

**Henderson County Public Schools**

*presents*

**Hendersonville Middle School  
Eighth Grade Band**



**Samuel L. Gudger, Conductor**

**North Carolina Music Educators Conference**

Monday, November 10, 2014 • 12:00pm

M.C. Benton, Jr. Convention Center  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina



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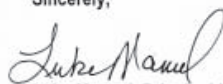
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Dear NC Music Educator Association,

We are truly excited about the opportunity to have our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band perform at the 2014 NC Music Educators Association Conference. We are very proud of our band program here at Hendersonville Middle School. Our band students have set a tradition and precedent for excellence with their continued hard work and consistent effort each day. Their efforts and dedication are truly admirable. Our strong parent support has also played an integral role in providing the necessary resources needed to sustain a quality band program. With our parent and community support, our HMS band program has flourished to become one of the best.

While the commitment and dedication by our student performers and parents is a primary factor in the success of our band program, we owe a lot to our band director Buddy Gudger. Mr. Gudger is a leader on our staff and provides a consistent vision for our band program year after year. I am very proud of our band program and their outstanding achievements. Again, thank you for the honor to perform at the NC Music Educators Association Conference. I know that you will be pleased with our performance.

Sincerely,

  
Luke Manuel, Principal HMS

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As Superintendent of the Henderson County Public Schools, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2014 North Carolina Music Educators Association Annual Conference. It is clear that the Arts have a very positive impact on our students and we are very appreciative of the dedicated music educators who inspire our students every day.

Our parents and community are very proud of the many accomplishments of the band programs at each of our middle schools and high schools and we are thrilled that the Hendersonville Middle School Band, under the leadership of Mr. Buddy Gudger, has been selected to perform at this prestigious event.

This invitation acknowledges the hard work of Mr. Gudger and his band students at Hendersonville Middle School over the years. Mr. Gudger has developed and maintains a quality band program that has performed at a variety of events. Many of Mr. Gudger's students go on to participate in the Band program at Hendersonville High School. Mr. Gudger stated, "It has been very rewarding to have seen so many of my Band students be successful at the high school level."

It is gratifying to see the many musical opportunities that are available to all the students in the Henderson County Public Schools. For many students, especially those who may be economically disadvantaged, these opportunities have opened doors in their lives that they might have otherwise not experienced.

Let me once again thank all of our music educators for the great work they do with our students across the state. I hope you have a wonderful conference and I am sure you will enjoy the performances of all the bands, including our Hendersonville Middle School Band. Congratulations to all the schools and students who have been selected to perform at this event.

Sincerely,

  
David L. Jones, Ed.S.  
Superintendent

# PROGRAM

**Above and Beyond** ..... Composed by James Swearingen

**Psalm 42** ..... Arranged by Samuel R. Hazo  
(Conducted by Fran Shelton)

**Two Renaissance Dances** ..... Arranged by Mekel Rogers  
I. Now is the Month of Maying  
II. Schiarazula Marazula

**Distant Thunder of the Distant Forest** ..... Composed by Michael Sweeney

**The Golden Eagle March** ..... Composed by John Edmondson



The Hendersonville Middle School 8th grade band is directed by Samuel L. (Buddy) Gudger. Mr. Gudger received his Bachelor of Music Degree from Mars Hill College and Master of the Arts in Educational Leadership from Gardner Webb University. He started his career in southeastern North Carolina teaching band in Duplin and Brunswick Counties. During that time, Mr. Gudger served on the Board of Directors and is a past President of the Southeastern

District Bandmasters Association. Buddy was selected as Teacher of the Year (1996-1997) for South Brunswick High School.

In the fall of 2000, Mr. Gudger returned to his hometown of Asheville and began teaching at Hendersonville Middle School. He was named Teacher of the Year (2005-2006). In addition, Mr. Gudger is a recipient of the North Carolina Award of Excellence for the Western District (2009). He has served as a clinician for several honor bands and as an adjudicator for MPA. Mr. Gudger is a member of NCAE, MENC, NCMEA, WNCBA and the American School Band Directors Association. Mr. Gudger plays trumpet in the Asheville Community Band, sings with the Montmorenci United Methodist Church Choir, and is often asked to play at funerals for local veterans. He and his wife Connie reside in Candler, North Carolina with their daughter Celia.



