

**The North Jersey School Music Association  
proudly presents the**

***North Jersey School  
Music Association  
Twenty-Fifth Annual  
High School  
Concert Band Festival***

**March 18, 2025**

***West Essex Regional High School - 9:00 am & 6:00 pm***

**March 19, 2025**

***Parsippany Hills High School - 9:00 am***

***Hanover Park Regional High School - 6:00 pm***

**March 20, 2025**

***Mount Olive Middle School - 9:00 am***

***Tuesday, March 18, 2025 - 9:00 am***  
***West Essex Regional High School***

**West Essex High School Concert Band** - Elise McAloon, director

A Song for Friends.....Larry Daehn  
Daehn Publications  
Toccata and Chorale.....James Curnow  
MusicWorks

**Wayne Hills High School Symphonic Band** - Matthew J. Paterno & Annie Pascale, directors

From the Delta.....William Grant Still  
II. Spiritual  
William Grant Still Music  
Bayou Breakdown.....Brant Karrick  
Alfred

**Mahwah High School Symphonic Band** - Jeffrey Bittner, director

A Longford Legend.....Robert Sheldon  
I. A Longford Legend  
II. Young Molly Bawn  
III. Killyburn Brae  
Alfred  
Spirited Away.....J. Hisaishi & Y. Kimura, arr. Kazuhiro Morita  
Bravo

**West Orange High School Ninth Grade Band** - Joshua Zimmer, director

Sentimentale.....Satoshi Yagisawa  
Brain Music  
Joy.....Frank Ticheli  
Manhattan Beach

**Irvington High School Wind Ensemble** - Joseph Faust & Matthew Peterson, directors

Tripwire.....JaRod Hall  
FJH  
Moscow, 1941.....Brian Balmages  
FJH

**West Orange High School Concert Band** - Erin Lagatic, director

On a Starry Night.....Jason A. Spraggins  
Alfred  
Tripwire.....JaRod Hall  
FJH

**Wayne Valley High School Symphonic Band** - Christopher R. Rusca & Mackenzie Miller, directors

Ye Banks and Braes O'Bonnie Doon.....Percy Aldridge Grainger

Hal Leonard

Urban Dances.....Erik Morales

FJH

**Bloomfield High School Wind Ensemble** - Natalie Kerr, director

Third Suite.....Robert Jager

I. March

II. Waltz

III. Rondo

Alfred

Mountain Thyme.....Samuel Hazo

Hal Leonard

**West Orange High School Symphonic Winds** - Erin Lagatic, director

Hymn to Yerevan.....Alan Hovhaness

C. F. Peters

Incandescence.....Adrian B. Sims

Adrian B. Sims Music

**Pascack Hills Regional High School Concert Band** - Ryan Dore, director

The Clapping Song.....Randall Standridge

Randall Standridge Music

Into the Raging River.....Steven Reineke

Barnhouse

**West Essex High School Symphonic Winds** - Elise McAloon, director

(Un)Veiling.....Tyler S. Grant

MusicWorks

Symphonic Dance No. 3 "Fiesta" .....Clifton Williams

Sam Fox

***Tuesday, March 18, 2025 - 6:00 pm***  
***West Essex Regional High School***

**West Milford High School Symphonic Band** - Anthony Paterno, director

A Little Dream.....Joe Marta  
*self published*  
Cajun Folk Songs.....Frank Ticheli  
    I.    La Belle et le Capitaine  
    II.   Belle  
    Manhattan Beach

**Livingston High School Wind Symphony** - Michael Jedwabnik, director

Persistence.....Richard Saucedo  
    Hal Leonard  
Chester Overture.....William Schuman  
    Theodore Presser

**Hackettstown High School Wind Ensemble** - Adam Freeman, director

AYO.....Katahj Copley  
    Murphy Music Press  
Animation (Episode 1: WABBIT!).....Randall Standridge  
    Randall Standridge Music

**West Milford High School Wind Ensemble** - Matthew Gramata, director

Sky is Waiting.....Samuel Hazo  
    Hal Leonard  
Vesuvius.....Frank Ticheli  
    Manhattan Beach

