

*The Fayette County Public School System
Presents the*

Whitewater Middle School Symphonic Band

*Bill Melton, Director of Bands
Connie Baldwin, Principal
Brian Butera, Assistant Principal
Jeff Patterson, Assistant Principal*



*2015 Georgia Music Educators Association
In-Service Conference*

*Savannah International Trade and Convention Center
Hutchinson Island
Savannah, Georgia*

*Thursday, January 29, 2015
1:30 pm*



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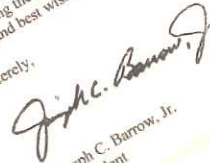
Dear Mr. Melton:

It is with great pleasure I congratulate you and the Whitewater Middle School Symphonic Band you direct for your invitation to perform at the 2015 Georgia Music Educators State In Service Conference in Savannah, Georgia on January 29, 2015. I understand only two bands were selected to play at the conference and I am very happy Fayette County will be well represented with your performance.

We also appreciate your 25 years of service to Whitewater Middle School and the band program there. I understand the Symphonic Band has won several awards and been recognized on the state as well as regional level.

Thank you, Mr. Melton, for your excellent leadership and the important role you play in developing the skills and talents exhibited by your students. I wish you continued success in the future and best wishes for a memorable performance!

Sincerely,



Dr. Joseph C. Barrow, Jr.
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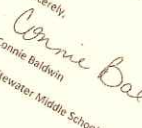
CORNIE A. BALDWIN
 Principal

December 19, 2014

Dear Mr. Melton and our Whitewater Middle School Band
 Congratulations for your band's recent selection as one of only two bands in the state to perform at the Georgia Music Educators State Conference on January 29, 2015, in Savannah Georgia. It is with great pride and joy that our students were chosen to represent Whitewater Middle School, Fayette County, and the state at this prestigious event.

This recognition reflects years of hard work, dedication, and commitment from your leadership, in collaboration with parents, students, and our district's support. The Symphonic Band has received many past accolades at the state and regional level and does most deserve to rise to this pinnacle of distinguished acknowledgment. Your expertise and talents are to be commended as you have devoted your life to sharing your love and vast abilities with multitudes of young people. The joy of music is a life blessing to those who create it and those who have the pleasure of hearing it.

Please enjoy this wonderful experience with our students and your masterpiece Symphonic Band. This once in a lifetime opportunity will be a memory they will always cherish. Thank you for your hard work and enjoy every moment with the students as you share with the state our fabulous Whitewater Middle School Symphonic band. We are so proud of you all!

Sincerely,

 Connie Baldwin
 Whitewater Middle School Principal



JEFF D. PATTERSON
 Assistant Principal
 BRIAN K. BUTERA
 Assistant Principal/ALT



The Whitewater Middle School Band Program

Whitewater Middle School opened in 1990 and has grown to a current student enrollment of over 900 students. It was recognized as a Georgia School of Excellence in 1997 and 2009. The school is located in the southern part of Fayette County in Fayetteville, Georgia. The band program is under the direction of Bill Melton. After middle school, students go on to attend Whitewater High School. The Whitewater High School Band program is under the direction of Director Jack Jean and Assistant Director Madison Argo.

The band program at Whitewater Middle School has an enrollment of 200 students. Students at Whitewater Middle School start their band experience in the 6th grade. Students in the seventh and eighth grade are divided into ability-based performing bands by audition. Seventh and eighth grade students are placed into either Symphonic or Concert Band. The band has been invited to play for the Georgia Music Educators State Convention, the University of Georgia Mid-fest, the Southern Division MENC Conference and the Southeastern United States Concert Band Festival at Troy State University in Troy, Alabama. The Symphonic Band consistently receives superior ratings at Large Group Performance Evaluation. A high number of students are also selected to participate in District Honor Band and the Georgia Middle School All-State Band.

