

The John Philip Sousa Foundation presents...

John Philip Sousa National High School Honor Band

An Honor Band for Selected Students in Grades 9-12



June 26-30, 2022
Worcester, Massachusetts

with a performance at historic
Mechanics Hall

Announcing...

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July 2021

Dear Music Educators and Interested Persons,

Exciting news: the return of the **John Philip Sousa National High School Honor Band!**

The conductor of the 2022 John Philip Sousa National High School Honor Band will be Col. Michael J. Colburn, former Director of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band of Washington, D.C., and the conductor of the Butler University Wind Ensemble.

Instructions for completing auditions for the John Philip Sousa National Honor Band may be found online along with a **student application form** at the following address <http://www.SousaNHSBand.com/auditions>. Please take the time to complete the application thoroughly and thoughtfully, as students will be selected and seated based upon their submitted video audition as well as with the information that is provided.

The John Philip Sousa Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to the promotion of international understanding through the medium of band music. Through the administration of band related projects, the foundation seeks to uphold the standards and ideals of that icon of the American spirit, John Philip Sousa.

Thank you for considering your student(s) participation in the John Philip Sousa National High School Honors Band. We look forward to receiving your student's application(s).

Sincerely,

Sousa Band Committee 2022



Sousa Band Website

Just as the name Sousa is synonymous with bands, so bands are bridges that connect the music and culture of all strata of our society. And no type of music better typifies the spirit of America throughout the world than do the stirring strains of a Sousa march. The John Philip Sousa National High School Honors Band was formed in 1981 and met biannually for over twenty years under the direction of Col. John R. Bourgeois, former conductor of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band of Washington, D.C. The group met for many years in Washington, D.C. and also in New Orleans, Louisiana. The members of the Board of Directors of the John Philip Sousa Foundation are pleased to be able to offer the event once again. Students who will be in grades 9 through 12 in September 2021 from all fifty states and territories of the United States of America are invited to audition for this honors band.

National Honor Band

Coordinators

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2022 Executive Planning Committee

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Questions?

If you have questions about the John Philip Sousa National High School Honors Band, please contact:

Sousa NHS Band Committee 2022

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Festival Schedule and Conductor Information

John Philip Sousa National High School Honor Band

Festival Dates: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 26-30, 2022

Festival Hotel: SpringHill Suites-Marriott, 27 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA 01434 - (844) 202-2146

Concert Venue: Historic Mechanics Hall, Worcester, MA

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

- **Arrival**
11:30AM – 1:00PM: Registration
1:00PM - 1:30PM: General Meeting
- **Rehearsals**
2:00PM - 5:30PM
- **Dinner in Cafeteria**
5:30PM - 6:30PM
- **Evening Rehearsals**
6:30PM - 9:30PM
- 9:30PM - 10:00PM: Depart for housing
- 10:30PM: Student Curfew

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022

- **Morning Rehearsals**
9:00AM-12:00Noon
- **Lunch - In Cafeteria**
12:00Noon-1:00PM
- **Afternoon Rehearsals**
1:00PM - 4:30PM
- **Dinner- In Cafeteria**
4:30PM - 5:30PM
- **Pack-up and Travel to Gardner, MA**
5:30PM – 6:30PM
- **Evening Concert**
7:00PM - 8:30PM: Monument Park, Gardner
- 8:30PM: Return to housing
- 10:30PM: Student Curfew

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022

- **Morning Rehearsals**
9:00AM-12:00Noon
- **Lunch - In Cafeteria**
12:00Noon-1:00PM
- **Afternoon Rehearsals**
1:00PM – 3:00PM
- **Pack-up and Travel to Athol, MA**
3:30PM - 4:30PM
- **Late Afternoon Concert**
5:00PM - 6:30PM: Memorial Hall, Athol
6:30PM: Return to housing
- **Evening Activity**
8:00PM – 10:30PM: Banquet (at hotel)
10:30PM: Student Curfew

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022

- **Morning Rehearsals**
9:00AM-12:00PM
- **Lunch - In Cafeteria**
12:00PM-1:00PM
- **Travel to – Mechanics Hall, Worcester**
2:00PM-3:00PM
- **Onstage Dress Rehearsal**
3:30PM – 5:30PM , meal in Washburn Hall after
- **Concert**
7:00PM - 8:30PM: Mechanics Hall, Worcester
- 8:30PM: Concert over; Festival concludes

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022

Depart Hotel; Return home.



Michael J. Colburn, Conductor

Michael J. Colburn joined the faculty of Butler University as Director of Bands in August 2014. In addition to conducting the Butler University Wind Ensemble, he offers instruction in conducting, euphonium, and the history and literature of the wind band. Before coming to Butler, Colburn served for 27 years in “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band, where he held a variety of positions including Principal Euphonium (1991-1996), Assistant Director (1996-2004), and Director (2004-2014). As Director, Colburn was music advisor to White House and regularly conducted the Marine Band and Chamber Orchestra at the Executive Mansion and at Presidential Inaugurations. He was promoted to Colonel by President George W. Bush in a private Oval Office ceremony in 2007, and in 2014 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by

Gen James Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Medal of Honor by the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic Board of Directors.

Colburn is an active guest conductor and clinician. He regularly conducts bands at numerous state and regional festivals and has guest conducted several professional and university bands and wind ensembles. Committed to the commissioning of new music, Colburn serves as the Co-Chair of the Sousa-ABA-Ostwald Award, a prize sponsored by the American Bandmasters Association in order to promote new works for wind band. He has served as an adjudicator for the Sudler Award, the Barlow Endowment, Music for All, and the Col. George S. Howard award for excellence in military bands. Colburn is a member of Washington D.C.’s prestigious Gridiron and Alfalfa Clubs, the American Bandmasters Association, and a board member of the John Philip Sousa Foundation.



Mechanics Hall, Worcester, MA

Mechanics Hall is the premier event venue and concert hall in Central Massachusetts. Renowned for its elegance and sound qualities, the Hall’s cultural significance, its stunning décor and architectural detail have earned it a listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Hall is known as the finest pre-Civil War performance hall in America. Mechanics Hall is an acoustical masterpiece sought after by musicians and recording artists worldwide, and it is a beloved meeting space ideally suited for special events.

In the past, there have been over 25 performances made by the original Sousa Band at this venue. In 2019, the John Philip Sousa New England Regional Honor Bands awarded Mechanics Hall with an historical marker to commemorate these original Sousa Band performances.

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 Foundations efforts that raised \$100,000.00, 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, a number of 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.

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