# **Presenting the Thirty-Seventh Annual**



THE OLD CHARTER OAK.

# **Charter Oak Music Festival**

O. H. Platt High School Wednesday, November 7, 2018 7:00PM

## The Charter Oak Music Association

#### **Bacon Academy**

Matthew Peel, Principal Thomas Kessler, Band Director Marinne Cheney, Choral Director

## **Coventry High School**

Joseph Blake, Principal Hannah Cole, Band Director Melissa Rood, Choral Director

#### **Cromwell High School**

Frances G. DiFiore, Principal Raymond Sinclair, Band Director Karly DeAngelo, Choral Director

## **E.O. Smith High School**

Dr. Louis DeLoreto, Principal Anthony Pandolfe, Band Director Amanda Hanzlik, Choral Director

## Montville High School

Heather Sangermano, Principal Jeffrey Ventres, Band Director Joshua Cushing, Choral Director

## **Lyman Memorial High School**

James Apicelli, Principal Emily DiMuro, Band Director Emily Blanchard, Choral Director

#### O. H. Platt High School

Robert Montemurro, Principal Luke Guilmette, Band Director Elisabeth Stevens, Choral Director

#### **Portland High School**

Kathryn Lawson, Principal Kristin Novak, Band Director Samuel Tucker, Choral Director

# **Great Path Academy**

Tory Niles-Outler, Principal Steven Wolf, Music Director

## **RHAM High School**

Scott Leslie, Principal Nicholas Kokus, Band Director Bailey McKiernan, Choral Director

#### Middletown High School

Colleen Weiner, Principal Stephanie Zak, Choral Director Megan Busath, Band Director Michael Cho, Assistant Band Director

## Windham High School

Vanessa Sosa Briales, Principal Haley Schmidt, Band Director

## Welcome

Emily Blanchard, Festival Chair

## **Jazz Band**

David Brudz, Director Raymond Sinclair, Ensemble Chair

The Chicken	arr. Kris Bergy
Laura	Duke Ellington
Filthy McNasty	Horace Silvers

**David Brudz** is the Fine Arts Department Chair and Instrumental Music Director at East Catholic High School in Manchester, CT where he is in his fourteenth year. He has taught music for nineteen years. At East Catholic. Mr. Brudz teaches Jazz Band, Concert Band, String Orchestra, Music History, Music Theory, and AP Music Theory. He also conducts the Jazz Combo, Pep Band, Pit Orchestra, Stage Band, and String Quartet. His groups have received numerous awards at festivals including first place at the Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival.

Mr. Brudz received his undergraduate degree in Music performance from Berklee College of Music and his graduate degree in Music Education from Hunter College, New York City. His instructors have included Ed Soph, Alan Dawson, Joe Hunt, and Victor Mendoza. As a percussionist, Mr. Brudz has performed with musicians such as Don Cherry, Roy Hargrove, Melvin Butler, and Chris Loftlin. Additionally he has performed in groups ranging from percussion ensembles to symphony orchestras.

## **Treble Choir**

Lorri Cetto, Director Grace Kim, Accompanist Karly DeAngelo, Ensemble Chair

With a Voice of Singing	Martin Shaw
When I am Silent	Joan C. Varner
Changes	Audrey Snyder
This is the Day	Gerald Smith

Lorri Cetto has just finished her 34th year as Director of Choral Activities at Hall High School, West Hartford, Connecticut. She received her undergraduate degree in music education from Anna Maria College, Paxton, Massachusetts, her master degree in performance from University of Connecticut and Kodaly Certificate from the Hartt School. Ms. Cetto has worked as a guest conductor in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Virginia and is past President of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Choral Directors. She received the Outstanding School Educator in 2003 from the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut and was named Choral Director of the Year for Connecticut ACDA in 2004. Her choirs have received top ratings at area Festivals. In 2003, the Choraliers won the Berklee Jazz Festival, vocal ensemble, Boston and in 2015 they won the WGBY Together in Song Competition in Springfield, MA.

Ms. Cetto lives in Easthampton, Massachusetts with her wife of 30 years, Alison, and her cat Dora. She is so excited to work with her amazing friends Marinne Dibble-Cheney and Karly DeAngelo at the Charter Oak Festival.

## **Mixed Choir**

Russell Hammond, Director Jake Troy, Accompanist Stephanie Zak, Ensemble Chair

Emerald Stream	Seth Houston
Nine Hundred Miles	arr. Philip E. Silvey
Sisi Ni Moja	Jacob Narverud
I Hear America Singing	Andre J. Thomas

**Russell Hammond** is a retired High School Choir Director with over 30 years of experience. The last sixteen years of his career he was Director of Choral Activities at Ledyard High School. In Ledyard Mr. Hammond taught Men's Chorus, Women's Choir, Concert Choir, Select Singers, Chamber Choir and the Ledyard Carolers and oversaw a program involving over 300 students, in ten choirs and six instrumental ensembles.