Whitewater Middle School Symphonic Band

Flutes

Natalie Buck*+
Rachel Barnes+
Michael Bowman
Laura Gary
Emily Harris
Brittany Rice
Mehak Sahney+
Madison Turner+

Oboe

Briann Heinssen*

Bassoon

Kileigh Brown
Ethan Handley*

Clarinets

Rylee Blood
Baylie Bates
Matthew Castro
Emma Dix+
Lance Ibarra
Jordan Milton*+
Olivia Starkey
Briauna Reynolds
Mason Rzepkowski+^

Bass Clarinet

Scott Halbert
Asia Powell

Alto Saxophone

Levi Boos+
André Farnet+
Liam Jones
Nick Milavec*+
Tarah Thompson

Tenor Sax

Ethan Barton
Jake Outhavong*

Baritone Sax

Andrew Schueffner*

Trumpets

Xavier Dillon
Cole Fourqurean
Eric Goodman*+
Edward Huang+^
Enrico Soriano
John St. Martin
Theodore Thayer

Horn

Stuart Hall+
Camille Messina
Gabe Richmond
Virginia Weatherup*+

Trombone

Jameson Collins +^
Andrew Dalland
Regina Thompson+
JT Whetstone*+^

Euphonium

Christopher Hamilton*+

Tuba

Mackenzie Daniel
Avery Hopkins*

Percussion

Donovan Baker+
Jonathan Brown*+
Landen Clayton+
Lily Gable
Andy Nichols
Chris Shimer
Gabe Stoker
Matthew Windon

*Principal

+District Honor Band

^2015 All-State Band

Today's Theme:

"Connecting world cultures through wind band music."

The strength of the modern wind band is evident throughout many countries in the world. Today's concert will highlight how composers are using the wind band and the literature they perform to communicate a country's cultural and musical heritage.

Program



American Barndance (USA).....Richard Saucedo

American Barndance was commissioned and premiered for the 20th annual Festival of Bands in Loogootee, Indiana. As the title suggests, this is a throwback to the days of neighbors coming together to socialize and celebrate life on the farm. It reflects the sense of lightheartedness and playfulness for all who attend a barndance.



Hunting Scenes (Taiwan)Satoshi Yagisawa

Hunting Scenes was composed for the 2013 All Chinese Wind Band Competition in Taiwan. Satoshi Yagisawa's often-dramatic concert band works are not only played in his homeland of Japan, but also throughout Asia and around the world. The inspiration for *Hunting Scenes* comes from the traditional hunting songs of the Taroko, a people native to Eastern Taiwan. Its creation was also meant to promote Taiwanese culture throughout the world.



Villanelle (France).....Paul Dukas arr. Donald Miller Amy Melton, Horn

Paul Dukas is one of those composers destined to be remembered mostly for one work. In his case, it was *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, which got a great boost from Disney in the film *Fantasia*. The small output was not the result of inability, but an exaggerated level of self-criticism. He actually destroyed a great number of his own compositions.

Paul Dukas wrote his *Villanelle* as a demanding exam piece for the horn class of the Paris Conservatoire in 1906. The title references a cheerful traditional vocal genre that originated in 16th century Italy.



Ammerland (Germany).....Jacob De Haan Jack Jean, Conductor

Jacob de Haan (b. 1959) was born in Heerenveen, Netherlands. He grew up in a musical environment, coupled with piano lessons, which developed his creativity as a future composer. Following his senior education, de Haan completed his studies at the State Conservatoire in Leeuwarden, majoring in music and organ and minoring in trumpet and wind band conducting.

Ammerland depicts the lush, enchanting region surrounding the Zwischenaher Lake in Ammerland, Lower Saxony, Germany. The sonorous sounds of *Ammerland* create the feeling of being carried away to this unique landscape of fields covered with sprawling meadows covered with yellow wildflower blossoms.



Meresõit -Sea Journey (Estonia).....Riivi Jõgi

Meresõit was premiered in July 2014 at the Laulupidu Festival in Tallin, Estonia. Also known as the Estonian Song and Dance Festival, it is held every five years. *Meresõit* was first performed by a band made up of over 1700 instrumentalists. The musicians came from school and community wind bands throughout the country of Estonia.

In addition to instrumentalists, choirs also perform at the festival. The largest choir of the event was made up of 20,000 singers. The instrumental portion of the concert can be viewed online at <http://tinyurl.com/estoniansonganddance>

The performance today is the North American premiere of this piece.