**North Bergen High School Wind Ensemble** - Michael Connor, director

Glorious Revolution.....Robert Sheldon  
    Alfred  
A Mother of a Revolution!.....Omar Thomas  
    Omar Thomas Music

**Clifton High School Wind Ensemble** - Bryan Stepneski, director

Chester.....William Schuman  
    Merion Music  
Mouvement Frénétique.....Jonathan Dagenais  
    Alfred

***Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - 9:00 am***  
***Parsippany Hills High School***

**Parsippany Hills High School Concert Band** - Michelle Christainson, director

Blue and Green Music.....Samuel R. Hazo  
MusicWorks  
Scenes from Citizen 13660.....Yukiko Nishimura  
    I. Internment  
    II. New Life in Camp  
    III. Sorrows, Joys and Hope  
Excelcia

**Ramsey High School Concert Band** - Andre Baruch, director

A Little Tango Music.....Adam Gorb  
G & M Brand Publications  
Rocketship!.....Kevin Day  
Murphy Music Press LLC

**Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan Symphonic Band** - Amy Wilcox, director

Ancient Flower.....Yukiko Nishimura  
Carl Fischer  
Lightning Field.....John Mackey  
Osti Music

**Ramsey High School Wind Ensemble** - Josh Jenkins, director

Iridessi.....Katahj Copley  
Murphy Music Press  
Shadow Rituals.....Michael Markowski  
Manhattan Beach

**Northern Highlands Regional High School Wind Ensemble** - Taylor Rehe, director

Perthshire Majesty.....Samuel R. Hazo  
Boosey & Hawkes  
Fate of the Gods.....Steven Reineke  
Barnhouse

**Nutley High School Concert Band** - Vincent Vicchiariello, director

Down A Country Lane.....Aaron Copland trans. Merlin Patterson  
Boosey & Hawkes  
Covington Square.....James Swearingen  
Barnhouse

**North Arlington High School Concert Band** - Tyler Fedorenko, director

Alamo March.....Karl L King, arr. James Swearingen  
Barnhouse  
Shenandoah.....arr. Scott Stanton  
Barnhouse

**Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan Wind Ensemble** - Amy Wilcox, director

Wilderness.....Cait Nishimura  
Murphy Music Press  
Give Us This Day.....David Maslanka  
I. Moderately slow  
II. Very fast  
Carl Fischer

**Nutley High School Wind Ensemble** - Vincent Vicchiariello, director

On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss.....David R. Holsinger  
TRN  
Ride.....Samuel R. Hazo  
Boosey & Hawkes

**Mountain Lakes High School Wind Ensemble** - Ryan Price, director

A Walk in the Morning Sun.....Pierre La Plante  
Daehn Publications  
Mills on the Merrimack.....Robert Sheldon  
Alfred

**Parsippany Hills High School Wind Ensemble** - Michael Iapicca, director

Smiling After the Rain.....Yukiko Nishimura  
Excelcia  
To Create A Voice.....Carol Brittin Chambers  
Carl Fischer

***Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - 6:00 pm***  
***Hanover Park Regional High School***

**Whippany Park Regional High School Wind Ensemble - Carl Sabatino, director**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....Jay Dawson  
Arrangers' Publishing Company  
Where The River Flows.....James Swearingen  
Birch Island Music Press

**Columbia High School Symphonic Band - Peter F. Bauer, director**

Circles.....Brian Balmages  
MakeMusic Publications  
Prairie Songs.....Pierre LaPlante  
Daehn Publications

**Cicely Tyson High School of Performing and Fine Arts Symphonic Band - Dr. Oscar Petty Jr., director**

Second Suite in F for Military Band.....Gustav Holst  
I. "March: Morris dance, Swansea Town, Claudy Banks"  
Boosey & Hawkes  
First Suite in E flat for Military Band.....Gustav Holst  
I. Chaconne  
Boosey & Hawkes

**West Orange High School Wind Ensemble - Lewis C. Kelly, director**

Sheltering Sky.....John Mackey  
Osti Music  
Council Oak.....David R. Gillingham  
C. Alan Publications

**Columbia High School Honors Wind Ensemble - Peter F. Bauer, director**

Variations on a Korean Folk Song.....John Barnes Chance  
Boosey & Hawkes  
Symphonic Dance No. 1.....Carol Brittin Chambers  
Excelcia Music Publishing, LLC