Frances Shelton, after graduating from Hendersonville High School, received her B.A. degree in Elementary Education and B.M. degree in Music Education from Mars Hill College, graduating cum laude. She received her Masters of Music degree from Appalachian State University. Shelton holds membership in North Carolina Bandmasters Association, NEA, Women Band Directors International, National Band Association, and American School Band Directors Association.

Shelton has served as president of the Western North Carolina Bandmasters Association, President-Elect of North Carolina Bandmasters Association, President of the North Carolina Bandmasters Association, Secretary of the NC Music Educators Association, Vice President, President-Elect of the Women Band Directors International, President of Women Band Directors International. Shelton is the 1990 winner of the Award of Excellence in North Carolina-Western District, 1992 winner of the WBDI Scroll of Excellence, 1996 Teacher of the Year Award at Hendersonville HS, and 2004 WBDI Citation of Merit Award. In December 2009, Shelton was awarded the Silver Baton Award by the Women Band Directors International at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, Illinois. She has served as clinician and adjudicator throughout the United States and has been staff conductor seven times on European Tours. Shelton is the tour director of the North Carolina Ambassadors and will return for a Europe Tour of the most outstanding band students from North Carolina summer 2015. Shelton has been director of bands at Hendersonville for the past 28 years. A high school band program with a long legacy of excellence started in 1901 when the high school was founded.

**Above and Beyond ..... James Swearingen**

**Above and Beyond:** This triumphant fanfare written by James Swearingen was published in 2011 and was dedicated to Nancy Youse, a veteran teacher, for her 30 years of service and devotion to education.

**Psalm 42 ..... Samuel R. Hazo**

**Psalm 42:** Dedicated to the McCurrie family of Upper St. Chair, Pennsylvania. Hazo so admired this family’s faith and strength, that he felt compelled to arrange this chorale for them. Hazo stated: “As a teacher, I often get to see children and their families at the most joyous as well as the most devastating times in their lives. An unfortunate example of the latter was when I attended five-year-old Gregory McCurrie’s funeral mass in 2002”.

Gregory was born with a condition called “Deletion 13-Q Syndrome.” Even though it was an unrelated heart condition that caused his passing at age 5, Deletion 13-Q made him completely reliant on others even for the simplest of physical tasks or communication. Hazo taught trumpet to his three older brothers, and had gotten to know the family through their involvement in band. Every time he saw Mrs. McCurrie at the school, she always had Gregory in her arms. Even as he aged, his growing body never seemed heavy to her. It always seemed that her love for him provided her with an admirable and unflinching strength that only mothers have.

At Gregory’s funeral mass, the first selection the congregation was asked to sing was Psalm 42. Hazo kept the melody in his head the whole way back to work, where he scored this arrangement. Two of Gregory’s brothers were in the school band when this piece was played for the first time.

**Two Renaissance Dances ..... arr. Mekel Rogers**

**Two Renaissance Dances:** This musical selection, arranged by Mekel Rogers, is based on consort music (from the Renaissance Period- referring to a small ensemble of instruments that perform music at court). The musical material for this selection is based on the following sources: Now is the Month of Maying was published in 1595 by English composer Thomas Morley. It remains today one of the most famous English madrigals ever composed, while the Schiarazula Marazula was written by Italian musician Giorgio Mainerio during the 16th century.