Riivo Jõgi (1987) is an Estonian conductor, composer, and arranger. In 2011, he graduated from the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre where he majored in choral conducting. In 2012, he graduated from the same academy with a degree in orchestral conducting. Currently, he is the conductor of the Nõmme Music School Symphony Orchestra, Põlva Music School String Orchestra, and is one of the conductors of the Estonian Youth Wind Orchestra.

From the composer: The wind orchestra piece *Meresõit* was written in 2012. It is a program piece that could be described by the following: the ship leaves the port festively, and the trip starts joyfully and hopefully. Everything goes smoothly until the night falls and the storm rises. There is tension in the air, but the storm soon passes and a peaceful morning dawns at sea. Merry sailors prepare the ship to set sail again, and the journey at sea may continue.

The idea of creating “Voyage” came from an event that took place 100 years ago: in 1912, the Titanic, the world’s most famous ship, sank. The composition ends on a brighter note, but the tense part in the middle of the piece could be seen as commemorating the tragic event.



The American Way March (USA).....Karl King arr. James Swearingen

Karl King was known as America’s March King. He moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1920 and became the conductor of the Fort Dodge Municipal Band. He held the post for over 50 years. He was one of the first composers to write special music for the growing school band program in America. He composed marches especially intended for school bands as well as waltzes, overtures, and other selections.

Karl King wrote the American Way March in 1955. This arrangement of *The American Way March* was reissued in 2014 and arranged by James Swearingen.

Bill Melton, Director



Mr. Melton received his Bachelor of Music from Columbus State University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. He also received his Masters of Music from Columbus State University in 1985, where he served as a graduate assistant under Col. Hal Gibson. He most recently was awarded his Specialist of Education in Instructional Technology from the University of West Georgia in December 2012. Mr. Melton is currently in his 30th year of teaching and has been at Whitewater Middle School since it opened in 1990. He also served as a band director in Florida and was the assistant band director at Fayette County High School in Fayetteville, Georgia. Bands under his direction have played for Chick-Fil-A founder Truett Cathy, former Atlanta Braves player Dale Murphy, and former Congressman Newt Gingrich. The band has also been invited to play at Walt Disney World, Six Flags Over Georgia, and Opryland in Nashville. The band has also been invited to play at the 1999 Georgia Music Educators' State In-Service Convention and the 2001 University of Georgia Middle School Mid-fest. The band has also been selected to play at the 2005 Southern Division Music Educators National Conference in Tampa, Florida. and the 2006 Southeastern United States Concert Band Festival at Troy State University in Troy, Alabama. In May 2000, Whitewater's three bands (Symphonic, Concert and Advanced 6th Grade Bands) each placed first in their respective divisions at the Music in the Parks competition. The Symphonic Band was also awarded a gold rating and sweepstakes trophy at the 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2008 Southern Star Music Competition in Atlanta. The Sixth Grade Band was awarded the Sweepstakes trophy at the 2009 Southern Star Music Festival.

Mr. Melton was named Teacher of the Year for Whitewater Middle School during the 2001-2002 school year. He was also named a 2001-2002 finalist for Teacher of the Year for the Fayette County School System. Mr. Melton has also been awarded the Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association on two separate occasions. He has also presented a clinic titled "Developing A Successful Middle Band Program" at the 2010 Georgia Music Educators Convention. He was also nominated for the Grammy Music Educators Award in 2013. Also, in 2013 the eighth grade students at Whitewater Middle School presented him with the Students' Choice Award.

Mr. Melton is an active composer and arranger. His composition, A Northern Odyssey was premiered by the J.C. Booth Middle School Band at the 2006 Georgia Music Educators Convention and later played at the 2009 Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. Mr. Melton conducted on the Midwest Clinic premiere.

He serves on the GMEA State Music Selection Committee and has organized the All-State Band auditions and Large Group Performance Evaluation for District 6. He is currently a member of the National Association for Music Education, Georgia Music Educators Association, National Band Association, Phi Beta Mu, International Bandmasters Fraternity, Pi Lambda Theta, an international honor society, and the Professional Association of Georgia Educators.