**Hanover Park High School Symphonic Band - David Finkelstein & Adam Rack, directors**

Jungle Dance.....Brian Balmages  
FJH  
First We Dream.....Erik Morales  
FJH

***Thursday, March 20, 2025 - 9:00 am***  
***Mount Olive Middle School***

**Mount Olive High School Symphonic Band** - Daniel Pasquale, director

Blue and Green Music.....Samuel R. Hazo  
Hal Leonard  
Dance of the Shadows.....Adrian B. Sims  
Adrian B. Sims Music

**Morristown High School Symphonic Band** - David Gallagher, director

Cumberland Cross.....Carl Strommen  
Alfred  
Tangents Angular.....Roland Barrett  
Alfred

**Pascack Valley Regional High School Symphonic Band** - Craig Yaremko, director

Redemption.....Rossano Galante  
Alfred  
A Mother of a Revolution!.....Omar Thomas  
Omar Thomas Music

**West Morris Mendham Regional High School Wind Ensemble** - Mick Gibbons, director

A Mother of a Revolution!.....Omar Thomas  
Omar Thomas Music  
Cajun Folk Songs.....Frank Ticheli  
I. La Belle et le Capitaine  
II. Belle  
Manhattan Beach

**Morristown High School Wind Ensemble** - David Gallagher, director

Twilight In The Wilderness.....Christopher Tucker  
Southern  
Vesuvius.....Frank Ticheli  
Manhattan Beach

**Vernon Township High School Wind Ensemble** - Max Taylor, director

Redemption.....Rossano Galante  
Alfred  
An Irish Rhapsody.....Clare Grundman  
Boosey & Hawkes

**Kinnelon High School Wind Ensemble - Ryan Stroud, director**

Open Space.....Brian Balmages  
FJH  
Danse Bohemien.....Randall Standridge  
Randall Standridge Music

**West Morris Central Regional High School Wind Ensemble - Kyle Gelatka, director**

Amparito Roca.....Jamie Texidor, arr. Aubrey Winter  
Boosey & Hawkes  
Make Our Garden Grow.....Leonard Bernstein, arr. Joseph Kreines  
Boosey & Hawkes

**Mount Olive High School Wind Ensemble Honors - Darrell Hendricks, director**

O Magnum Mysterium.....Morten Lauridsen, Trans. H. Robert Reynolds  
Peermusic  
Mt. Everest.....Rossano Galante  
Alfred

**Randolph High School Symphonic Band - Michael Lichtenfeld, director**

Encanto.....Robert W. Smith  
Hal Leonard  
Dublin Dances.....Jan Van der Roost  
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**Randolph High School Wind Ensemble - Nick Fantazzi, director**

To Gently Serenade.....Richard Saucedo  
Hal Leonard  
Second Suite in F for Military Band.....Gustav Holst  
I. March: Morris Dance, Swansea Town, Claudy Banks  
II. Song Without Words, 'I'll Love My Love'  
III. Song of the Blacksmith  
IV. Fantasia on the Dargason  
Boosey & Hawkes

# How the Festival is Adjudicated:

*The adjudicator's for tonight's festival rate the bands using the North Jersey School Music Association (NJSMA) High School Concert Band Festival Performance Assessment Rubric:*

Interpretation – 30 points

Tone/Intonation – 20 points

Ensemble Technique – 20 points

Balance – 20 points

Literature – 10 points

TOTAL POINTS – 100

88 – 100 = Gold Rating

72 – 87 = Silver Rating

50 – 71 = Bronze Rating

05 – 49 = Participation Award

*After each band's performance they will receive a clinic with one of our festival clinicians. At the end of each festival, awards will be given for:*

- Outstanding Woodwind Section
- Outstanding Brass Section
- Outstanding Percussion Section
- Outstanding Musicianship Award(s) (for any soloists or other deserving musicians)

*After the completion of the four festival's, the top four scoring ensembles will be invited to perform at the New Jersey State Concert Band Gala Concert at The College of New Jersey on Sunday, April 27, 2025. This concert will feature top four scoring ensembles from our region (Region I), central New Jersey (Region II) and southern New Jersey (Region III).*

