

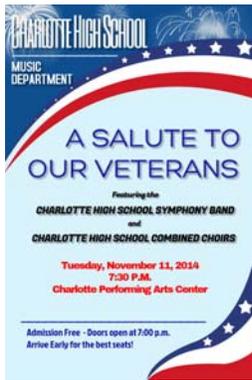


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Charlotte Symphony Band and Choirs to present “A Salute to Veterans”



The Charlotte Symphony Band will present “A Salute to our Veterans” on November 11, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Each year the band presents one “feature” concert highlighting a guest soloist, conductor, or ensemble. For this event, the Symphony Band will be joined by the voices of the combined Charlotte High School Choirs for a concert of inspiring American music as a tribute to the veterans of our nation’s armed forces on their special day. This will be the second year that the band has presented a Veteran’s Day concert, following the well-received concert with national bugler Woodrow English as soloist in 2013.

Selections for this year’s concert will include the familiar march *American Patrol* as well as *An American Songbook*, arranged by Michigan native Jeff Kressler. Kressler originally prepared the work in 2004 for the MSU Alumni Band to perform in Europe, where it was received with great enthusiasm by audiences. Drawing from the great American jazz and Broadway traditions, the medley features *Strike Up the Band*, *Satin Doll*, *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, and *All That Jazz*.

The 115 students of the Charlotte High School Chorale, Varsity Choir, and Women’s Ensemble will join together to perform *All That They Had They Gave*, a work originally commissioned by the Lawrence, Kansas school district to honor the soldiers from that community who served in World War I. The Symphony Band and combined Choirs will join forces for the final selection on the concert, Peter Wilhousky’s well-known setting of *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*. Admission to the concert is free, with general admission seating on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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