In addition to his band directing responsibilities, Mr. Melton owns Top Tier Video Production Company. They specialize in filming and editing musical events and special projects. He is also lead sound engineer at Trinity Fellowship Assembly of God in Sharpsburg, Ga. Mr. Melton is married to Tammy Melton, who is an ordained minister, speaker, professional counselor, and private trumpet teacher. He has two children, Amy 20, sophomore music education major at Columbus State University and Amber 17, a flute player at Whitewater High School.

Jack Jean, Guest Conductor



Jack Jean is currently the Director of Bands at Whitewater High School in Fayetteville, Georgia. Mr. Jean, a native of Des Moines, Iowa, received his Bachelor of Music Education and Percussion Performance degrees from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa. In 1994 he was selected by Northwestern University as a Summer Fellow, studying conducting with John Paynter, Mallory Thompson, Steve Peterson and Don Owens. His professional experience includes Director and Associate Director of Bands at Shiloh High School (Snellville, GA), Director of Bands at Dunwoody High School (Dunwoody, GA) and Director of Bands at Saydel High School (Des Moines, IA). In 1991 the Saydel High School Jazz Band was selected to perform at the Iowa Bandmasters Association In-Service Conference. Mr. Jean has also served as the adjunct Percussion Instructor at Drake University (Des Moines, IA), Re-hearsal Assistant with the Des Moines Youth Symphony Orchestra, and the Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony. He has performed professionally with the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra, Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra, Omaha Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra of Iowa, New Hampshire Summer Music Festival Orchestra, Des Moines Metropolitan Opera, DeKalb Symphony Orchestra, Gainesville Symphony Orchestra, Tara Winds and the Cobb Wind Symphony. As a member of the Tara Winds Community Band, Mr. Jean performed at the Midwest Clinic in 1994 and 2001 and again in 2011 with the Cobb Wind Symphony. During his tenure at Whitewater High School, the Wind Ensemble was invited to perform at both the 2009 University of Georgia January Music Festival and the Georgia Music Educator's Association In-Service Conference. In September 2011, the Whitewater High School Wind Ensemble performed a joint concert with the Georgia State University Symphonic Wind Ensemble at the Rialto Center for the Arts. In 2013, the Whitewater High School French Horn Choir performed a Lobby Concert performance at the Georgia Music Educator's Association In-Service Conference. Also, in 2013 the Wind Ensemble performed a joint concert with the Georgia State University Symphonic Winds at the Rialto Center for the Arts. In 2014, the Whitewater High School Wind Ensemble performed at the University of Georgia January Music Festival as a featured ensemble. Mr. Jean was named the Whitewater High School "**Teacher of the Year**" for the 2014-2015 school year. He was also awarded the "**Distinguished Wildcat Award**", recognizing outstanding service to Whitewater High School in 2013-2014. Mr. Jean has been awarded the National Band Association's "**Citation of Excellence**" in both 2009 and 2014 and the "**Excellence in Education Award**" sponsored by the Atlanta Braves and AT&T in 2007. His professional memberships include the National Band Association, National Association for Music Education, Georgia Music Educators Association, Phi Beta Mu and Pi Kappa Lambda.

Amy Melton, Horn Soloist



Amy Melton is an active freelancer in the Columbus and Metro-Atlanta areas. In recent years, she has played in various churches, including Roswell Presbyterian Church and The Living Word Church, where she plays weekly. She has also performed in the pit of the Springer Opera House for their performances of *Les Misérables* and has subbed with the LaGrange Symphony Orchestra. Amy's music career began very early. As a sixth grader, she made 4th chair in the GMEA All-State Band, and she continued to make All-State every consecutive year. By her graduation in 2013, Amy had played as principal hornist in both the 9th-10th and 11th-12th grade All-State orchestras. In 2010, she was selected as assistant third hornist for the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra, with whom she played in various chairs until graduating high school in 2013. Amy also won the Peachtree Wind Ensemble, (Peachtree City, Georgia) Concerto Competition in 2010, performing *Morceau de Concert, Op. 94* by Camille Saint-Saëns. In 2011, she was invited to further her music study in the Governor's Honors Program, and in 2013 her solo career kicked off with a Spivey Hall debut; Amy had the honor of soloing with the Spivey Hall Children's Choir, with whom she sang from 2006-2013. Amy Melton is currently a sophomore music education major at Columbus State University, where she studies under Professor Anna Dodd. She is also a member of Blue River Brass, a brass quintet composed of students at the Schwob School of Music that freelances throughout the state of Georgia. When not playing her horn, Amy enjoys long walks through nature and embroidering by hand.