**Distant Thunder of the Sacred Forest ..... Michael Sweeney**

**Distant Thunder of the Sacred Forest:** Commissioned by Thomas Jefferson Middle School Band from Port Washington Wisconsin. Much of the music of Africa is based around rhythm. Particularly in the forest regions of West Africa, drum ensembles are common and play an important role in everyday life. Unlike the European tradition of melody and harmony, these ensembles rely on the layering of complex and interrelated rhythmic patterns as the basis of the music. “Distant Thunder of the Sacred Forest” begins as the audience is surrounded with the sounds of various drumming groups representing distant villages. As the sounds grow, a unified rhythmic pattern immerses from the “on stage” musicians and the first of two main themes is developed. Typical of African music, call and response patterns are heard between the percussion section and the rest of the ensemble. After a brief pause, the faster second theme starts to build, one section at a time, until the entire band is participating in a celebration of rhythm and melody.

**The Golden Eagle March ..... John Edmondson**

Every concert needs a march. We will conclude our program with The Golden Eagle March. John Edmondson is an internationally known composer-arranger with over 600 published works for concert band, marching band and jazz band, including twenty commissioned works for concert band. His work as a guest conductor and clinician has taken him to 28 states, four Canadian provinces and Europe. His years of experience as a teacher, editor, performer, clinician and conductor make him uniquely qualified and recognized as an authority in the field of educational music for concert band.



## **Hendersonville Middle School Band**

The Hendersonville Middle School 8th grade band will perform for the 2014 North Carolina Music Educators Association's In-Service Conference on Monday, November 10 at 12:00pm in the Benton Convention Center.

Hendersonville Middle School is one of four middle schools in the Henderson County Public School system located in Hendersonville, North Carolina. There are approximately 600 students enrolled at Hendersonville Middle School and 200 participate in the band program. These students are divided into 6th, 7th and 8th grade band classes which meet 40 minutes a day. In addition, there is a jazz band class that meets two mornings a week before school. Both the jazz and concert bands are often invited to play at numerous community events in the Hendersonville area.

Hendersonville Middle School's environment can be best described as a "village", with a nationally recognized history of ethnic diversity and a long tradition of excellence in academics, fine arts, and athletics. Hendersonville is annually awarded "School of Distinction" status and in 2010 was named a "School to Watch." The band program consistently contributes to the school culture of high expectations and achievement. Many of the Hendersonville students regularly participate in the Henderson County All-County Band, the Western All-District Band Clinic and the North Carolina Honors Band. Also, the band has been successful at the North Carolina Music Performance Adjudication and the Carowinds Music Festival.

### **FLUTE**

Kelly Annunziata  
Sarah Arant  
Malia Easler  
Tamara Edmundson  
Heather Pinkston  
Gabriela Santos

### **OBOE**

Cecilia Rasco  
Emma Unified

### **CLARINET**

Taylor Allen  
Autumn Barnes  
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Erika Collado  
Alijah Glenn  
Camden Goodson  
David Haywood  
Shontha Haywood  
Makenzie Lynch  
Benjamin Palmer  
Alexis Peterson  
Briahna Waters  
Carter West  
Jasmine Williams

### **BASS CLARINET**

Madison Bailey  
Jennifer Belk  
Alto Saxophone  
Louise Cummins  
Skyler Lindsey  
Caroline Shealy

### **TENOR SAXOPHONE**

Davis Upchurch

### **BARITONE SAXOPHONE**

Andrew Pyles

### **BASSOON**

Martha Smith

### **TRUMPET**

Nathan Ellsworth  
Kylie Hollingsworth  
Austin Hudson  
Jacob Levitt  
Parker Newman  
Daniel Rubianes  
Karli Simon  
Jacqueline Siverly  
Anna Yokote

### **FRENCH HORN**

Michaela Bartley  
Joshua Cloer  
Sean Goodman

### **TROMBONE**

Cooper Mertens  
Joel Gonzalez Morales  
Antonio Pino

### **EUPHONIUM**

William Green  
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### **TUBA**

Alexander Anderson  
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Emily Talley – Clarinet Lessons

Brittany Waters – Clarinet/Saxophone Lessons

Matt Sanders – Tuba Lessons

Anthony Ammons – French Horn Lessons

Leslie Zarnowski – Double Reed Lessons

Mike Robinson – Mars Hill University – Clinic

Connie and Celia Gudger



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