

John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region

Mechanics Hall
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608
April 18-20, 2019

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Dear Directors, Parents, and Students:

As the 2019 Sousa Festival approaches, we wanted to give you more information about the event as well as reminders for several upcoming deadlines. We hope you will find this information useful in your planning.

Registration for the festival runs from **10am-2pm** on **Thursday, April 18, 2019** in the Lobby of the Rehearsal School. There is a general meeting at 2pm, which all teachers/parent chaperones and students should attend. Directions to the Rehearsal School will be made separately, and will be found on the website listed above. Lunch is not provided on Thursday, but there are several local area restaurants near the school for those people arriving early.

Packing checklist: Students should be sure to pack the following items.

- Instrument
- Music
- Pencils (to make notes on your music)
- Wire Music Stand (if you have one): LABELLED with the student's name and school
- CONCERT DRESS: white shirt/blouse, black pants/skirt,
black shoes (closed toe), black socks/stockings,
black bow tie (preferred) or long black tie (boys only)
- Spending money for snacks, t-shirts, etc. (~\$20-\$40, in small bills – change may not be available)
- Casual clothes (for rehearsals - appropriate attire for school)
- Night clothes
- Toiletries
- Special Medications (appropriately labeled - to be given to the school nurse upon arrival)

The Concert will be held in Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608 on **SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019** at **1:00pm**. Directions to "Mechanics Hall" can also be found on the website listed above.

Concert tickets can be pre-ordered by completing the order form from the website. Pre-orders should be submitted by **Friday, April 5, 2019** if you would like tickets mailed back to you in a self-addressed stamped envelope. Otherwise, they will be held at the door.

T-shirts can also be pre-ordered by submitting the appropriate form from the webpage. The deadline for t-shirt reservations is **Friday, March 29, 2019**.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to meeting you all in April.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Reynolds
Festival Administrator

2019 Sousa NE Band Programs: Please listen to the following pieces: (YouTube links listed after composers.)

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND:

Falcon Fanfare – Brian Balmages - https://youtu.be/LYx_4KJvz4M
The Machine Awakes – Steven Bryant - <https://youtu.be/7-BHOEkU6U4>
Three Ayres from Gloucester – Hugh Stuart - <https://youtu.be/7x0l-0zs6kQ>
Our Kingsland Spring – Samuel Hazo – <https://youtu.be/zy2QOIMYp3g>
El Capitan - John Philip Sousa/Balent - <https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/media-player.jsp?&type=audio&productID=5873765>

HIGH SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND:

Beyond the Horizon – Rossano Gallante - https://youtu.be/93HJJcCV_5g
Memor Vita – Brant Karrick - <https://youtu.be/0Q-H2hvDO08>
English Folk Song Suite – Ralph Vaughan Williams - <https://youtu.be/X9a0ym35R6l>
The Red Covered Bridge – Robert Sheldon - <https://youtu.be/JeQZk1QRKD0>
Manhattan Beach – John Philip Sousa - <https://youtu.be/zUdOgBrAb8o>