Our Student Musicians



FLUTES

Row 1: Madison Turner,
Rachel Barnes, Laura Gary

Row 2: Natalie Buck,
Brittany Rice,
Michael Bowman

Row 3: Emily Harris,
Mehak Sahney

DOUBLE REEDS

Row 1: Briann Heinssen

Row 2: Ethan Handley,
Kileigh Brown



Our Student Musicians



CLARINETS

Row 1: Olivia Starkey,
Baylie Bates, Emma Dix

Row 2: Matthew Castro,
Rylee Blood,

Briauna Reynolds

Row 3: Mason Rzepkowski,
Lance Ibarra, Jordan Milton

BASS CLARINETS

Asia Powell,
Scott Halbert



Our Student Musicians



SAXOPHONES

Row 1: Andrew Schueffner,
Levi Boos

Row 2: Tarah Thompson,
André Farnet

Row 3: Liam Jones,
Nick Milavec

TRUMPETS

Row 1: Edward Huang,
Enrico Soriano,
Theodore Thayer

Row 2: Eric Goodman,
Xavier Dillon

Row 3: Cole Fourqurean,
John St. Martin



Our Student Musicians



HORN

Row 1: Stuart Hall,
Camille Messina

Row 2: Gabe Richmond,
Virginia Weatherup

TROMBONES

Row 1: Andrew Dalland,
Jameson Collins

Row 2: Regina Thompson,
JT Whetstone



Our Student Musicians



EUPHONIUM and TUBA

Row 1: Christopher Hamilton

Row 2: MacKenzie Daniel,
Avery Hopkins

PERCUSSION

Row 1: Chris Shimer,
Lily Gable, Andy Nichols

Row 2: Landen Clayton,
Matthew Windon,
Gabe Stoker

Row 3: Jonathan Brown,
Donovan Baker



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Connie Baldwin, Principal of Whitewater Middle School and her administration team - For your overwhelming support and recognizing the hard work and dedication of the students, parents and instructors of the Whitewater Band program.

Robert Burton, band director at J.C. Booth Middle School in Peachtree City, Ga - For announcing today and your help with the program.

Whitewater Band Parents – For being a great support to your child and to the band program.

Jack Jean, Director of the Whitewater High School Band and Madison Argo, Assistant Director at Whitewater High School – For your continued support of the middle school band program and your help in providing our 6th grade band students a great music education each day.

To all the instructors that helped prepare the students for today's concert:

