

# Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors' Association



## District IV Concert Band Performance Assessment

March 3, 4, 5, 2011

**Great Bridge High School**  
Chesapeake, Virginia

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(Sightreading)

## OBJECTIVE

Festivals provide the incentive for the development of musical understanding, skills, and taste through performances that are aimed at exhibiting each group at its most mature level. Festivals afford both students and directors with an opportunity to hear performances by other groups of their peers; they stimulate constant growth, and provide constructive criticisms from objective adjudicators.

## RATING SYSTEM

A five rating plan will be used in adjudicating all bands:

**Rating I – Superior** A superior interpretation and performance, technically and musically, of all three selections. The performance demonstrates that the group is able to meet all of the technical demands of the music with precision and no aural evidence of strain: the musicality of the performance demonstrates an acute awareness of the composer's intent and desire. It is, to all appearances, free of technical errors and shows much attention to the music's expressive features.

**Rating II – Excellent** An excellent interpretation and performance of all three selections, or a superior performance of one selection and excellent of two. Technical demands are met with precision and the musical requirements are met with integrity in meeting the composer's intent, desires, and instructions. It is an authentic reading, marred by noticeable technical errors and intonation defects. The ensemble shows the results of sound fundamental training, but the performance lacks the polish and finesse necessary to qualify for a rating of superior.

**Rating III – Good** A good interpretation and performance of all three selections, technically and musically, or a combination of performances of the three selections which would justify an overall rating of "Good". The group is unable to execute all of the technical demands of the music with precision and accuracy and does not demonstrate an awareness of the musical demands required for an outstanding performance. The group may lack instrumentation essential to an authentic reading of the music, or it may lack consistency in strength in all of its sections. The general quality of the performance represents good preparation, attention to detail, and good musicianship; but the performance is marred by a large number of technical errors, obvious problems with intonation, rhythmic inaccuracies, and a lack of dynamic contrast.

**Rating IV – Fair** A performance which approximates the technical and musical requirements of the music but is seriously lacking in its rendition. The performance is consistently weak and filled with technical errors and intonation problems. The group has obvious weaknesses in the basic fundamentals of embouchure, tone production, rhythms, and articulations, and is not prepared to meet the technical or musical demands of the music.

**Rating V – Poor** A performance which is unacceptable technically or musically. It demonstrates a lack of technical proficiency and musical understanding. Careless and bad playing habits are prevalent, evidencing poor preparation and training. The group should be encouraged to concentrate on fundamentals and perform less difficult music.

## Thursday, March 3

<b>4:30 PM</b> Grade IV	<b>Great Bridge High School Symphonic Band</b> Call to Victory Dreams and Fancies Tangents Angular Sight-read	<b>Rob Carroll</b> King / Swearingen Broege Barrett
<b>5:00 PM</b> Grade II	<b>Greenbrier Christian Academy Middle School Band</b> Royal March A Hymn Trilogy Evening at the Symphony Sight-read	<b>Terese Raper</b> Kinyon Edmondson Feldstein & O'Reilly
<b>5:20 PM</b> Grade II	<b>Deep Creek Middle School Concert Band</b> Lexington March Sea Song Trilogy The Forge of Vulcan Sight-read	<b>Lynn Hunt</b> Edmondson arr. McGinty Sweeney
<b>5:40 PM</b> Grade II	<b>Crestwood Middle School Concert Band</b> The Challenger King Arthur's Processional Sea Song Trilogy Sight-read	<b>Chris Dunn</b> Kinyon Purcell / Taylor arr. McGinty
<b>6:00 PM</b> Grade II	<b>Hugo Owens Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band</b> Forward March Glorioso Aztalan Sight-read	<b>Matthew Phillips</b> Murtha R.W. Smith Sweeney
<b>6:30 PM</b> Grade III	<b>Great Bridge Middle School Symphonic Band</b> Honor Roll March Renaissance Dances Our Kingsland Spring Sight-read	<b>M. Oare &amp; M. Gerhardt</b> M. Williams Susato / Williams Hazo
<b>6:50 PM</b>	<b>JUDGES' BREAK</b>	
<b>8:00 PM</b> Grade II	<b>John F. Kennedy Middle School Concert Band</b> Advance March Legend of Ft. Apache Crystal City Overture Sight-read	<b>Charles Hunter</b> Composer not submitted J. Williams Edmondson
<b>8:20 PM</b> Grade II	<b>Hickory Middle School Concert Band</b> Forward March Ancient Airs and Fanfares Rock Island Trail Sight-read	<b>K.J. Stafford &amp; J. Chenault</b> Murtha Foster Sheldon
<b>8:40 PM</b> Grade IV	<b>Hickory High School Concert Band</b> The Crown of Castille Overture in Bb Elements Sight-read	<b>David Enloe</b> Vinson Giovannini Balmages

