

SANDERSON BAND NOTES

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Next Band Booster Meeting – May 11th, 7:00PM
We will be finalizing the board, Committee Chairs, etc.
Please see page 5 for more information.

The band booster meeting is **the second Monday each month in the band room**. Everyone is welcome! We are always looking for new faces. Please join us!

Upcoming Events

- May 2 Car Wash Fundraiser to Benefit EXPO, Quail Corners Shell
- May 4-8 Drum Major Tryouts 3:30-4:30 and Color Guard Tryouts 3:30-5:30
- May 4 Drum Line Auditions 3:30-5:30
- May 5 Dine to Donate at Miltons 5:00-10:00
- May 6 RSVP and Payment for Banquet Due
- May 11 Band Booster Meeting
- May 11 Drum Line Auditions 3:30-5:30
- May 13 DCI - The Countdown, North Hills Theater, 7:30PM
- May 14 **Weenie-Hearsal – 6PM to 8PM, band room/cafeteria**
- May 15 Band Forms and Payments Due
- May 21 Concert Band/Wind Ensemble Concert 7PM
- May 23 Triangle Youth Brass Band, Meymandi Hall, 8PM
- May 26 Band Banquet
- May ABC & TIPS Training – check band website calendar for specific dates/times
- June 9 Graduation Practice, Civic Center, 4PM for Wind Ensemble only
- June 13 Graduation, 5PM

Spring Banquet

RSVP and Payment for the Banquet are Due May 6th.

The Spring Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at the Shriner's Club on Leadmine Road. There will be a social at 6:00, buffet starts 6:30, followed by a video presentation (Alex Collie), senior gifts, and awards. The menu will be chicken, pasta, dessert, beverages, vegetables. The cost is \$18.00 if fair share is paid, and \$23 if not.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Catherine Cole (mccole0820@gmail.com), or Jerry Diamond (jdiamond@nc.rr.com).

Fair Share Payment Schedule for 2009-2010 Season

May 15	\$200
(non-refundable)	
June 15	\$130
July 15	\$100
Sept 15	\$100
Oct 15	\$100
Nov 15	\$90

Total fair share is \$720.

Pizza, Pasta, and More!

We have another Dine to Donate Fundraiser on May 5 at Miltons Pizza at Six Forks and Strickland. You can come to eat anytime between 5:00PM and 10:00PM. The Band will receive **20% of the proceeds** – the most offered to us by a restaurant!

Check out the menu at:

<http://www.miltonspizza.com/docs/menu07.pdf>



Walnut Creek

Walnut Creek concerts are now in full swing! We can always use more help. Please check the band website for concert dates, ABC training, and TIPS training information. You can also contact Paul Tilden (796-2479 or e-mail ptilden@wakemed.org) or Betsy Harrington (720-8103 or e-mail raleighrules@yahoo.com) with questions.

WEENIE - HEARSAL!

Thursday, May 14, 2009
6:00- 8:00 pm

In the Band Room and Cafeteria
Parents and band members -
please come to welcome our new
members and parents.

We need some additional volunteers
to help - watch your e-mails for more
information.

VOLUNTEERS AND PATRONS NEEDED
for Car Wash Fundraiser

*Proceeds will go towards EXPO which
benefits ALL band members!*

May 2nd from 9-2 at the Quail Corners Shell Station.
If you did not receive a copy of the flyers to
distribute - check the website for a copy.

Please e-mail andrea@nevill.com ASAP if you are
able to help.

DCI Movie – The Countdown, May 13, North Hills, 7:30

NCM Fathom and Drum Corps International are proud to present "DCI 2009: The Countdown". Drum corps fans will again get their chance to "make the call" as they select – and then judge – their favorite performances of the world's most elite marching music ensembles as part of Drum Corps International's 2009 spring cinema event, "The Countdown." The program will feature six full-length corps performances from among the 72 World Championship Finalists of the past six seasons (2003-2008). Tickets are \$12.50.

PLEASE NOTE – This does not count as a cultural arts event because it is not a live performance. The DCI live performance will take place in August.

Patrick Short Makes the Hardest Decision of His Life (so far)

After being awarded and accepting the Morehead-Cain Scholarship to UNC, another opportunity of a lifetime was offered to Patrick. He applied and has accepted the opportunity to go to China for 6 months for the National Security Language Initiative, through the US Department of State, where he will learn the language 官話 or Mandarin, which literally translates to "speech of the officials", in addition to studying the customs and cultures of Chinese life. Upon his return from China in January 2010, Patrick will travel to Guatemala to teach English and do other service work at a Guatemalan Missionary School. Good luck Patrick – we (especially Mom, Dad, and John) will miss you during the many months you're away.

The Morehead-Cain Scholarship will be held for Patrick, and he will be attending UNC in the Fall of 2010.

Brandon Fernandez is One Busy Musician

Brandon Fernandez was nominated and participated in the UNC Pembroke Honor Band on March 28th getting to work with Samuel Hazo, composer of many popular works such as Rush and Ride. Brandon was also nominated, auditioned and participated in the Western Carolina University Honor Band on April 3rd and 4th where he was section leader. He got to work with both Samuel Hazo and Robert Sheldon.

