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CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND EARNS STRAIGHT I'S



The Charlotte Cadet Band I earned straight I's at the MSBOA State Band and Orchestra Festival held at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center on May 1-2, 2015. Twelve schools took part during the weekend and came from as far as Homer, Muskegon, Grand Haven, Flushing, Tecumseh, and Evart.

Cadet Band I performed Children of the Shrine March by James Swearingen, Carpathian Sketches by Robert Jager, and Gadget by Randall Standridge. The adjudicators were Ken Bauman, retired Director of Bands from Spring Arbor College; Dorothy McDonald, retired orchestra director from East Lansing Public Schools; Alan Jacobus, Director of Bands at Cedarville; and Susan Gould, Director of Bands and Orchestra from Greenville.

The ensembles prepared three selections to be performed for three judges in the concert setting. Then each group had five minutes to look over a new piece and then play it to the best of their ability in the sight reading portion of festival. Adjudicators gave verbal and written feedback to each ensemble.

Some of the comments by the adjudicators about Cadet Band I were: "Great Job overall", "Band plays extremely well", "Excellent preparation for today's performance", "Fabulous ensemble", "This kind of program reflects exemplary teaching", and "An outstanding effort today".

The Charlotte Band Boosters and Charlotte HS/MS Band students are to be commended for being such wonderful hosts. Without them volunteering their time during the weekend, the festival would not have been able to succeed.