

The Highlander Band from Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights wins state and Tournament of Bands championship

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The Governor Livingston Highlander Marching Band won the second annual NJ State Championship at West Essex Regional High School on Saturday, Oct. 20. Marching in the Group 1 Open Class, they captured the distinction of High Music, High Visual and Best Auxiliary with a score of 92.85. The Highlander performance, which features a traditional bagpipe introduction is titled swanLAKE based on the music by Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky as composed and arranged by Aaron Guidry.

The following day, Sunday, Oct. 21, the band returned to West Essex Regional High School to compete in the Tournament of Bands North Jersey Chapter X Championship. A total of 20 bands competed at this competition. The Highlanders stepped up their performance winning first place in the Group 1 Open Class with a score of 94.3, their highest score to date. The band was also recognized for High Music, High Visual, Best Auxiliary and Best Percussion.

Next in their sights is the Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Championships at Hershey, Pa., scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 4. Tournament of Bands is one of the largest competitive band organizations in the United States, with more than 430 member bands, encompassing 13 Chapters across 9 states. The Highlanders will compete at the Atlantic Coast Championships against 30 other bands in their class.

Band Director Nicholas O'Sullivan commented, "The students have made great strides this season. We have two weeks to make even greater strides and I look forward to their performance at the Atlantic Coast Championships."

See this award-winning band perform locally at Governor Livingston High School during their home football half-time show on Nov. 3 (2:30 p.m. game time). The band will also perform during half-time on Thanksgiving Day at New Providence High School on Nov. 22 (11 a.m. game time). Visit highlanderband.org.



2012 Highlander Marching Band at the Tournament of Bands Chapter 10 Championship. (Photos by Matt Lloyd)