Brandon recently received a call to fill a spot with the DCI group Crossmen playing synthesizer in their front ensemble. He did not audition for this part but was recommended by the timpani player (long time friend from UNCG summer music camp) and front ensemble section leader. He will be traveling across the middle and eastern part of the US in their show "Forbidden". He will have his first rehearsal with them in May.

Brandon also auditioned and recently found out he was accepted as 1 of 4 students from North Carolina to be part of the 2009 Macy's All American Marching Band. He will travel to NYC on Nov 21st where he will meet 4 students from every state in the US and learn music and drill in 4 days to perform in the 2009 Macy's Day Parade.

**Triangle Youth Brass Band
Featuring Our Very Own Students –
and it's a Cultural Arts Credit**

The Triangle Youth Brass Band - featuring Sanderson's own Jessica Grossano, Phillip Knorr, and David Williams -- will perform with guest composer/soloist Philip Sparke on Saturday, May 23 at Meymandi Concert Hall. The concert begins at 8:00 pm. Tickets will be available at the door.

Drum Major, Drum Line, & Color Guard Auditions

Please note the following dates:

May 4 & 11 - Drum Line Auditions - 3:30-5:30

May 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 - Drum Major Auditions 3:30-4:30 & Color Guard Auditions from 3:30-5:30

Last Call for Committee Chairs!

The final "elections" of the band board and committee chairs will take place at the band booster meeting on May 11th. Please note - we have 4 positions open (noted in red). If you have not already volunteered, and can fill one of these open positions, please contact Darden or Nelson (darden.coe@mindspring.com or bignel@bellsouth.net) prior to the meeting.

We are all looking forward to a successful 2009-2010 season - which starts June 1st!

<p>EXECUTIVE BOARD: President: Nelson Williams VP: Jay Baker Secretary: Janet Pritchett Treasurer: Susan George Assistant Treasurer: Mary Weaver Fair Share Accounting: Pam Kimley</p>	<p>EXPO Chair: Andrea Nevill Co-Chair: Norman George</p>
<p>COMMUNICATIONS Newsletter, Publicity: Jean McCloskey Web Page: Brian Perkinson 8th Grade Liaisons: Cynthia Griesedieck Jane Watt Janet Pritchett Kim Odishoo Julie Lebria Mary Weaver Ambassadors: A-C: Leigh Ammons D-K: Jane Watt L-Sa: Ruth Straus Sc-Z: Evelyn Pizzolato</p>	<p>FUNDRAISING Fundraising Chair: Sarah Williams Scholarship Committee: Jerry Diamond Sarah Williams SCRIP: Julie Lebria Fruit and Flowers: Bernadette Clark, Mary Weaver Grocery Cards: Jane Watt Walnut Creek: Paul Tilden Betsy Harrington CitiPass: NCSU Football: Ray Winter Parade of Homes: Gary Phillips Family Night Out: Yankee Candles: Jane Watt</p>
<p>MARCHING BAND Band Camp: Andrea Nevill, Jay Baker Chaperone Chair: Beth Sizemore Uniforms: Cathy Perkinson, Cynthia Griesedieck Pit, Prop Coordinator: Truck: Curtis Weaver Color Guard, Props: Darden Coe</p>	<p>HOSPITALITY Banquet: Jerry Diamond Janet Pritchett Banquet Awards: Ellen Wayland Social: Bernadette Clark Hospitality: Edwina Bruce Heart Strings: Logo Apparel: Donna Coggins</p>

New York City Spring Break Trip Was a Huge Success – and a Ton of Fun

By Amanda Srsic

Rather than spending another weekend at a local competition or festival, the Sanderson Band excitedly decided to journey to New York City over Spring Break. Sanderson's Theater and Choral groups joined the band to embark on a busy, educational trip.

After arriving Friday night, the Fine Arts group dressed up to eat at Planet Hollywood and see its first Broadway performance, The Little Mermaid. Costumes, special effects, make-up, props, and extraordinary vocal talent left everyone fully entertained. The next morning, the band pulled on layers of sweatshirts and windbreakers to ferry to the Statue of Liberty. Lady Liberty proved as grand as her reputation, and many people had the opportunity to take pictures. After a small break for eating and shopping, the band attended a concert by the prestigious New York Philharmonic. Its quality sound and interpretation of music left everyone in awe. The post-concert, question-and-answer session provided a personal view of the Philharmonic. That evening, everyone traveled to see West Side Story on Broadway. The band witnessed expert dancing and singing from the actors, and remarkable playing from the musicians. It was great to see two very different, yet impressive, Broadway performances. On Sunday morning, a New York Philharmonic member met with the band to host a clinic. He critiqued the band's festival music and suggested alternative mechanisms of phrasing and technique. He even used some analogies in explaining his opinions, which Mr. Flowers loved! Later in the evening, the group cruised along the rivers of the city for a night filled with dinner and dancing. Students happily encouraged Mr. Flowers to show off his hip moves during the Electric Slide, and some of the chaperones even started a conga line. The boat also sailed right next to the Statue of Liberty, which looked beautiful at twilight. Unfortunately, the night had to end and everyone journeyed back to the Newark, N.J., hotel for their last night in the city.

After a busy but fun four days, Sanderson's Fine Arts department returned to Raleigh. Everyone had an exciting, eventful time, and the experience remains unforgettable.

Many, many thanks to Mary Jane Tanaka for coordinating this event!