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Charlotte High School Bands present

Fifth Annual Salute to Veterans



The Charlotte High School Concert and Symphony Bands will present their annual Veterans Day Concert on November 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Now in its fifth year, this concert creates an opportunity for the Charlotte community to gather in recognition of the service and sacrifice of our armed forces veterans.

The featured soloist for this year's concert is accomplished Celtic music artist Patrick DeWitt. A longtime resident of Charlotte, Dewitt is a classically-trained clarinetist who has performed on bagpipes and pennywhistle for 25 years. He has been featured as a performer and workshop presenter at the Wheatland Music Festival for over 20 years, and currently performs as a member of the Celtic folk group Fresh Pict with his son, Collin. He is a music teacher in the Alma school district, and has been involved with the Charlotte Bands as a private lesson and band camp instructor since 1990.



The concert will feature a great marches, patriotic selections, and the traditional playing of the service songs from each of the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. The Symphony Band will close its portion of the concert with John Philip Sousa's most famous work, *The Stars and Stripes Forever*. Sousa composed the march in 1896, and its immense long-lasting popularity prompted its designation by Congress in 1987 as the official march of the United States of America. Admission to the concert is free, and doors open for general admission seating at 7:00 p.m.
