



## Charlotte High School Bands

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### Charlotte Symphony Band to be featured on WKAR-TV Program

The Charlotte High School Symphony Band will be one of six groups from mid-Michigan to be featured this fall on ***Forte***, a new original television series produced by WKAR-TV in East Lansing. Gary Reid, WKAR Director of Broadcasting, says “with ***Forte***, the reality show approach is coupled with traditional in-studio performance to create a unique program that attracts young and old viewers alike.”

In mid-March of this year, a WKAR camera crew visited Charlotte High School to film rehearsals and interview students. The camera crew also followed the band through MSBOA Band & Orchestra Festival, collecting footage that will give the viewer an “inside look” at the band festival experience. The Symphony Band traveled to the WKAR studio in May to record three in-studio performance segments. “We are very pleased that WKAR chose to highlight the Symphony Band” says Jerry Rose, Charlotte’s Director of Bands. “The television audience will be able to experience the same enthusiasm, effort, and artistry that I have the good fortune to be a part of with these young musicians every day.”

***Forte*** is hosted by WKAR’s Peter Whorf, and airs at 5:30 p.m. each Saturday evening beginning on October 4. The Charlotte Symphony Band will be featured in the second episode of the series on October 11. The groups featured in other episodes include ensembles from Owosso, Lowell, Holly, Williamston, and Carson City-Crystal. More information on the series is available online at [wkar.org/programs/forte](http://wkar.org/programs/forte)