Professionally, Mr. Hammond served for many years and in many capacities at both the State and Division level for the American Choral Directors Association. Roles included Connecticut State President, and Eastern Division Repertoire and Standards Chair for High School Choral Music.. In 2004, Mr. Hammond was named by ACDA as the outstanding Choral Director in Connecticut.

Russell Hammond holds a Bachelor of Music Education from Bradley University, a Master's in Music from the University of Connecticut and a 6th Year degree in Educational Leadership from Southern Connecticut State University Currently, Mr. Hammond is a Student Teacher Supervisor at the University of Connecticut and sings professionally as a member of CONCORA (Connecticut Choral Artists) and the Hartford Chorale. He lives in Chester, Connecticut with his wife Michele, where they spend most of their time traveling and looking for trails to run.

## **Concert Band**

Anthony Susi, Director Hannah Cole, Ensemble Chair

Emblem of Unity arr. James Swearengen
In the Shining of the Stars Robert Sheldon
Nathan Hale Trilogy James Curnow

Anthony Susi has been teaching music in Connecticut schools at the middle, high school and college level since 1985. Mr. Susi has served as a conductor for honors band festivals sponsored by the Rhode Island Music Educators Association, the Western Mass. Jr. All State Festival, the Connecticut Music Educators Association, Future Musicians Inc., the American School Band Directors Association, the Charter Oak Music Festival and Quinebaug Valley Music Festival. Mr. Susi has presented numerous state conference workshops, contributed articles for publication (*Band World, CMEA Journal, MEJ, & SBO*). He has also been invited to adjudicate both jazz and concert band festivals in Connecticut.

His performing ensembles have been featured numerous times at CMEA and MENC Eastern Division Conferences and have earned Superior ratings and top honors at adjudication festivals throughout the Eastern states. Mr. Susi is the 1997 CT recipient of the Distinguished Band Directors Award. In 2000, he was recognized by CMEA & MENC as one of two "up and coming music teachers" in the state of Connecticut. Mr. Susi served as President for the CT chapter of the Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity from 2005 to 2007.

Since founding SusiMusic in 1998, he regularly receives commissions each year for both middle and high school band compositions, some of which have been published by Grand Mesa Music & Barnhouse Music. A few of his pieces have recently been noted in top 100 lists by <u>Band World International</u> (2016: *The Last Rose of Summer*) and the <u>CT Chapter of ASBDA</u> (2017: *Aurora Borealis & The Race*). His composition, *Portrait of a Patriot*, was highly recommended in the April issue of <u>Instrumentalist</u> magazine.

Outside of music education, Mr. Susi has also composed and recorded six CDs of original music in a variety of popular genres that have been featured on <u>Best of CT</u> compilation discs and the soap opera, <u>As the World Turns</u>. He is an active solo artist on guitar, keyboard and vocals, performing regularly at several establishments around his home state.

## **Concert Band**

#### Flute

Julia Berthiaume, P Elisabeth Cleveland, Pl Jillian Eiss, P Angelia Gould, Pl Kristine Johnson, EO Chelsea Kranc, B Nicole Nenninger, M Sarah Parzych, C Adrianna Peterson, C Devon Schneider, Cr Anya Stolzman, R Amanda Tomick, L Yu Meng Zhang, Mo

#### Bassoon

Tristin Emmons, R Fransen, Sutton, EO

#### Clarinet

Glenda Black, P
Cameron-Lee Castro, Mo
Mikayla Chalmers, M
Abbey Conquest, M
Nancy Conti, C
Noah Dubitzky, R
Bethany Gifford, L
Nicole Grabinski, M
Katherine Guilmette, P
Abigail Levine, EO
Amy Nilsson, R
Megan Pomeroy, Pl
Allison Sander, C
Hannah Sroka, P
Amy Wells, EO

#### **Bass Clarinet**

Damon Adams, Cr Marielle Beausoleil, C Emily Cowan, B Matteo Parent, M

#### Alto Saxophone

Caitlin Bagdasarian, B Joshua Clay, GP William Liscum, L Katherine Loalbo, C Aden McComiskey, L Aidan Merrill, EO Dallas Vargas, Pl

## **Tenor Saxophone**

Allie Boucher, C Pedro Hernandez, Pl Andrew Munroe, R Andrew Wigfield, Mo

## **Baritone Saxophone**

Cameron Irizarry, R Connor Noel. Pl

#### Horn

Kayla Girouard, Pl Darcy Hopkins, EO Sierra McElroy, L Abigail Orbe, Mo Jonathan Sled, C Joseph Vincenzi, Cr