Flute: Joanne Brandes

Clarinets/Woodwinds: Ben Westberry

Trumpet: Tammy Melton

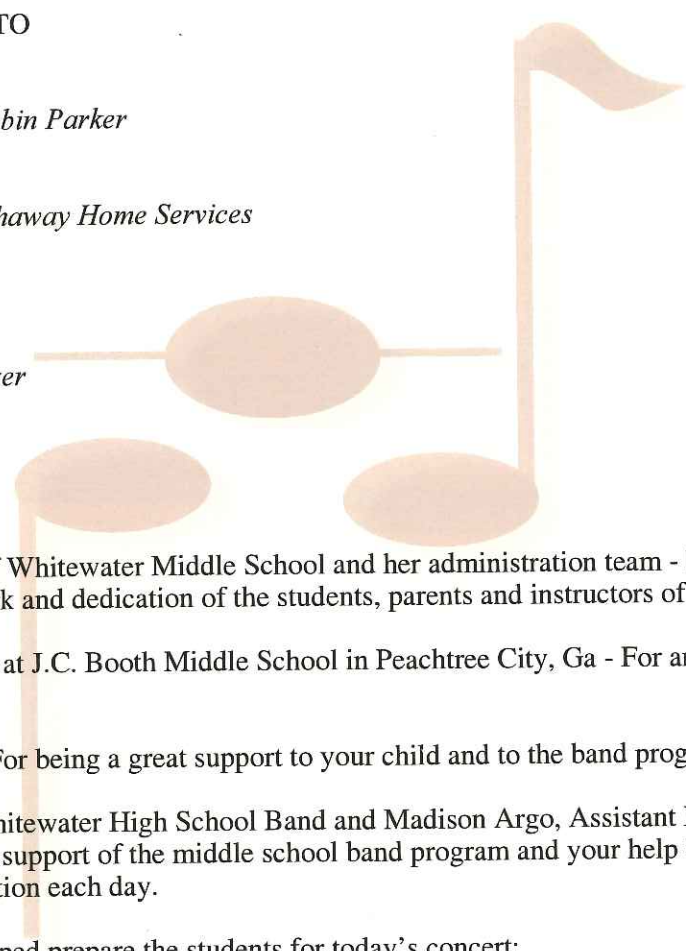
Trombone, Baritone, Tuba: Ann Soderman

Percussion: Kelly Corpening

Whitewater Symphonic Band students – For the positive attitudes and fantastic work ethic you put into preparing for the program. You have been a GREAT band to work with and I feel privileged to work with you.

My wife and kids - For your continued support during the long hours of preparation for this concert. You have always been a support to me in everything I have done.

Psalms 18:2



Congratulations to the
Whitewater Middle School Symphonic Band

for being one of only two middle school
bands in the state selected to perform at the
Georgia Music Educators Association !



Our heartfelt congratulations on this
extraordinary accomplishment!

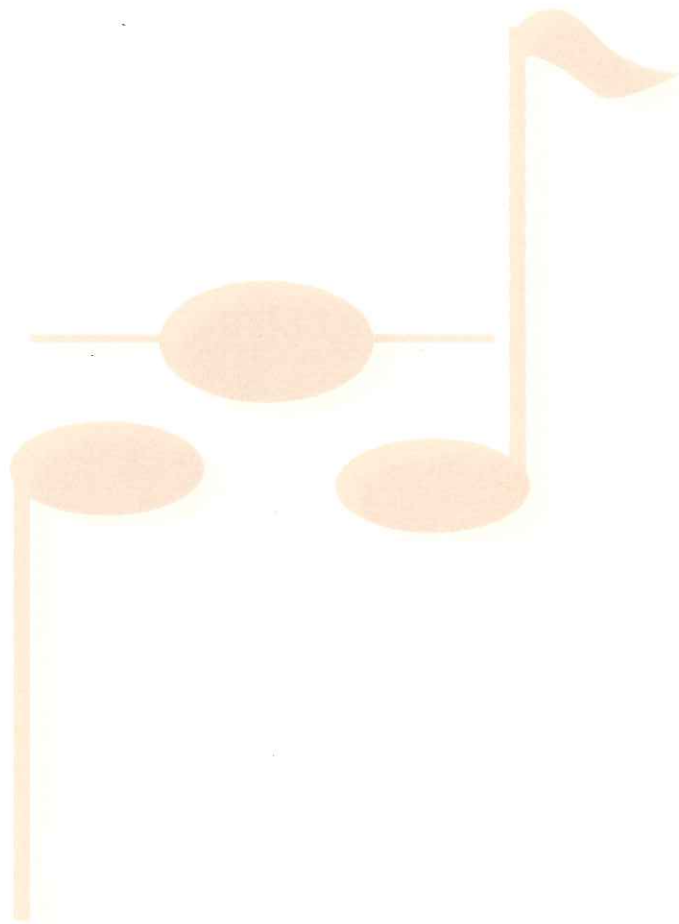
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*- Bill Melton, Band Director
Whitewater Middle School Symphonic Band*



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