, TN from 2014-2021 where he directed the Renaissance Regiment, Wind Ensemble, Men and Women's Basketball Pep Band and Pit Orchestra. He also taught Conducting, Brass Methods, Marching Band Techniques, Intro to Music Theory, Instrumental Methods, and Applied Tuba and Euphonium. Before pursuing a teaching career at the collegiate level, Keith was the Director of Bands at James River High School in Midlothian, VA from 2008-2014 and the Director of Bands at Madison County High School in Madison, VA from 1998-2008. Under his direction, the James River High School and Madison County High School Band programs earned high honors in both marching and concert competitions. While in Madison County, his ensembles received the distinction of being a Virginia Honor Band in 2004, 2006, and 2007. Keith continued his success at James River High School leading them to earn Virginia Honor Band for the 20th year in a row. Prior to teaching in Madison County, Keith taught band at the Highland School in Warrenton, VA.

Keith graduated from Shenandoah University and Conservatory of Music with a Bachelors of Music in Music Education in 1997 and a Masters in Music Education in 2013. Keith has served as the VBODA District 13 Instrumental Representative and the VBODA District 13 Chair for 4 years. He also served as the Treasurer for the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association from 2008-2014. He has been actively participating in NAFME, CBDNA, WTSBOA, VMEA, and VBODA since starting his teaching career. Keith serves as the faculty advisor for the Emory and Henry College chapter of CNAFME, has served as the faculty advisor for Bethel University's chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, and is a founding member of the Kappa Kappa Psi music fraternity at Shenandoah University. He is also a member of Phi Beta Mu Band Director's fraternity. In addition to teaching, Keith is also a sought-after adjudicator and clinician for both marching and concert festivals in both Tennessee and Virginia.

Keith is happily married to his wife Andrea and they have two daughters Claire and Grace.