



**Georgia Music Educators Association**  
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## **2024 District 12 Orchestra East Large Group Performance Evaluation**

*February 7-9, 2024  
Walton High School Marietta, Georgia*

### **The purpose and process of Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE)**

Large Group Performance Evaluation is the annual assessment of student achievement by each school music ensemble. Directors choose music literature that will demonstrate the various fundamental performance standards and concepts in the curriculum. The degree of literature difficulty ranges from grade level I for a novice performer, to grade level VI for the events' college-level performer.

Each year, nationally recognized experts in the field assess Cobb County music groups on every aspect of student and director performance. This evaluation is similar to the standardized tests and end of course exams given by other school courses. Students demonstrate their musical understanding and skill development through applied performance and sight reading, both individually and as an ensemble. This evaluation is done by comparison to a national standard of performance achievement.

Three experts evaluate fundamental elements of prepared literature and one expert evaluates fundamental elements of literature read for the first time. Immediate feedback is provided to take commentary, written evaluation, and performance rating. Grades of (I) Superior, (II) Excellent, (III) Average, (IV) Poor, and (V) Failure, are utilized to communicate a national standard of performance with more detailed letter grades for each fundamental performance indicator. Clinicians also provide feedback to students and directors on recording devices which are shared with the orchestra director and musicians following the performance.

A professional audio recording of the performance serves as an archive and resource for further study. This thorough performance evaluation serves to provide the opportunity for program improvement, instructional guidance, and accountability for learning.

#### **Orchestra Adjudicators**

Stephen Lawrence, North Atlanta High School, Atlanta Public  
Amanda McClellan, Hull Middle School, Gwinnett County  
David Metrio, North Gwinnett High School, Gwinnett County

#### **Sight-reading Evaluator**

Jessie Ahuama-Jonas, Centennial High School, Fulton County

#### **Conducting Evaluator**

Andrea Strauss, Retired Music Educator

#### **Audio Recording**

David Testa, Sound Mill Recordings

#### **Festival Organizers & Site Hosts**

Sara Grimes, Walton High School  
Perry Holbrook, Walton High School

#### **Festival Volunteers**

Walton High School orchestra students

#### **Judge's Accommodations**

Walton Raider Orchestra Guild

#### **Administration**

Richard Tischler, Principal, Walton High School  
Christopher Ferrell, Supervisor of Instrumental Music  
Cobb County School District

## Wednesday, February 7

9:30 AM

### Walton High School Aeolian and Locrian Orchestras

<i>Quintus</i>	Clark
<i>Wrath of the Abominable Snowman</i>	Holbrook
<i>Eclipse</i>	Reznicow

*Sara Grimes, Director*

10:00 AM

### Lassiter High School Concert Orchestra

<i>Modus a 4</i>	Atwell
<i>Spring Breezes</i>	Meyer
<i>Forever Joyful!</i>	Balmages

*Charles Laux, Director*

10:30 AM

### South Cobb High School Sinfonia Orchestra

<i>Meditation and Ritual</i>	Calhoun
<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Arr. Frost
<i>Rise of the Olympians</i>	Balmages

*Greg Jackson, Director*

11:00 AM

### McEachern High School Philharmonic Orchestra

<i>The Code</i>	Silva
<i>A Quiet Music</i>	Wagner
<i>Spartacus</i>	Balmages

*Michelle Cupper, Director*

11:30 AM

### Wheeler High School Philharmonia Orchestra

<i>Brandenburg Concerto #5</i>	Bach/Isaac
<i>Jupiter from The Planets</i>	Holst/Monday
<i>For the Star of County Down</i>	Monday

*Dwayne Wasson & April O'Keefe, Directors*

12:00 PM

### Walton High School Sinfonia

<i>Dahlonaga</i>	Holbrook
<i>Agincourt</i>	Spata
<i>Marche Slav</i>	Tchaikovsky/Gruselle