## ***Our Adjudicators***

**Dr. Adam J. Gumble** is the Director of Athletic Bands at West Chester University. Dr. Gumble's primary responsibilities include directing the 324-member "INCOMPARABLE" Golden Rams Marching Band, "Sixth Man" Basketball Band, and WCU Concert Band. Since his arrival at West Chester University, the WCU Marching Band has performed in featured exhibition at the Bands of America Grand National Championships, was named the 2019 recipient of the prestigious Sudler Trophy (the "Heisman Trophy" for collegiate marching bands), performed halftime shows at multiple NFL playoff and regular season football games, and hosted Championship events for both USBands and the Cavalcade of Bands Association.

Prior to his appointment at West Chester University, Dr. Gumble taught for 13 years in the Pennsylvania public schools as the Director of Bands at Hempfield High School and Associate Director of Bands at Quakertown Community High School. Throughout his career, ensembles under Dr. Gumble's direction consistently earned top ratings, awards, and critical acclaim at festivals and assessments across the region and was invited to perform at the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association (PMEA) All-State Conference in 2009 and 2013. Dr. Gumble is an active guest conductor, clinician, producer, adjudicator, and conference presenter across the Northeastern United States. He has served as the Band Content Representative on the PMEA State Professional Development Council and has contributed original articles for PMEA Magazine. Dr. Gumble has been a quarterfinalist for the GRAMMY Foundation's Music Educator Award and has been nominated for "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" as well as multiple "Teacher Impact Awards" through Central Pennsylvania's NBC affiliate, WGAL.

Dr. Gumble graduated from West Chester University with a Bachelor of Music Education Degree in 2005, a Master of Music Education Degree from Boston University in 2007, a Master of Music Degree in Wind Conducting from West Chester University in 2016, and a Doctor of Education Degree from West Chester University in 2022.

Dr. Gumble is a member of the College Band Directors National Association, National Association for Music Education, the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, the Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters' Fraternity, Pi Kappa Lambda, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Tau Beta Sigma.

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**Dr. Daniel Neuenschwander** is currently Director of Bands at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA. As the Director of Bands at Kutztown, he is responsible for leading the Kutztown University Marching Unit (KUMU), Wind Ensemble, and the Spring Symphonic Band. Additionally, Mr. Neuenschwander teaches Applied Trombone Lessons, Instrumental Music Methods, Trombone Choir, and coaching Brass Chamber Ensembles.

Prior to teaching at KU, Dr. Neuenschwander served as a Visiting Lecturer in Music with the University of Illinois Bands, where he served as Assistant to the Director of Bands under James F. Keene, as well as Assistant Director of the Marching Illini. Prior to his time in Illinois, he served as the band director at Canfield High School in Canfield, OH. While in Canfield, he was responsible for two concert bands, two jazz ensembles, marching band, teaching music theory, music history, and assisting with the bands at Canfield Village Middle School. During his tenure at Canfield High School, the CHS Symphonic Band was invited to perform at several music conferences, including as featured performer for the 2001 Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) State Conference in Columbus, OH. As a member of OMEA, he served as Chair of the District V Honors Project and President-Elect of OMEA State District V.

Dr. Neuenschwander earned a B.S. in Instrumental Music Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, his M.M. in Trombone Performance at the University of Akron, and recently earned his Ed. D. in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has studied trombone with Elliot Chasanov, Edward Zadrozny, William Richardson, James Wheat, and bass trombone with Kiel Lauer. As a performer, he is a member of the trombone section in the famed Allentown Band, America's Oldest Civilian Concert Band. Additionally, he has been a member of the Richmond (IN) Symphony, the West Virginia (Charleston) Symphony, The University of Illinois Wind Symphony, The Concert Band of Central Illinois, as well as having played with regional orchestras in Northeast Ohio and Northeast Pennsylvania.

He has studied conducting with James F. Keene, Robert Jorgensen, James Smith, and Stephen Gage. Furthermore, Dan has served as an adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Maryland, and Missouri.

