

**2022**



# **FESTIVAL OF BANDS**

***September 24, 2022***

***Hickory Ridge High School***

Dear Band Fans,

Welcome to Hickory Ridge High School! We are excited and glad to have you with us today and hope that you enjoy your visit.

The bands participating in today's event represent hundreds of talented, dedicated, passionate young men and women. Literally tens of thousands of hours have collectively gone into today's performances. Directors, staff, students, parents and supporters have poured their all into making those few brief minutes on the field the best they can be. Their hard work and dedication will shine on the field today, and you are all in for a special treat!

These students represent the best of the best from their respective schools. They have learned the value of teamwork, learned the meaning of commitment, perfected the skill of time management and felt the rewards of belonging to a group where it is possible to rise up and become part of something better than the individual can achieve alone.

This afternoon is not merely a competition, but a celebration of all the positive things young men and women can accomplish when they work hard towards a common goal – Perfection. Therefore, every person who performs here today is a winner! Please enthusiastically support all of our performers throughout the day.

The students, staff, Hickory Ridge Band Boosters, administration and supporters of Hickory Ridge High School Bands have worked very hard to make sure this is a pleasant and enjoyable experience for everyone. If at any time we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Again, thank you for your attendance at the Hickory Ridge Festival of Bands and your support of all the talented performers in today's show.

Musically,

Chris White  
Director of Bands



# Hickory Ridge High School



The mission of Hickory Ridge High School, an innovative dedicated educational team in dynamic partnership with our community, in order to prepare all students with the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful, responsible, contributing citizens by providing a caring, disciplined, world class learning environment, which challenges students and staff to achieve and go beyond performance expectations in a challenging and competitive world.

The vision of Hickory Ridge High School is to be a learning community which stimulates intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, problem solving and literacy in all students while promoting respectful, responsible and well-rounded global citizens.

Hickory Ridge High School, located in Harrisburg NC, is a 224,000 sq. ft. facility with a student capacity of 1,500, built on 106 acres.

Opened in the fall of 2007  
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## **Master of Ceremonies Ken Chrismon**

The Hickory Ridge Festival of Bands will be announced today by Mr. Ken Chrismon. We are fortunate to have Mr. Chrismon back with us once again this year, as he has previously been our Master of Ceremonies for our previous festivals.

Festival host, Chris White, along with the Hickory Ridge Blue Regiment Marching Band, join Mr. Chrismon in welcoming you today. We hope that you enjoy your visit and best wishes to each performing ensemble.



# Hickory Ridge Blue Regiment 22-23



**Directors:** Chris White and David Rivero

**Instructional Staff:**

Steven Foster, Woodwind and Visual Instructor  
Josh Jones, Brass Instructor and Music Arranger

Katie Parham, Percussion Coordinator

Terence Ervan, Percussion Instructor and Sound Design

Victoria Rivera, Guard Coordinator

Acacio Silva, Guard Instructor

Jennifer Gherardi, Drum Major and Leadership Instructor

**Drum Majors:** Nathan Bruzzese and Justin Lockard

**Leadership Team:**

Emma Bolick, Jack Comley, Violet Goldberg, Kyla Greene,  
Lela Hahn, Ben Horn, Tanner Horton, Andrew Ives, Josh Jubb,  
Saydee Lautz, William Marolf, Jasmine Olson, Kinsey Pape,  
Maximilian Pesce, Sabrina Peterson, Sa'Nya Providence,  
Katy Riggs, Dasha Sekulich, Matthew Stearns, Ridhu Venigalla

**Music Design:**

Josh Jones

**Visual Design:**

Matthew McCurley

**Title of Show:**

Back on Track

**Musical Selections:**

Copenhagen Steam Railway Galop  
Midnight Train to Georgia  
Last Train Home



# Music Performance Adjudicator

## Dr. Patrick Carney



DR. PATRICK K. CARNEY has served as a Professor of Music Education at the collegiate level for over twenty years. Currently, Dr. Carney serves as a Limited Term Instructor of Music at the University of West Georgia. His responsibilities include the Music Education courses, Music Theory and Aural Skills sequences, World Music, and Music Appreciation.