## **Trumpet**

Jason Bosque, EO Trevor Drescher, M Emily Green, Cr Katrina Letsch, Pl Nicholas Martin, Pl Matt Nenninger, M Patrick Oatman, R Sophia Palma, P Carly Prentiss, C Angelina Sun, Mo Adrian Torres, W Sam Walikonis, EO

#### **Trombone**

Andrea Arel, EO Kenneth Gonzalez, Pl Joshua Harakaly, L Carla LaFlamme, Pl Jewel Lucien, M Jack Midgley, Cr Matt Richard, R Emmit Starkweather, EO Jillian Walenda, L

## **Euphonium**

Tarik Behremovic, Cr Michael Flynn, M Andrew Hintz, Mo Haley Sroka, Po

### Tuba

Blane Baillargeon, B Patrick Emmons, R Chris Jaskiewicz, Mo Andrew Kaminsky, Cr Olivia Kaniowska, Cr Tucker Sperry, Pl

#### Percussion

Colby Browne, Mo Eliuteria Castro, L Karina Huang, Mo Matt Rosenblum, M Ethan Spivey, Mo Xander Weddall, B

# **Jazz Band**

## Saxophone

Kyle Krystofik - Alto 1, B Wes Roser - Alto 2, R Shailen Braun - Tenor 1, Cr Jaxon Arn - Tenor 2, C Zachary Scruggs - Bari, EO

## Trumpet

Tim Falt - 1a, Cr Andrew Ely - 1b, R Dan Olerud - 2, M Nathan Lavoy - 3, P Erin Sokoloski- 4, Cr

## Trombone

Taylor Midgley, 1 – Cr Joseph Martin, 2a - Co Conor McCourt, 2b - B Nathaniel Hayes, 3 - C Joel Earhart, 4 - R

## Rhythm

Liam Calhoun, gtr - R Matthew Chandy, pno - EO Katelyn Ashe, bass - B Austin Brown, dr - B

## **Mixed Choir**

#### Soprano

Bridget Ackroyd, C Isabella Arigno, C Kyara Aviles, M Dorothy Black, P Heather Brousseau, C Alicia Cason, GP Carissa Cay, Cr Riley Ciaburri, Pl Avery Coe, P Adia Cordova, B Sarah Courchesne, Pl Brynn Croye, C Elisabeth Franas, R Hailey Goins, L Amanda Grano, R Kelsey Guibord, P Patricia Jones, C Emma Mallett, B Maggie McKnerney, L Skylar Mitchell, Pl Mia Polce, GP Katie Pomerleau, L

Raiynlynn Runyon, R April Snyder, R Cleondra White, B

#### Alto

Beardsley Alexandrea, Pl Mildred Baldinger, B Addie Brouillard, L Andrea Burelle, L Florimar Casarez, M Samantha Cosman, GP Tess Filippedes, Pl Alexandra Gillis, R Clara Guilmette, P Kassidy Hambrecht, B Kate Jeroszko, R Allison Mailhot, M Megan Major, P Isabella Martin, Pl Carmella Mitchell, GP Sasha Okonuk, B Kaitlyn Olsen, B Faith Parker, L Dana Pierce, P

Julia Police, C Stasia Porter, C Lea Rodrigues, C Isabel Rodriguez, GP Britney Viele, R Callista White, C Lexia Wolak, L

#### Tenor

Eric Ajodhi, Cr
Erik Austin, C
Emma Bravi, R
Owen Curtis, L
Karsyn Dube, GP
Julian Ellington, GP
Christopher Gaulin, C
Scott Kardys, B
Matthew Kranc, B
Matthew Major, P
Anastassia Morales-Parker, R
Benjamin Nelson, L
Dillon Palombizio, L
Hannah Renner, P

Jared Rouse, L Kelli Wrinn, B

#### Bass

Liam Baginski, GP
Max Brauch, L
Matthew Coleman, B
Cole Darby, P
Giani DiGennaro, P
Alexander Filippedes, Pl
Matthew Guerriere, B
Owen Hewett, GP
Adam Jalal, L
Caleb Jolly, B
Patrick Kudewicz, Pl
Tyler Lupacchino, C
Thomas Salinsky, C
Peyton Thiel, Pl
Isaac Tucker, L

# **Treble Choir**

#### Soprano I

Jada Rogoz, Pl

Julia Brown, C Maria Guerriere, B Kayla Marzbanian Day, L Sadie Sullivan, Cr Shannon Visco, R

#### Soprano II

Anna Campbell, L Savannah Charette, C Photini Constantinou, Pl Emily Cook , R Gina Cordone, Cr Brooke LaDuke, Cr

#### Alto I

Victoria Chu, Cr Paige Domanico, L Lena Jones, Cr Sophia Kraus, C Carolyn Parker, R

#### Alto II

Omni Bova, B Julianna Cargo, C Samantha Ennever, Cr Avery Goyette, Cr Liddy Siggia, R McKenna Tedford-Coles, L