



# *Riverwatch Middle School*

Carrie MacAllaster – Principal  
Hunter McGee and Katie Larkin – Band Directors

Winter Concert  
Symphonic Band and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band  
December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

A Christmas Festival (1950).....Leroy Anderson (1908-1975)  
*Arranged by Robert W. Smith*

Jolly Old St. Nicholas (1995).....Traditional / Arr. Michael Sweeney

Emparata Overture (1964).....Claude T. Smith (1932-1987)

**Aruba Tuba (2006).....Timothy Loest (b. 1963)**

Siyahamba (2007).....Traditional / Arr. David Marlatt (b. 1973)  
*Riverwatch Clarinet Choir*

Yunan Dance (2024).....Wenxin Li (b. 1994)

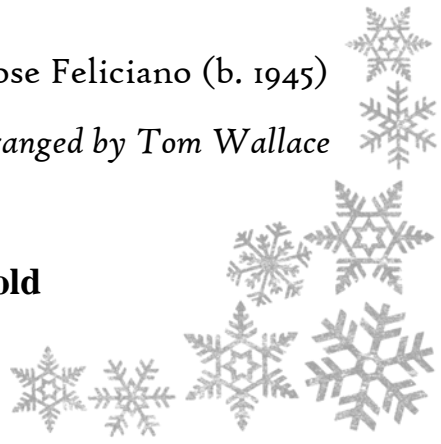

**Dragon Slayer (2004).....Rob Grice (b. 1964)**

Alligator Alley (2003).....Michael Daugherty (b. 1954)

**Star Wars (1977).....John Williams (b. 1932)**  
*Arranged by Carl Strommen*

Selections from Moana (2017).....Lin-Manuel Miranda (b. 1980)  
Opetaila Foa'l (b. 1956)  
Mark Mancina (b. 1957)  
*Arranged by Jay Bocook (b. 1953)*

Hollywood (2015).....Adrian Hallam (b. 1973)  
*Riverwatch Horn Choir*



Feliz Navidad (1970).....Jose Feliciano (b. 1945)  
*Arranged by Tom Wallace*

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band pieces are denoted in bold**

*Did you know...*

*Riverwatch students comprised 52% of the 2025 District IX Honor Band I, 35.2% of District Honor Band II, and 18 students were selected as alternates – for the sixteenth year in a row, this is the highest number from any school in the district, the highest number in school history, and likely the record number from any school in the state of Georgia.*

*The Riverwatch Symphonic Band performed at the 2024 Reinhardt Middle School Honor Band Festival, at the 2024 Music for All Orlando Concert Band Invitational, at the 2023 GSU Music for All Southeastern Regional Concert Festival, and at Carnegie Hall in New York City.*

*The Riverwatch Symphonic Band performed at the 2022 Georgia Music Educators Association In-Service Conference. Performing at the State Conference is the most highly regarded invited performance in the state of Georgia.*

*The Riverwatch Band received the 2019 and 2022 Georgia Music Educators Association Exemplary Performance Award. This is the highest honor awarded by GMEA.*

### ***Important Dates to Remember***

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Second Round All-State Auditions  
(Union Grove Middle School)

February 7-8, 2025 – District Honor Band  
(East Forsyth High School)

February 27-March 1, 2025 – GMEA All-State Band  
(Athens, GA)

March 17-19, 2025 (Exact Date TBD) – State Performance Evaluations (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade only)  
(FoCAL Center)

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Solo & Ensemble Festival  
(Riverwatch Middle School)

Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert  
(6:20 pm and 7:30 pm in the RMS Gym)

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert  
(7:00 pm in the RMS Gym)

Friday-Saturday, May 9-10, 2025 – Carowinds Trip (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade only)  
(Carowinds Park, NC)

If your student is interested in taking private lessons, see the Riverwatch Band website for a list of instrument-specific private teachers. Most successful All-State Band students throughout the state study privately on their instruments. Students interested in Symphonic Band are also encouraged to take private lessons.

### ***Riverwatch Band Website***