In 2020, he established The PKCarney Agency to formally engage clients as a Music Education Copywriter expert. Dr. Carney prides himself on consumer and scholarly research, title optimization, editing, formatting, SEO, and readability proficiency in his work. During this time, he earned a National Band Association (NBA) grant, published articles, presented research at several music education conferences, and garnered continuous employment with Gale, a Cengage company as a freelance copywriter. His years in higher education provided him techniques in determination, work ethic, communication, teamwork, adaptability, and the will to continue learning for the benefit of his clients.

Before his UWG appointment, he served as the Associate Professor of Music Education and Director of Instrumental Music at Limestone College in Gaffney, South Carolina from 2014 – 2020. His responsibilities included directing the LC Wind Ensemble, teaching the instrumental conducting sequence, the entire music education curriculum, and administering all aspects of Limestone's comprehensive instrumental program. Prior to his LC appointment, he served as a Professor of Music Education & Director of Bands at the following universities: Montana State, Clayton State, and Claflin, and prior as Assistant Director of Bands & Director of Athletic Bands at the Universities of Oregon and Charleston Southern.

Dr. Carney's research topics currently fall under two categories: selection of band literature for adjudication and advocating for K–5 music education to be an everyday course. Most recently, he presented his longitudinal research examining and comparing the selection of literature for concert band adjudication in Florida and South Carolina at the 2022 College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) – Southern Division / NBA Conference hosted by the University of South Carolina in February.

In January, he presented a session at the 2022 Georgia Music Educators Association on my other line of research: everyday K–5 music education. My advocacy for R.E.A.L. (Recess, Empathy, Arts- Integration, and Longevity) K–5 music education became focused in 2019 with the exploration of recess's decline in schools. This led to a vast and differentiating review of literature on how a specialized, everyday K–5 music education curriculum could “absorb” the responsibility of recess while also enhancing children physically, mentally, emotionally, academically, and culturally. Dr. Carney earned his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music Theory from Florida State University, a Master of Music Education from Syracuse University, and a Ph.D. in Music Education from Florida State University. He is a native of Winter Haven, Florida, and currently lives in Gaffney, SC with his beautiful wife, Jennifer, and wonderful daughter, Emma.

# Visual Performance Adjudicator

## Ashleigh Cook



Ms. Ashleigh Cook is the band director at Northwest School of the Arts in Charlotte, North Carolina. Ms. Cook earned her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Western Carolina University where she graduated with honors. Prior to her appointment at Northwest School of the Arts (Fall 2021), she served as the Assistant Band Director at Porter Ridge High School for three years, and as the Band and Chorus Director at Cherryville High School for seven years. Ensembles under Ms. Cook's direction consistently earned excellent and superior ratings at MPA, marching contests, and solo & ensemble. Her students are regularly seated in county, district, and state honor bands.

While at Cherryville Ms. Cook was awarded Kia Outstanding Educator of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Band Director of the Year for Gaston County Schools, and the Young Band Director of Excellence Award for the South Central District Bandmasters Association. In 2018 Ms. Cook earned her National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards in Music and she is currently pursuing a masters degree in music education at East Carolina University. She has served as an honor band clinician, and site host for Solo & Ensemble MPA and All District Auditions for the South Central Bandmasters Association. In May 2022, Ms. Cook began serving as chair-elect for SCDBA.

Ms. Cook's professional memberships include National Association for Music Education (NAfME), Women Band Director International (WBDI), American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA), North Carolina Music Educators Association (NCMEA), and South Central District Bandmasters Association (SCDBA). Ms. Cook is an active performer with the Carolinas Wind Ensemble.

# Overall Effect Adjudicator Brian Bambauer



Y Brian Bambauer graduated from Miami University in Oxford, OH in 1990 with a B.M. in Music Education. A native Ohioan, Brian began his professional career as the Junior High Band Director and assistant marching band director at Northmont City Schools, in Clayton, OH. He then took a position as the Instrumental Music Coordinator for the West Carrollton City Schools in West Carrollton, OH from 1994-1997.