*Perry Holbrook & Sara Grimes, Directors*

12:30 PM

### Lassiter High School Philharmonia

<i>Variations on a Well-Known Sea Chantey</i>	Stephan
<i>A Quiet Music</i>	Wagner
<i>Momentum</i>	Meyer

*Charles Laux, Director*

1:30 PM

### Dodger Middle School Seventh Grade Orchestra

<i>Joust</i>	Meyer
<i>Pieces of Eight</i>	Meyer
<i>Frog in a Tree</i>	Siennicki

*Ashley Culley & Evelyn Champion, Directors*

2:00 PM

### Daniell Middle School Seventh Grade Sinfonia Orchestra

<i>Rite at Stonehenge</i>	Del Borgo
<i>Fantasy on a Japanese Folksong</i>	Balmages
<i>Burst!</i>	Balmages

*Krystal Newton, Director*

## Wednesday, February 7

2:30 PM

### Griffin Middle School Seventh Grade Orchestra

<i>Angeline the Baker</i>	Trad./Arr. Palmer
<i>Appalachian Hymn</i>	Newbold
<i>Impulse</i>	Balmages

*Selinda Proctor, Director*

3:00 PM

### Pearson Middle School Seventh Grade Orchestra

<i>Clog Dance</i>	Del Borgo
<i>Loch Lomond</i>	Trad./Klauss
<i>Gargoyles</i>	Spata

*Kimberly Piper, Director*

3:30 PM

### Mabry Middle School Intermediate Orchestra

<i>Heroes Awaken</i>	Monday
<i>Dramatic Essay</i>	Williams
<i>Rite at Stonehenge</i>	Del Borgo

*Nicole Thompson, Director*

4:00 PM

### Simpson Middle School Seventh Grade Orchestra

<i>Sahara Crossing</i>	Meyers
<i>Fantasy on a Japanese Folk Song</i>	Balmages
<i>Never Summer Mountain</i>	Holbrook

*Dana Tindall & Valarie Stoney, Directors*

4:30 PM

### Marietta Middle School Seventh Grade Orchestra

<i>Storm</i>	Newbold
<i>Slumber Music</i>	Meyer
<i>Burst</i>	Balmages

*Christina Esposito*

5:00 PM

### Hightower Trail Middle School Seventh Grade Orchestra

<i>March of the Bowmen</i>	Caponegro
<i>Tour of California</i>	Silva
<i>Dramatic Essay</i>	Williams

*Michael Tompkins & Paul O'Keefe, Directors*

5:30 PM

### Dickerson Middle School Chamber Orchestra

<i>Themes from the Moldau</i>	Smetana/Frost
<i>A Birch Bay Celebration</i>	Meyer
<i>The Dance of Iscariot</i>	Mosier

*Tricia Hardy, Director*

6:30 PM

### Wheeler High School Sinfonia Orchestra

<i>Rondeau from Masterpiece Theatre</i>	Mouret/Leidig
<i>Themes from the Moldau</i>	Smetana/Frost
<i>Artemis Rising</i>	Bishop

*Dwayne Wasson & April O'Keefe, Directors*

7:00 PM

### Marietta High School Philharmonic Orchestra

<i>Vanguard Overture</i>	Stephan
<i>Lullaby to the Moon</i>	Balmages
<i>Conquistador!</i>	Monday

*Erik Herndon, Director*

## Wednesday, February 7

7:30 PM

### Kell High School Sinfonia Orchestra

<i>Vanguard Overture</i>	Stephan
<i>Cliffs of Moher</i>	Day
<i>The Dance of Iscariot</i>	Mosier
<i>Jessica Fuchs, Director</i>	

8:00 PM

### Pope High School Combined Orchestras

<i>Fantasia on a 17th Century Tune</i>	Trad./Stephan
<i>Evening Prayer</i>	Humperdinck/Del Borgo
<i>Momentum</i>	Longfield
<i>Corie Benton, Director</i>	

