

2016-2017 Yorktown High School Band Achievements

Arlington Public Schools' Music Education Program Receives National Recognition

Arlington Public Schools has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. APS is one of 4% of districts across the nation receiving the prestigious award in 2017.

2017 Spring Tour – New York City

Clinics

- Todd Stoll, Director of Education for Jazz at Lincoln Center, @ Jazz at Lincoln Center.
- Dr. Michael Knight, Director of UDel Wind Ensemble @ University of Delaware.
- Tom Palmer, Director of University of Delaware Jazz Bands @ University of Delaware.
- James Blachly - conductor of Johnstown Orchestra, conductor of music workshops for New York Philharmonic, and music director of Experiential Orchestra & Geneva Light Opera. Full ensemble clinic @ the Dimenna Center, one of Manhattan's premier studio facilities.
- Singing & Dancing Broadway Workshop, with Broadway Pro & Marymount Manhattan professor Stephen Purdy and Kinky Boots cast member Sean Patrick Doyle.
- Stage Combat: Swordplay, NYC's longest running stage combat school, dedicated to providing training to professional actors in the techniques of safe and effective stage combat.

Performances & Museums

- Broadway - Charlie & The Chocolate Factory at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre
- MoMA - Museum of Modern Art
- The New York Philharmonic Orchestra & Principal Brass Quintet @ Lincoln Center
- 9/11 Memorial and Museum

Sites

- Central Park; Times Square; Battery Park; Staten Island Ferry (Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island); Rockefeller Center

Yorktown Band

- *Superior* (I) Rating, Symphonic Band, VBODA District Band Assessment.
- 2016 National Wind Band Honors – VA State Level Winner – The Foundation for Music Education.
 - Adjudicators: Gary Green, Paula Crider, & James Keene
- 11 participants in the VBODA Solo and Ensemble Festival. [8 Superior (I); 3 Excellent (II)]

Yorktown Marching Patriots

- Caption Award: *Best Music*, US Bands Marine Corps Invitational, Annapolis, MD.
- *Finalist*: US Bands Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships, Towson University, MD.
- *2nd Place*, VA – Bands by the Bay Competition, Annapolis, MD.
- *Excellent* Rating, VBODA State Marching Band Assessment.

Yorktown Big Band

- 2016 National Jazz Honors - VA State Level Winner – The Foundation for Music Education
 - Adjudicator: Bill Snodgrass
- Hosted the 4th Annual *Essentially Ellington* Regional High School Jazz Band Festival in coordination with Jazz at Lincoln Center and The U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note.
- Selected to perform on the Finals Stage at the Chantilly Jazz Festival.

- 6 students selected to the Chantilly International Jazz Festival All-Star Big Band, 1 solo award at Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival & Scholarship Recipient at Chantilly Jazz Festival.

Yorktown Percussion Ensemble

- Host, 4th Annual Arlington Percussion Ensemble Festival.

Yorktown Indoor Percussion Ensemble

- *Knock on Wood*; Awarded 4th place (out of 13) in Percussion Scholastic A class at the Atlantic Indoor Association Circuit Championships
- Awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at other regional competitions throughout the season
- Ensemble included students from Yorktown, W-L, and Wakefield high schools for the 4th consecutive year.

Yorktown Winter Guard

- *Obelesque*; Guard moved up a class and competed in Scholastic A3 for the first time since 2010.
- Ensemble included 7 students from Yorktown HS, 6 students from Wakefield HS.

Community

Yorktown ensembles played an active role in the community, including performances at the 9-11 Memorial 5k, Barnes & Noble Clarendon, Nottingham Halloween Parade, Discovery Elementary PumpkinFest, and the Westover Farmer’s Market.

Professional Presence

- Symphonic Camp featured a day of master classes with the United States Navy Concert Band musicians and conductor Lcdr. Mark K. Corbliss.
- The Bands received clinics by the wind band director from Shenandoah Conservatory, Dr. Timothy Robblee.
- The GMU Woodwind Trio ran clinics and performed for the bands.
- The JMU Jazz Band and Jazz Faculty ran clinics and performed for the bands.
- The University of Delaware Faculty Woodwind Quintet and Trombone Choir ran clinics and performed for the bands.
- The Davidson College Jazz Band performed for the bands and engaged in a Q&A.

Virginia Honor Ensembles

The Yorktown Band was well represented in District and State Honor Ensembles. These ensembles are highly competitive and participation is admitted through audition. Here are the honor ensembles, and how many students participated in each:

District 12 Honor Band: 6 All-Virginia Symphonic Band: 1	All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble: 2
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Thank you to all of the Yorktown parents, students, staff, administration, and community members! Without your support, these opportunities for the band and its members would not be possible.