**THE ALLENTOWN BAND**

**Side-By-Side Concert**

**April 28, 2024 – 4:00 PM**

Dear Band Directors and High School Band Members,

 The Allentown Band would like to provide an opportunity for outstanding high school musicians from the Lehigh Valley area (Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, and Schuylkill Counties) to participate in a professional style concert with The Allentown Band in one of the area’s premier concert venues, Miller (Allentown) Symphony Hall.

Up to fifty advanced students will be invited to play “Side-by-Side” with musicians from The Allentown Band in two rehearsals and a concert that will be presented to the public. The concert will provide an opportunity for outstanding student musicians to perform alongside dedicated musicians who advocate the performance of concert band music as a valuable part of their adult lives. \*\**Our guest conductor for this concert will be Col. John Bourgeois, Ret. Conductor Emeritus of the US Marine Band in Washington DC. \*\*Our guest soloist will be Joseph Alessi, principal trombone of the New York Philharmonic.*

Students will be selected on the basis of their band director’s recommendations, student resumé, and balanced instrumentation. Music will be sent to students in early March for individual preparation. Students will rehearse with the Allentown Band at Miller Symphony Hall on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM and on Sunday, April 28th, beginning at 2:00 PM. The free, public concert will be presented at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 28th. Students should wear their High School Band Uniform for the concert.

There is no cost to the participating students or audience. Directors are welcome to observe the rehearsals and attend the concert.

The prospect for outstanding young musicians to perform with a highly regarded musical ensemble will be an excellent performance opportunity for students and also be a positive event to showcase the musical talent of our area youth.

**Open the “Directions” file for information on how to apply for participation in The Allentown Band Side-By-Side Concert.**

Sincerely,

Debra A. Heiney,

Education Outreach Coordinator

The Allentown Band