## Friday, March 4

<b>4:30 PM</b> Grade IV	<b>Great Bridge High School Ninth Grade Band</b> Days of Glory Voices of the Sky Insignia Sight-read	<b>Rob Carroll</b> Cacavas Hazo O'Laughlin
<b>5:00 PM</b> Grade II	<b>Oscar Smith Middle School Concert Band</b> Omega March Imperium Morpheus Sight-read	<b>Laura Paquette</b> Edmondson Sweeney R.W. Smith
<b>5:20 PM</b> Grade II	<b>Jolliff Middle School Jaguar Band</b> Guardians of Liberty Cassini's Rings Colliding Visions Sight-read	<b>Amanda Rossetini</b> Murtha Oare Balmages
<b>5:40 PM</b> Grade II	<b>Indian River Middle School Brave Band</b> Forward March The Tempest Asian Folk Rhapsody Sight-read	<b>Glendon Parke</b> Murtha R.W. Smith Saucedo
<b>6:00 PM</b> Grade III	<b>Western Branch Middle School Band</b> Genius Rain Black Forest Overture Sight-read	<b>Michael Carson</b> Bennett / Clark Balmages Sweeney
<b>6:20 PM</b> Grade III	<b>Greenbrier Middle School Concert Band</b> Advance March Contraption Irish Air and Dance Sight-read	<b>Stephanie McRae</b> Bennett / Clark McBrien arr. Story
<b>6:50 PM</b> Grade III	<b>Hickory Middle School Symphonic Band</b> The Big Circus March Pevensey Castle Snake Charmer Sight-read	<b>J. Chenault &amp; K.J. Stafford</b> Foster Sheldon Standridge
<b>7:20 PM</b>	<b>JUDGES' BREAK</b>	
<b>8:15 PM</b> Grade III	<b>Grassfield High School Ninth Grade Band</b> Valdres Fate of the Gods Brick Street Encounter Sight-read	<b>Zach Rooksby</b> Hanssen / Curnow Reineke Saucedo
<b>8:45 PM</b> Grade V	<b>Hickory High School Symphonic Band</b> Mister Joe Toccata for Band Undertow Sight-read	<b>Crystal Cox</b> Bennett / Clark Erickson Mackey

<b>9:15 PM</b> Grade V	<b>Oscar Smith High School Symphonic Band</b> Brighton Beach Zampa Overture The Ascension Sight-read	<b>Jack Elgin</b> Latham Herold / Singleton R.W. Smith
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## **Saturday, March 5**

<b>9:30 AM</b> Grade IV	<b>Grassfield High School Concert Band</b> The Billboard March A Chesapeake Bay Adventure Mystery on Mena Mountain Sight-read	<b>Zach Rooksby</b> Klohr / Balent Gassi Giroux / West
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<b>10:00 AM</b> Grade IV	<b>Western Branch High School Concert Band</b> National Emblem Yorkshire Ballad Chorale and Shaker Dance II Sight-read	<b>David Bacon</b> Bagley / Balent Barnes Zdechlick
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<b>10:30 AM</b> Grade IV	<b>Churchland High School Concert Band</b> Prestissimo The Light Eternal Chant Rituals Sight-read	<b>Jeff Warren</b> King / Swearingen Swearingen Del Borgo
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<b>11:00 AM</b> Grade IV	<b>Indian River High School Symphonic Band</b> Big Four Southern Hymn The Spirit of Troy Sight-read	<b>Dan Miner</b> King / Swearingen Hazo Ford
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<b>11:30 AM</b> Grade IV	<b>Lakeland High School Concert Band</b> Spania Be Thou My Vision River of Life Sight-read	<b>Alvin Wilson</b> Shaffer Stamp Reineke
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## **12:00 PM JUDGES' BREAK**

<b>1:00 PM</b> Grade IV	<b>Nansemond River High School Symphonic Band</b> Fairest of the Fair American Riversongs Gathering of the Ranks at Hebron Sight-read	<b>Edward Woodis</b> Sousa LaPlante Holsinger
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<b>1:30 PM</b> Grade IV	<b>Deep Creek High School Concert Band</b> Alamo March Chorus Angelorum Into the Storm Sight-read	<b>Debbie Beck-Hallenbeck</b> arr. Swearingen Hazo R.W. Smith
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<b>2:00 PM</b> Grade IV	<b>King's Fork High School Symphonic Band</b> Lexington March Flourish for Winds Ascentium Sight-read	<b>Jason Taylor</b> Edmondson Fagan Huckeby
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<b>2:30 PM</b> Grade V	<b>Western Branch High School Symphonic Band</b> Newcastle March Toccata for Band Chant and Jubilo Sight-read	<b>David Bacon</b> Vinson Erickson McBeth
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>JUDGES' BREAK</b>	
<b>3:15 PM</b> Grade VI	<b>Great Bridge High School Wind Ensemble</b> The Chimes of Liberty Third Suite Council Oak Sight-read	<b>Rob Carroll</b> Goldman / Schissel Jager Gillingham
<b>4:00 PM</b> Grade VI	<b>Grassfield High School Symphonic Band</b> March from "FolkSong Suite" Hymn of the Highlands, mvmts. I and III Incidental Suite Sight-read	<b>Zach Rooksby</b> Vaughan Willimas Sparke C.T. Smith
<b>4:45 PM</b> Grade VI	<b>Hickory High School Wind Symphony</b> Xersus Chester Tempered Steel Sight-read	<b>David Enloe</b> Mackey Schuman