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Charlotte High School Bands present Fourth Annual Veterans Day Concert

The Charlotte High School Concert and Symphony Bands will present their annual Veterans Day Concert on November 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Now in its fourth year, this concert creates an opportunity for the Charlotte community to gather in recognition of the service and sacrifice of our armed forces veterans.

Selections for this year's concert will feature music in a variety of styles, including the march from the motion picture *Patton*, John Philip Sousa's famous *Washington Post*, and a number of familiar patriotic selections. The master of ceremonies for the evening will be Jody Knol, a familiar voice to many residents of mid-Michigan. Knol is the weekday afternoon host of classical music programming on WKAR-FM. He has been with the station since 1986, and is also the host of the popular PreView Conversations that precede concerts of the Lansing Symphony Orchestra.

During their portion of the concert, the Charlotte Symphony Band will perform *Ever Braver, Ever Stronger- An American Elegy* by American jazz composer Gordon Goodwin. The work was written in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. "Since we recently observed the 15th anniversary of the September 11 attacks, we thought it would be appropriate to include this work on the concert" says Charlotte band director Jerry Rose. "We perform it in memory of those who died in the attacks, and also as a tribute to the first responders who endangered themselves in the effort to save so many others." The conclusion of the concert will feature the 130 members of the combined Concert and Symphony Bands performing Robert Sheldon's stirring *Message on the Rock*, with narration by Jody Knol. Admission to the concert is free.

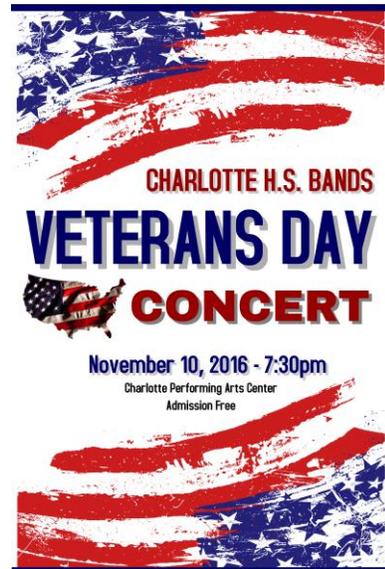


PHOTO 1: Members of the CHS Band prepare for “A Veteran’s Salute”
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PHOTO 2: Guest narrator Jody Knol
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