## ***Our Adjudicators***

**Dr. Dominick Ferrara** currently serves as professor of music education, director of the Day Sessions Young Performers Summer Program, and conductor of the Symphonic Winds at Berklee College of Music. His teaching responsibilities at Berklee include classes in undergraduate instrumental music education, conducting and score analysis, and a graduate course in leadership and administration in music education. For his work at the college, Ferrara was awarded both the Professional Education Division's Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence in 2008 and for Global Presence and Engagement in 2020.

Prior to arriving at Berklee in 2006, Ferrara taught for 16 years in the New Jersey public schools, where he was awarded a Governor's Teacher Recognition Award by the State of New Jersey Department of Education in 2000 and was named as a finalist for the Princeton University Prize for Distinguished Secondary School Teaching in 2005. He is a life member of the National Eagle Scout Association and an active member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

He holds a professional certificate in management from the University of Notre Dame, a B.A. in music education, summa cum laude, from Montclair State University, and both an M.A.T. in music and a D.M.A. in music education from Rutgers University.

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A dedicated and passionate conductor, educator, and arts leader, **Eric Laprade** serves as Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands at The College of New Jersey, where he conducts the wind ensemble and concert band, and teaches courses in conducting, rehearsal techniques, and instrumental literature. He also serves as Managing Director & Artistic Partner, and Festival Wind Ensemble conductor of South Shore Conservatory's Summer Music Festival (Hingham, MA). Previously, he served as the Visiting Director of Wind Ensembles at The University of Utah, Managing Editor of the Paul R. Judy Center for Innovation and Research at the Eastman School of Music, and as Music Department Chairperson and Instrumental Music Teacher for the Randolph, MA Public Schools.

Laprade has conducted many of the nation's premier wind bands, including The Eastman Wind Ensemble, The United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own," University of Michigan Symphony Band, and Manhattan School of Music Wind Ensemble. Recent professional conducting engagements include performances of Camille Saint-Saëns Carnival of the Animals, Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring and Igor Stravinsky's L'Histoire du soldat as part of the Duxbury Music Festival and South Shore Conservatory's Evenings Under the Stars series. An ardent supporter of new music, he has conducted world-premieres by such notable composers as Steve Danyew, Rollo Dilworth, Sally Lamb McCune, Nkeiru Okoye, and others. At TCNJ, ensembles under his direction have received national recognition, having been named winners of the 2023 American Prize Ernst Bacon Memorial Award, and invited performances at The College Band Directors National Association Eastern Division Conference and New Jersey Music Educators Association All-State Conference. A recipient of the Walter Hagen Conducting Prize, as a doctoral student at the Eastman School of Music Laprade served as assistant conductor of the Eastman Wind Ensemble and Eastman Harmonie, and associate conductor of the Eastman Wind Orchestra. He served as assistant conductor on international tours to Europe and Canada and was a guest conductor for OSSIA New Music, the Rochester Music Hall of Fame, and Sunset Concerts.

Laprade holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in conducting and Catherine Filene Shouse Arts Leadership Certificate from the Eastman School of Music, a Master of Music in wind conducting from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelor of Music in music education and tuba performance from the Eastman School of Music, where he was the recipient of the school's prestigious Performer's Certificate. His principal conducting teachers include Mark Davis Scatterday, Michael Haithcock, and Malcolm W. Rowell, Jr. He is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and holds honorary memberships in Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. Laprade is a member of the College Band Directors National Association, National Band Association, and National Association for Music Education. (December, 2023)

## ***Special Thanks and Acknowledgements***

### **Festival Hosts:**

Elise McAloon - West Essex Regional High School

David Finklestein & Adam Rack - Hanover Park Regional High School

Michelle Christianson & Michael Iapicca - Parsippany Hills High School

Darrel Henricks & Melany McQueeney - Mount Olive Middle School

### **NJSMA Concert Band Festival Co-Chairs:**

Michael Iapicca - Parsippany Hills High School

Lewis C. Kelly - West Orange High School

John J. Maiello - retired

### **NJSMA Band Division Co-Chairs:**

Michelle Christianson - Parsippany Hills High School

Amy Wilcox - Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan

Chris Zwarych - Hackettstown Middle School

*A very special thank you goes out to the administration and custodial staff at each of our host schools. In addition, the success of this festival is only possible with the help of each school's Music/Band Parent Associations - many thanks!*