

Charlotte High School Band

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2008 NATIONAL FESTIVAL RESULTS

Charlotte's High School Bands performed at the SMOKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, on May 2, 2008. Their national festival performance was the focus of a four day concert tour that included the Dixie Stampede Dinner Theatre, a tour of the Smoky Mountain National Park (with a trip to Klingmans's Dome), Dollywood, and a formal band banquet.

Charlotte entered three ensembles. The Symphony Band performed in DIVISION 4A. This is the most advanced concert division and intended for "top bands" from schools with an enrollment of 1,501 students and above. The combined 9th Grade and Concert Band performed in DIVISION 3A. 3A is intended for "top bands" from schools with an enrollment of 1001 – 1500 students. (AA is designed for schools with an enrollment of 501 – 1000 students and A is designed for schools with an enrollment of 100 – 500 students. Charlotte's concert groups entered and performed in classifications more advanced than required.) The Jazz Ensemble entered the Intermediate Jazz Band classification.

SYMPHONY BAND

The Charlotte Symphony Band received a SUPERIOR RATING and earned the FIRST PLACE TROPHY in CONCERT BAND DIVISION 4A. SOLOIST AWARDS were presented to Courtney Crandell, Oboe; Curtis Tate, French Horn; and Jessica Davidson, Flute. OUTSTANDING SECTION AWARDS were presented to the Clarinets, Cornets, Trombones, and Tubas. The Symphony Band performed "Bullets and Bayonets" by Sousa, "Pageant" by Persichetti, and "Pineapple Poll" by Mackerras. The adjudicators for Division 4A were Jerry Junkin, Director of Bands, University of Texas, Austin; Bryce Taylor, Professor, Texas A&M University, Kingsville, Texas; and Frank Wickes, Director of Bands, Louisiana State University.

9th GRADE/CONCERT BAND

The Charlotte 9th Grade/Concert Band received a SUPERIOR RATING and earned the SECOND PLACE TROPHY in CONCERT BAND DIVISION 3A. SOLOIST AWARDS were presented to Rebecca Krol, Clarinet and Nicole Smith, Piccolo. The 9th Grade/Concert Band performed "March of the Belgian Paratroopers" by Leemans, "Fanfare and Evocation" by Moss, and "Corsican Litany" by Nelhybel. The adjudicators for Division 3A were Dr. Gary Sousa, Director of Bands, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Dr. Johnnie Vinson, Director of Bands Emeritus, Auburn University; and Edward S. Lisk, Director of Bands, Oswego Schools, Oswego, New York.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The Charlotte Jazz Ensemble received a SUPERIOR RATING and earned the FIRST PLACE TROPHY in the INTERMEDIATE JAZZ BAND DIVISION. SOLOIST AWARDS were presented to Alycia Mosher, Drum Set; Max Evans, Guitar; Morgan Gonzales, Electric Bass; Peter Watson, Trumpet; Derrick Geething, Trumpet; Alex Bratschi, Trumpet; Margaret Jewell, Alto Saxophone; and Alyssa Gibson, Tenor Saxophone. The OUTSTANDING SECTION AWARD was presented to the saxophones. The Jazz Ensemble performed "It's Only a Paper Moon" by Arlen; "Groovin' High" by Gillespie; "Doxy" by Sonny Rollins; and "The Chicken" by Ellis. The adjudicators for the Jazz Band Competition were Keith Brown, Professor; Rusty Holloway, Professor; and Don Hough, Associate Professor (retired). All of the Jazz Adjudicators were from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Smoky Mountain Music Festival continues its dedication to excellence by offering young musicians an opportunity to demonstrate their talents in a beautiful venue before prestigious adjudicators. Now in its twenty-seventh year, the festival has drawn music ensembles from 29 states and Canada.