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Charlotte High School Bands to present Third annual “Veteran’s Salute”



The Charlotte High School Bands will present “A Veteran’s Salute” on November 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Each year the Charlotte Symphony band presents a “feature” concert highlighting a guest soloist, conductor, or ensemble. For 2015, the Symphony Band will be joined by the Charlotte High School Concert Band for the event, which will also feature a guest vocalist, Mr. Steven Bowen. A native of the Charlotte/Vermontville area, Mr. Bowen is currently the choral music director and acting teacher in the Pennfield School District. He attended Western Michigan University, and performed there as a member of the University Chorale and the renowned vocal jazz ensemble *Gold Company*.

Selections for this year’s concert will include traditional marches, patriotic selections, and light classic band literature, including *An American Fanfare*, penned by Wisconsin composer Rick Kirby. The Symphony Band will accompany Mr. Bowen on the stirring ballad *You Raise Me Up*, and audience members are sure to recognize the themes in *Colonel Bogey*, published by British composer Kenneth Alford in 1914, but made even more famous as a theme in the classic 1957 movie *Bridge on the River Kwai*.



The 70-member Charlotte High School Concert Band will open the 2015 concert with three selections, including Karl L. King’s *Coast Guards* march. The Concert Band will return at the end of the concert to join the Symphony Band to pay tribute to attending veterans and active duty service members with *A Salute To America’s Finest*. Admission to the concert is free.

PHOTO: Guest Artist Steven Bowen