

Information for Music Publishers

How Music Is Read and Placed on the NCBA Concert Band MPA Approved Music List

It is the responsibility of the President-Elect of the North Carolina Bandmasters Association to announce our New Music Clinic and Music Performance Adjudication review committee meetings for North Carolina Concert Bands.

Many publishers from across the country and abroad have been very gracious in previous years to send music to North Carolina for preview and consideration and we look forward to seeing more selections from you in the future. We are proud to post on our website music that was submitted and to list each publisher's name in our North Carolina Honors Band Concert Program for these submissions.

The New Music Clinic and MPA Committees meet, work, and evaluate music during the same time as our North Carolina Honors Band weekend. This entire weekend culminates with performances of our North Carolina All-State Honors Bands. Final selections for the approved list are made during the July meeting of the MPA Committee of the North Carolina Bandmasters Association with the revised list for the next school year distributed in September annually.

During the clinic weekend an actual reading band comprised of public school band directors is assembled and new music is read and evaluated. The reading band also has a method of evaluation for older titles which are not currently on our festival list that you feel should be included. Following these performances, individual recommendations (using the evaluation rubric developed by NCBA) and committee reviews, recommendations are made to add titles to our list in July.

There are two days of the reading clinic with music in all levels being read both nights. We will consider music of all grade levels for band at this reading clinic. We invite publishers to submit selections they feel are appropriate for adjudication and festival. Submissions will be reviewed and many read during the Honors Band Clinic.

We understand that our reading clinic falls at an awkward calendar time for publishers so we welcome selections from the previous fall as well as any titles which will be released for the following fall.

Please feel free to view the current North Carolina Bandmasters Association current MPA list at: <http://www.ncbandmasters.org/mpa.html> .

Full concert band selections, with scores, are needed for reading purposes. Any selections a publisher would like to be considered for the North Carolina list need to be received by April 1 annually so that it may be assimilated into folders and ready for the clinic.

Selections should be mailed to the President-Elect whose address is on the officers tab of <http://www.ncbandmasters.org> . Questions regarding the MPA Concert Band Events in North Carolina should be directed to the President-Elect.

All of North Carolina's Band Directors appreciate the consideration and support of our music publishers as we seek to strengthen and evaluate our MPA list with quality music for concert bands.

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