Brian's drum corps experience began with the Bluecoats from Canton, OH in 1988. A member for three years, he played mellophone his rookie year and was Drum Major in 1989 and 1990. Joining the instructional staff in 1991 as a visual tech, Brian then served as Visual Caption Head in 1993 and 1994. Brian joined the Drum Corps International World Championship Finalist Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps in 1997 as a visual tech, drill designer from 1998-2000 (the corps was a DCI finalist all three years) and worked full time for the organization as Director of Operations from 1999-2001. Brian continues to design and consult for numerous marching bands and indoor percussion lines and adjudicates throughout the southeastern United States.

Mr. Bambauer has served as a principal in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District for the past 15 years. He currently serves as the Principal at Levine Middle College High School, a North Carolina Comprehensive Innovative High School, in Matthews, North Carolina.



# Percussion Adjudicator

## Jason Gilchrist



Jason Gilchrist is originally from Oswego, NY. He earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Mars Hill University in 1999, and previously attended Ithaca College and Onondaga Community College. He currently works as an educational representative for Music & Arts, serving York, Cherokee, Gaston and Lancaster counties.

He has an extensive background in the marching arts as a performer, clinician, arranger and adjudicator in all areas of percussion.

He also is the owner of a small business, Gilchrist Drums, specializing in building custom snare drums and offering repair services to maintain and restore vintage drums. His active memberships include Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, the Percussive Arts Society, Music Educators Nation Conference and the South Central District Bandmasters Association.

He resides in Indian Trail, NC with his family of four.

# **Drum Major Adjudicator Jennifer Gherardi**



As a passionate leadership education advocate and former field conductor, Jennifer Gherardi (Tisdale) has served the marching arts as a Drum Major instructor and Student Leadership Team Coordinator for 10 seasons!

Jennifer served as the Head Drum Major of the Hickory Ridge Blue Regiment marching band in 2011 under the direction of Mr. Christopher L. White. She began her Drum Major instructor vocation directly after graduating high school in June 2012. She has served on staff at Concord High School (2012-2016), then returned home to her alma mater as the Drum Major instructor and Student Leadership Team Coordinator at Hickory Ridge High School (2016-present). She has contributed to the professional development of students ranging from high school to collegiate levels through leadership education workshops and field conducting clinics.

Jennifer achieved her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies with a concentration in Organizational Communication and a Certification in Leadership Studies from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in May 2017. During her undergraduate career, Jennifer was an active participant of The Pride of Niner Nation marching band. She was an inaugural member in 2015 and later served the band as the Assistant Trumpet Section Leader in 2016. She remains to this day a passionate supporter of The Pride of Niner Nation and a spirited 49er alumna!

Jennifer is thrilled to be on the judging staff this year at the Festival of Bands and is looking forward to seeing some amazing talent on the field. She wishes the best of luck to all!

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

Warmly,

Jennifer C. Gherardi

Student Leadership Coordinator and Drum Major Instructor | Hickory Ridge Bands

# Color Guard Adjudicator Matthew McCurley



Matthew McCurley has been teaching, designing, and performing in the pageantry arts since 2005. He performed with Aria Winterguard in 2006 and 2007 and Etude Winterguard in 2008 and 2009. He received his music education degree from Winthrop University in 2008, and has been teaching elementary music since. He currently teaches at Springfield Elementary in Fort Mill, SC. Matt currently writes drill, design and provides choreography for multiple groups in NC, SC, VA, and TX. The groups he has worked with have received accolades both locally and nationally including state finals appearances and a Virginia State Class Champion in 2017. From 2010-2016 Matt was the lead choreographer for Aria Winterguard from Greensboro, NC. Over the 7 years with Aria they were WGI Regional Champions multiple times in A Class as well as 2 time national semi-finalists and 2 time national finalists. After moving to open class in 2014 they were semi-finalists in 2014 and finalists in 2015. Matt was the guard director at Fort Mill High School from 2014-2019. During his time there the band won a state championship, two BOA Regional Championships, and had two visits to BOA Grand National Semi-Finals. The winter guard was named the CWEA National A Class Champion in 2017, the WGI Knoxville Regional Champion and a WGI SA Finalist in 2018, and a WGI SA Semi-Finalist in 2019. In 2020 Matt became the guard director at the newly opened Catawba Ridge HS in Fort Mill, SC. In 2021 the band was the 3A SC State Champion and in 2022 the winterguard was named the Scholastic A State Champion and CWEA Circuit Champion. The winterguard also placed 3rd at the WGI Charlotte regional in their first ever regional appearance. Matt resides in Fort Mill, SC with his husband James and their cat Ovie.





