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**JUNIOR HONORS CONCERT BAND  
SENIOR HONORS SYMPHONIC BAND**

**CONCERT:**

3:00PM, Saturday, April 26, 2014  
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Dear Musicians, Families, and Friends,

On behalf of the citizens of Maine, I am so pleased to welcome you to the 2014 New England Region John Philip Sousa National Honor Band Festival.


In order to be accepted into such a prestigious festival, the talented musicians performing today have demonstrated a tremendous dedication to their art. We are thrilled to host the region's most outstanding students; gathered here to share in the common goal of making music, promoting greater cultural understanding, and celebrating the American spirit that Sousa embodies.

Students, you should be very proud of your accomplishments. While it is an honor to be selected to participate in these events, the State of Maine and Gorham Middle School are equally honored to host such gifted young people.

I wish to thank tonight's conductors and all of the music educators who have patiently nurtured the talent, creativity and passion of the students you see before you. I have no doubt that tonight you will witness what continued dedication to the young people of Maine and New England can produce.

I wish all of the musicians the best of luck in their performance. I hope that you all enjoy the show and your time here in our great State of Maine.

Sincerely,

  
Paul R. LePage  
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## **An Introduction - The John Philip Sousa National Honors Bands New England Region at Gorham High School**

The John Philip Sousa Foundation offers many dynamic programs to support the cause of wind band music around the country as a way to bring honor to that most famous and respected of bandsmen, John Philip Sousa. One of the Foundation's most popular events is the John Philip Sousa National Honors Band, which is organized every two years. The band is open, by application, to all outstanding band students from throughout the United States. This program has been in existence for many years and has created outstanding opportunities for some of the most competent high school musicians in the country to come together and make music in the finest honors band setting. Recently, the John Philip Sousa Foundation decided to create regional junior high school-level honors bands as a way to recognize the very special talents of junior high school-aged band students in grades 7, 8 and 9.

The very first regional John Philip Sousa Junior National Honors Band festival took place in South Carolina during October, 2001, involving students from Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. It was a tremendous success...so much so that now the members of the Foundation have created similar regional junior festivals in other areas of the country.

This festival is the sixth John Philip Sousa National Honors Band Festival – New England Region that has occurred. The rehearsals for today's performance were held at Gorham Middle School in Gorham, Maine, conveniently located in Southern Maine. The festival was open to the most outstanding woodwind, brass, and percussion players from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Students stayed overnight at the Howard Johnson's Plaza Hotel off Maine Interstate 95 in Westbrook, Maine, located ten miles from the school.

The 2014 festival is a New England regional band festival that includes students from both junior and senior high schools, grades 7 through 12, a change first implemented in 2009. Two honors bands were created from the many applications received or submitted from all over New England. The principal guest conductor of the High School Symphonic Band (Grades 9 through 12) is Mr. Jay S. Gephart, director of the Purdue University Bands in West Lafayette, Indiana and the Treasurer of The John Philip Sousa Foundation. The principal guest conductor of the Junior High School Symphonic Band (Grades 7 & 8) is Ms. Pamela Potter, Director of the Quincy Park Band of Quincy, Illinois, who also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the John Philip Sousa Foundation.

### **About the John Philip Sousa Foundation...**

The first project of the John Philip Sousa Foundation was the dedication of the stage of the John F. Kennedy National Cultural Center in the name of John Philip Sousa on October 7, 1971. The dedication was the culmination of the Sousa Foundation's efforts that raised \$100,000 primarily from schools and students throughout the country under the guidance of Colonel George S. Howard. The stage was formally dedicated at a gala concert by the premier bands of the U.S. Armed Services attended by President Nixon and the host of dignitaries.

Since that beginning in 1971, the Sousa Foundation has developed a great number of projects of benefit to band music, students, and directors. Through the generosity of Louis and Virginia Sudler, Louis Sudler Awards of Merit have been developed to recognize outstanding musicians both in the community and throughout the world:

\* The Sousa National High School Honors Band is held biennially and was first organized in 1981.

\* The Sudler Trophy is awarded annually to one of America's outstanding university bands for its major influence in the establishment and maintenance of high standards of musical and marching performance.

\* The Sudler International Composition Competition is a biennial competition which recognizes outstanding wind band composers.

- \* The Sudler Flag recognizes outstanding achievement of high school concert bands.
- \* The Sudler Cup similarly recognizes bands at the junior high school level.
- \* The Sudler Shield recognizes high school marching bands.
- \* The Sudler Scroll recognizes outstanding community bands.
- \* The Legion of Honor recognizes outstanding high school band directors with a long history of dedicated service to bands.
- \* The George Solti International Young Conductors Competition is held biennially and recognizes young wind band conductors.
- \* The Historic Roll of Honor endowed by Al G. Wright, recognizes outstanding high school bands from 1920 to 1980, selected by committees representing each era.
- \* The Historical Marker Project recognizes and identifies sites where the original Sousa Band performed.
- \* The Badge of the Order is awarded to students participating in the Sousa National Honors Band.
- \* The Star of the Order and The Medal of the Order are awarded to acknowledge achievement at the highest level.
- The Diploma of the John Philip Sousa Foundation recognizes individuals who have devoted exceptional service to the Foundation and the musical community.