## Thursday, February 8

9:45 AM

### Walton High School Chamber Orchestra

<i>Death and the Maiden, I. Allegro</i>	Schubert
<i>Serenade in E minor, Op. 20, II. Larghetto</i>	Elgar
<i>Sinfonia for Strings, Op. 110a, I &amp; II</i>	Shostakovich/Drew
<i>Perry Holbrook, Director</i>	

10:30am

### Allatoona High School Sinfonia Orchestra

<i>Manheim Sinfonia No. 1 in G Major</i>	Stamitz
<i>Rest</i>	Tichelli
<i>Concerto Grosso</i>	Vaughan Williams
<i>James Palmer, Director</i>	

11:00 AM

### Lassiter High School Chamber Orchestra

<i>Overture to Ascanio in Alba, K. 111</i>	Mozart/Laux
<i>Two Elegiac Melodies</i>	Grieg
<i>Serenade in E minor, I &amp; III</i>	Elgar
<i>Charles Laux, Director</i>	

11:30 AM

### South Cobb High School Philharmonic Orchestra

<i>New World Symphony</i>	Dvorak/Monday
<i>Marche Slav</i>	Tchaikovsky/Gruselle
<i>Overture to Rienzi</i>	Wagner/McCashin
<i>Greg Jackson, Director</i>	

12:00 PM

### Osborne High School Chamber Orchestra

<i>The Dance of Iscariot</i>	Mosier
<i>Voices in the Shadows</i>	Balmages
<i>Russian Sailors' Dance</i>	Gliere/Caponegro
<i>Anthony Avitollo, Director</i>	

12:30 PM

### Allatoona High School Philharmonia Orchestra

<i>Symphony No. 2</i>	Boyce
<i>Sweet New Moon</i>	Nishimuru
<i>Impact</i>	Phillips
<i>James Palmer, Director</i>	

## Thursday, February 8

1:30 PM

### Wheeler High School Chamber Orchestra

<i>Egmont Overture</i>	Beethoven
<i>Whispers of Color</i>	Reznicow
<i>Hoe-Down from Rodeo</i>	Copland
<i>Dwayne Wasson &amp; April O'Keefe, Directors</i>	

2:00 PM

### Walton High School Philharmonia Orchestra

<i>Piano Concerto No. 20 I. Allegro</i>	Mozart/Holbrook
<i>Alignment of A Boy and Girl</i>	Whitacre
<i>Capriol Suite I, II, V, VI</i>	Warlock
<i>Perry Holbrook, Director</i>	

2:30 PM

### Pope High School Philharmonic and Chamber Orchestras

<i>Symphony No. 7 in D minor, Scherzo</i>	Dvorak/Parrish
<i>Of Glorious Plumage</i>	Meyer
<i>Symphony No. 25</i>	Mozart/LaJoie
<i>Corie Benton, Director</i>	

3:00 PM

### Kell High School Chamber Orchestra

<i>Concerto in D Major, Op. 6 No. 4</i>	Corelli
<i>Irish Tune from County Derry</i>	Grainger/Wagner
<i>Minotaur</i>	Meyer
<i>Jessica Fuchs, Director</i>	

3:30 PM

### McEachern High School Chamber Ensemble

<i>Lion City</i>	Newbold
<i>Greater Than...</i>	Balmages
<i>Serenade for String Orchestra I, III, IV</i>	Leyden
<i>Michelle Clupper, Director</i>	

4:00 PM

### Allatoona High School Orchestra Ninth Grade Orchestra

<i>Sonata for Strings</i>	Hofeldt
<i>Eclipse</i>	Reznicow
<i>Mable Creek Overture</i>	Harbinson
<i>James Palmer, Director</i>	

4:30 PM

### North Cobb High School Chamber Orchestra

<i>Symphony No. 2 for String Orchestra I</i>	Bologne/Bukin
<i>Someday</i>	Holbrook
<i>Hungarian Dance No. 5</i>	Brahms/Isaac
<i>Paula Bullen, Director</i>	