# Congratulations Class of 2023







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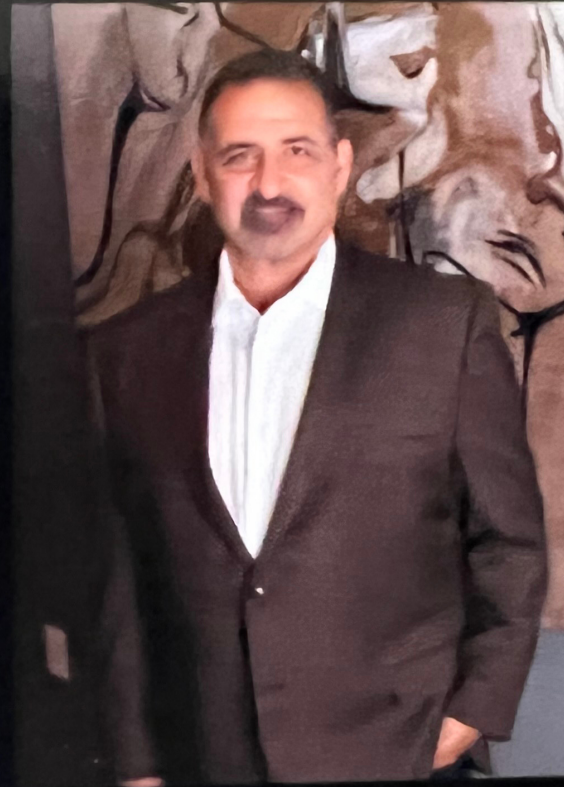
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## 2022 Hickory Ridge Festival of Bands

	<u>Area</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Dress</u>	<u>Warm-up</u>	<u>At Gate</u>	<u>Perform</u>
<b><u>Opening Ceremony</u></b>						
Hickory Ridge Middle School						3:45
<b><u>Exhibition</u></b>						
Concord Academy	A	2:00	2:25	3:10-3:50	3:55	4:00
<b><u>Class 1A</u></b>						
West Stanly	B	2:15	2:40	3:25-4:05	4:10	4:15
Concord	C	2:30	2:55	3:40-4:20	4:25	4:30
Central Cabarrus	A	2:45	3:10	3:55-4:35	4:40	4:45
<b>Break</b>						
<b><u>Class 2A</u></b>						
East Rowan	B	3:15	3:40	4:25-5:05	5:10	5:15
South Point	C	3:30	3:55	4:40-5:20	5:25	5:30
Union Academy	B	4:00	4:25	5:10-5:50	5:55	6:00
<b>Dinner Break</b>						
<b><u>Class 3A</u></b>						
North Lincoln	A	5:15	5:40	6:25-7:05	7:10	7:15
Weddington	B	5:30	5:55	6:40-7:20	7:25	7:30
Providence	C	5:45	6:10	6:55-7:35	7:40	7:45
Cox Mill	A	6:00	6:25	7:10-7:50	7:55	8:00
<b>Break</b>						
<b><u>Class 4A</u></b>						
Porter Ridge	B	6:30	6:55	7:40-8:20	8:25	8:30
<b><u>Exhibition</u></b>						
Hickory Ridge	A		7:05	7:55-8:35	8:40	8:45
<b>Awards Ceremony</b>						9:00

