

Charlotte Oriole Bands

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2010 National Festival Results

Charlotte's High School Bands performed at the NATIONAL ADJUDICATOR'S INVITATIONAL OF THE DIXIE CLASSIC MUSIC FESTIVAL in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 1, 2010. Their national festival performance was the focus of a four day concert tour that included the Atlanta, Georgia Aquarium, a tour of the World of Coca Cola, Six Flags over Georgia, a visit to CNN National Headquarters, and dinner at the Atlanta Varsity.

Charlotte entered two ensembles. The Symphony Band performed in DIVISION 6. This is the most advanced concert division and intended for "top bands" from large schools. Music choices are indicated as "Very Difficult" and intended for "highly developed performance groups." The Concert Band performed in DIVISION 5. Music choices are indicated as "Difficult" and intended for "advanced performance groups." Charlotte's concert groups entered and performed in classifications more advanced than required.

Both the Symphony Band and Concert Band received the "SUPERIOR" rating, representing the highest graded performance level. The Dixie Classic Festivals describes the "Superior Rating" as a letter grade of "A." In addition they state, "The performance demonstrates that the group is able to meet all technical demands of the music with precision and no aural evidence of strain. The musicality of the performance should demonstrate 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. The director demonstrates and ability to clearly communicate his interpretive requirements to the group, and the performers respond immediately and accurately." In addition to the "Superior" ratings, Charlotte High School Bands received awards for "Outstanding Woodwinds" and "Outstanding Percussion."

The Dixie Classic Music Festival continues its dedication to excellence by offering young musicians an opportunity to demonstrate their talents in some of the nation's finest concert halls before prestigious adjudicators. The Charlotte Bands performed in the beautiful Atlanta Civic Auditorium. The May 1, 2010 performance represents the band's 2nd appearance in Atlanta, and the 5th appearance at the Dixie Classic National Festival.