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# Sousa Junior Honors Symphonic Band\_\_\_\_\_

## 2014 JOHN PHILIP SOUSA NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HONORS SYMPHONIC BAND NEW ENGLAND REGION SYMPHONIC BAND PROGRAM

"Fanfare and Flourishes" ..... James Curnow  
"Kentucky 1800"..... Clare Grundman  
"On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss" ..... David Holsinger  
"Rites of Tamburo"..... Robert W. Smith  
"Message on the Rock"..... Robert Sheldon  
"John Philip Sousa/arr. Andrew Balent"..... The Washington Post March



### **Ms. Pamela Potter - Band Conductor**

Pam Potter recently retired after teaching instrumental music in grades five through twelve for 45 years. She was chair of the music department and director of bands at Quincy Notre Dame High School and the Quincy (IL) Parochial elementary schools for 34 years. She just completed 20 years as conductor of the Quincy Park Band, an adult community band, only the second conductor in the band's 65 year history.

A native of Quincy, Illinois, Pam completed her undergraduate degree in music education at Quincy University and attended graduate school at the University of Iowa where she played clarinet in the University Symphonic Band that toured Europe and the Soviet Union for three months.

Mrs. Potter is a well-known guest conductor of bands and music festivals in addition to being an accomplished clarinetist. She conducted the Mississippi River Brass Band to Second Place in Honors and Championship Divisions of the North American Brass Band Association. She is a past president of the National Catholic Band Association and currently serves as vice-president. In 1985 she chaired the North American Band Directors Coordinating Council.

Some of her awards include being named "Outstanding Conductor of 2011" by the Association of Concert Bands, and was named to the "Bandworld Legion of Honor" by Bandworld magazine. In 2010 she was inducted into the "Wall of Fame" at Pleasant Plains (IL) High School where she taught from 1967-77, and she received the Kappa Kappa Psi 2010 "Silver Baton Award", In 2004 Ms. Potter was awarded the "Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award" from the Illinois Humanities Council. In addition she has received the National Catholic Band Association's "Charles R. Winking Award" for outstanding contributions to the field of wind band conducting, and the "Adam Lesinsky Award" in recognition for outstanding service to music education.

# Sousa Senior Honors Symphonic Band\_\_\_\_\_

## 2014 JOHN PHILIP SOUSA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HONORS SYMPHONIC BAND NEW ENGLAND REGION SYMPHONIC BAND PROGRAM

"The Music Makers".....	Alfred Reed
"Pageant".....	Vincent Persichetti
"The Dragoons Farewell".....	Brant Karrick
"Minimalist Dances".....	Matthew Conaway
"The Chimes of Liberty".....	Edwin Franko Goldman/arr. Schissel
"Fairest of the Fair".....	John Philip Sousa



### Jay S. Gephart - Band Conductor

Jay S. Gephart joined the faculty of Purdue University in the fall of 1995 after having completed 12 years as a public school band director. In July of 2001, he was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure and in 2009 was promoted to Full Professor. In November, 2006, Professor Gephart was appointed Director of University Bands. He currently serves as Director of the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band the Purdue University Wind Ensemble. He is also coordinator of the concert band program. From 1995-2006, Professor Gephart served as the music director for the Purdue Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Gephart received a Master of Music Degree in Performance with High Distinction from Indiana University in 1988 and a Bachelor of Music Education Degree with Distinction from Indiana University in 1983. Under his direction, the Purdue Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra have shared the stage with some of the nation's outstanding soloists and have represented Purdue at the Indiana Music Educator's Association state convention on two occasions. In February of 2012 the Purdue Wind Ensemble performed a concert at the national convention of the American Bandmaster's Association, held in Indianapolis. He has also served as a guest conductor, clinician, lecturer and adjudicator both nationally and internationally. He has commissioned numerous works for wind band, including "Anthem" by Steven Bryant which was premiered in 2011 celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Purdue Bands.

In May, 2008, he traveled with the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band to Beijing, China to perform in the "Meet in Beijing" International Arts and Music Festival prior to the Olympic Games and in 2006 his Purdue Symphonic Band performed at the New York Wind Band Festival at Carnegie Hall. Professor Gephart has conducted All-State Bands in Indiana and Arkansas and served as a clinician at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. In 1997, he was selected to conduct the music camp honor band for the Department of Education in the Northern Region of Queensland, Australia. In his career he has been the recipient of many awards and honors including the Indiana Outstanding Bandmaster Award and the Purdue University New Professional Award.

Mr. Gephart has been very active in various professional organizations including Music Educator's National Conference, National Band Association, College Band Director's National Association, Indiana Bandmaster's Association, Indiana Music Educator's Association and Phi Beta Mu. From 2010-12, he served as President of the Big Ten Band Director's Association and currently holds the position of Vice President and Treasurer of the John Philip Sousa Foundation. He is also a member of the NBA Revelli Composition Contest selection committee. In 2012, he was elected to a position on the board of the National Band Association, serving as the Collegiate Representative. Professor Gephart was elected to membership in the prestigious American Bandmaster's Association in 2008 and now serves on the ABA Board of Directors. He, his wife Jana and their family reside in Lafayette, Indiana.

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East Providence High School	East Providence, RI	Marisa Martinez
Exeter-West Greenwich High School	West Greenwich, RI	Gregg Charest
Falmouth High School	Falmouth, MA	Steven Edwards
Gorham High School	Gorham, ME	Timothy Ebersold
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