# Performance Program

## **EXHIBITION**

Concord Academy

Marching Eagles

Concord, NC

Director: Corey Gaston

Drum Major: Jayleigh Wise

Show Title: Agent 54

Music Selections: Agent 54

## **CLASS 1A**

West Stanly High School

Marching Colts

Locust, NC

Director: Cassandra McCormick

Drum Major: Nyah Burris

Show Title: Wonderful

Music Selections: The Wizard of Oz,  
It's A Wonderful World, The Magnificent Seven



Concord High School

Marching Spiders

Concord, NC

Director: Ed Harper

Show Title: Blueprint

Music Selections: Original Compositions  
by Steve Martin & Aaron Hines

Central Cabarrus High School

Marching Vikings

Concord, NC

Director: Joshua Adams

Drum Major: Abigail Watson

Show Title: ...the Bell Tolls

## **CLASS 2A**

East Rowan High School

Mustang Regiment

Salisbury, NC

Director: Brett Farris

Drum Majors: Dixie Ashdown and Matthew Puga

Show Title: Out There

Music Selections: Liftoff, Orbit,  
Contact, Drifting

South Point High School

The Pride of the Tribe

Belmont, NC

Director: Tim Hamilton

Drum Majors: Jerry Bradley

Show Title: Bruce Wayne - The Prince of Gotham

Music Selections:

Act 1) "The Batman - Vengeance";

Act 2) "Descent Into Mystery";

Act 3) "Catwoman";

Act 4) "The Riddler";

Act 5) "Finale - "The Batman vs. The Riddler"

Union Academy

Marching Cardinals

Monroe, NC

Directors: Steve Stevens and Hailey McCollum

Drum Majors: Danielle Grigg and Katie Tohill

Show Title: Glitch (Cardinal 2.2)

Music Selections: Mr. Roboto by Styx, Lullaby by  
Brahms, Iron Man by Black Sabbath

# **CLASS 3A**

## North Lincoln High School

Band of Knights

Lincolnton, NC

Directors: Matt Minnick

Drum Major: Jack Doppel

Field Commander: Emily Curry

Show Title: Out of Time

Music Selections: As Time Goes By,  
NBC Chime Festival, Commencement,  
Time in a Bottle, and Time of My Life

## Weddington High School

Marching Warriors

Weddington, NC

Directors: Mallory Norton and Mekel Rogers

Drum Majors: Joely Martin and Vivienne Trifiletti

Show Title: Eurydice

Music Selections: 160 BPM by Hans Zimmer, Danse  
Macabre by Camille Saint-Saens, With or  
Without You by U2, Someone Like You by Adele



Providence High School  
The Pride of Providence  
Charlotte, NC

Director: Nicholas Blackwood

Drum Major: Abbey Kritzer

Show Title: Howl

Music Selections: Moonlight Sonata,  
Claire De Lune, The New Moon in the Old Moon's Arms

Cox Mill High School  
The Spirit of Cox Mill  
Concord, NC

Director: Adam Singer

Drum Majors: Emily Cordes and Mason Tortorelli

Show Title: Midnight Drive

Music Selections: Fly Me to The Moon written  
for Frank Sinatra, The New Moon in the  
Old Moon's Arm's by Michael Kamen,  
Goodnight Moon by Eric Whitaker

# **CLASS 4A**

Porter Ridge High School

Band of Pirates

Indian Trail, NC

Directors: Emmanuel Ross, Patrick Foray, and  
Stephanie Tomberlin

Drum Majors: Brittney Baide and Zoe Logan

Show Title: Icarus

Selections: "One Day I'll fly Away" from Moulin Rouge ,  
Dies Irae by John Trotta,  
Fly to Paradise by Eric Whitacre

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(includes chips and a drink)

Hotdog/Chilidog- \$4.00

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(includes chips and a drink)

Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni)- \$2 slice

Nachos (plain)-\$5.00  
or with Chili and Jalapenos

Chips-\$1

Candy-\$2.00

Water/Soda/Gatorade-\$2.00

Popcorn-\$1.00

Pickle-\$1.00

All Bake Sale Items  
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