



7th Biennial
JOHN PHILIP SOUSA
NATIONAL HONORS BANDS
New England
APRIL 21-23, 2016
McCormack Performing Arts Center
Gorham High School
Gorham, Maine



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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 2016 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,

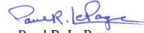

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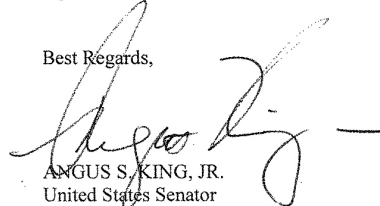
Dear Friends,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the prestigious John Philip Sousa National Honor Band Festival. You have each distinguished yourself as among the most talented young musicians in the country. I proudly join fellow Mainers in welcoming you and your families to our great state.

New England has a long musical tradition. Your dedication and hard work to earn this honor are skills that will carry you to success throughout your life. I wish each of you the best of luck with your performances, and I hope you enjoy all that the great State of Maine has to offer.

Again, congratulations on this incredible achievement.

Best Regards,


ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senator

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

CONCERT:

3:00PM, Saturday, April 23, 2016
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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 seventh 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 Fireside Inn off Maine Interstate 95 in Portland, Maine, located ten miles from the school.

The 2016 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 Mr. Louis C. Bean, Director of the Lake Braddock Middle School Wind Ensemble of Lake Braddock, Fairfax County, Virginia. Mr. Bean is also active in projects sponsored by 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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Masterclasses:
Thomas Reynolds, Harvard Public Schools, Harvard, MA; Students from University of Southern Maine, including Jordan Alex Dube, clarinet; Emily Pitzzi, flute; and Kevin Schaefer, bassoon
Nurses – Kristen Kuschke, Angela Rojecki
Transportation – Gorham School Department, Gorham, Maine

Sousa Junior Honors Symphonic Band_____

2016 JOHN PHILIP SOUSA NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HONORS SYMPHONIC BAND NEW ENGLAND REGION SYMPHONIC BAND PROGRAM

- "Sousa, Sousa, Sousa" John Philip Sousa/arr. David Shaffer
"Stargazer" David Shaffer
"Angelic Celebrations"..... Randall Standridge
"Appalachian Morning"..... Robert Sheldon
"Highlights from the 'Star Wars Saga'".....John Williams/arr. Paul Cook



Mr. Louis C. Bean - Band Conductor

Louis C. Bean is a native of North Carolina. He was directly influenced and supported by his parents to pursue a career in music. His father was also his high school band director. Mr. Bean received his Bachelor of Music Education and Masters of Music from East Carolina University. After completion of his Masters, Mr. Bean taught one year in North Carolina before moving to Fairfax County, Virginia. His first teaching assignment was at Mark Twain Middle School. Mr. Bean has taught in the Fairfax County Public Schools for the past 26 years, the last 23 years have been at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke, VA where he currently is the director of the Middle School Band Program.

Mr. Bean has enjoyed much success with his band students at Lake Braddock Secondary. Mr. Bean and The Lake Braddock Middle School Wind Ensemble have twice been honored by being selected to perform at the Virginia Music Educators Association's conference held annually in Virginia - in the years 2000 and 2008. Additionally, Mr. Bean has been honored with four separate "Citations of Excellence" for teaching, an award given by the National Band Association.

In 2001, Mr. Bean and the Lake Braddock Middle School Band Program were selected to receive the prestigious Silver Sudler Cup Award given by the John Philip Sousa Foundation recognizing outstanding Middle School Bands. This honor is awarded to Middle School band programs internationally, which have maintained a level of the very highest quality of musical performance and organizational distinction. For the past several years, Mr. Bean has been the Co-Chair of the John Philip Sousa Sudler Cup Selection Committee.

In the school year 2014 - 2015, Mr. Bean was recognized by his fellow peers of the FCBDA (Fairfax County Band Director's Association) as the Secondary Band Director of the year.

Mr. Bean has continued to be involved in adjudicating band festivals and participating as a guest clinician/conductor for many years throughout Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Maryland and North Carolina.

Mr. Bean is a member of the Music Educators National Conference, Virginia Music Educators Association, the Fairfax County Band Directors Association, Pi Kappa Lambda Honorary Music Fraternity and Phi Beta Mu Professional Music fraternity. Mr. Bean currently resides in South Riding, Virginia with his wife Susan, (retired HS Social Studies teacher), and their two children, Jason and Rachael.

Sousa Senior Honors Symphonic Band_____

2016 JOHN PHILIP SOUSA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HONORS SYMPHONIC BAND NEW ENGLAND REGION SYMPHONIC BAND PROGRAM

“Seven Hills Overture”	John Fannin
“God of Our Fathers”	Claude Smith
“Variations on an African Hymnsong”	Quincy Hilliard
“Symphonic Suite”	Clifton Williams
“The Lambs March”	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.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS:

Barre Town Middle & Elementary School	Barre, VT	Brent White
Biddeford Middle School	Biddeford, ME	Amy Delorge
Bishop Guertin High School	Nashua, NH	Brian Starck
Bow Memorial School	Bow, NH	Stephanie Jenkins
Brien McMahon High School	Norwalk, CT	Ronald Secchi
Cheshire High School	Cheshire, CT	John Kuhner
China Middle School	China, ME	James Brown
Classical Magnet School	Hartford, CT	David Epstein
Clinton High School	Clinton, MA	Robin Quist
Clinton Middle School	Clinton, MA	Robin Quist
Concord Christian Academy*	Concord, NH	Stephanie Jenkins
Concord Community Music School*	Concord, NH	Stephanie Jenkins
Concord High School*	Concord, NH	Stephanie Jenkins
Dudley Middle School	Dudley, MA	Cindy Snow
Gorham High School	Gorham, ME	Timothy Ebersold
Gorham Middle School	Gorham, ME	Kimberly Mathieu
Harrison High School	Harrison, AR	Randell Mealer
Immaculate Heart of Mary School	Still River, MA	Br. Peter Mary
Kennebunk High School	Kennebunk, ME	Ben Potvin
Kennedy Middle School	Waltham, MA	Evan Biela
La Salle Academy	Providence, RI	Brian Brouillard
Lawrence Academy	Groton, MA	Kenji Kikuchi
Lincoln Academy	Newcastle, ME	Liz Matta
Manchester Community Music School**	Manchester, NH	Stephanie Jenkins
Marlborough High School	Marlborough, MA	Gary Piazza, Leslie Havens
Massabesic High School	East Waterboro, ME	Adam Goad
Minuteman Regional Vocational High School	Lexington, MA	Colleen Nigzus
Noble Middle School	Berwick, ME	Allison Chipman
North Kingstown High School	North Kingstown, RI	Toni Silveira
Oak Hill High School	Wales, ME	John Neal
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Tantasqua Regional Junior High School	Sturbridge, MA	Lucy Colwell
Tantasqua Regional High School	Sturbridge/Fiskdale, MA	Robert Raymond
The Bromfield School	Harvard, MA	Thomas Reynolds, Rebecca Ufema
Timberlane Regional High School	Plaistow, NH	Kenneth Clark
Tyngsborough High School	Tyngsborough, MA	Robert L. Rucinski
University of North Texas	Denton, TX	Christine Walk
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Waterville Senior High School	Waterville, ME	Susan Barre
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