5:00 PM

### Pebblebrook High School Chamber Orchestra

<i>Contrasts in E minor</i>	Reese
<i>Serenade for Strings</i>	Gustafson
<i>Furiant</i>	Del Borgo
<i>Nivek Anderson, Director</i>	

## Thursday, February 8

5:30 PM

### Lassiter High School Sinfonia Orchestra

*Allegro in D*

Vivaldi/Frackenpohl

*Fantasia on a 17th Century Tune*

Stephan

*Sanseneon*

Frost

*Charles Laux, Director*

6:30 PM

### Dodgen Middle School Eighth Grade Orchestra

*Night Shift*

Meyer

*Golden Fields*

Silva

*Conquistador!*

Monday

*Ashley Culley & Evelyn Champion, Directors*

7:00 PM

### Hightower Trail Middle School Eighth Grade Orchestra

*Forever Joyful*

Balmages

*1812 Overture*

Tchaikovsky/Gruselle

*Conquistador!*

Monday

*Michael Tompkins & Paul O'Keefe, Directors*

7:30 PM

### Simpson Middle School Eighth Grade Orchestra

*Fanfare for Strings*

Gazda

*The Silver Forest*

Chin

*Conquistador!*

Monday

*Dana Tindall & Valarie Stoney, Directors*

8:00 PM

### Dickerson Middle School Eighth Grade Concert Orchestra

*Galop!*

Balmages

*Eclipsys*

O'Loughlin

*Momentum*

Longfield

*Tricia Hardy & Jacob Bitinas, Directors*

## Friday, February 9

9:30 AM

### Walton High School Dorian Orchestra

*The Gypsy Rover*

Del Borgo

*Eclipse*

Reznicow

*Volcanoes*

Hopkins

*Sara Grimes, Director*

10:00 AM

### Osborne High School Harmonia Orchestra

*Stone Mountain Stomp*

Strommen

*Kabuki Dance*

Meyer

*Velocity*

Balmages

*Anthony Avitollo, Director*

## Friday, February 9

10:30 AM

### North Cobb High School Concert Orchestra

*Eclipsys*

O'Loughlin

*Fantasy on a Japanese Folk Song*

Balmages

*Our Heroes*

Day

*Paula Bullen, Director*

11:00 AM

### McEachern High School Sinfonietta Orchestra

*Wind Dancer*

Bernotas

*Ancient Flower*

Nishimura

*Fantasia on a Theme from Thailand*

Meyer

*Michelle Clupper*

11:30 AM

### Kell High School Concert Orchestra

*Fanfare and Frillery*

Stephan

*Golden Fields*

Silva

*Centrifuge*

Griesinger

*Jessica Fuchs, Director*

12:00 PM

### Osborne High School Concert Orchestra

*Brigid's Fire*

Bishop

*Evening Prayer*

Humperdinck/Del Borgo

*Dragon Dances*

Newbold

*Anthony Avitollo*

12:30 PM

### North Cobb High School Intermediate Orchestra

*Rainbow's End*

Day

*A Beethoven Lullaby*

Balmages

*Fiddles on Fire*

Williams

*Paula Bullen, Director*

1:30 PM

### Dickerson Middle School Symphony Orchestra

*American Landscape*

Newbold

*Cumberland Cross*

Strommen

*Momentum*

Longfield

*Tricia Hardy, Will Grimes & Jacob Bitinas, Directors*

2:00 PM

### Griffin Middle School Eighth Grade Advanced Orchestra

*Never Summer Mountain*

Holbrook

*Kabuki Dance*

Meyer

*Kings Court*

Day

*Selinda Proctor, Director*

## Friday, February 9

**2:30 PM**

**Daniell Middle School Eighth Grade Philharmonic**

*Serendipity Suite, I & IV* Meyer  
*All the Pretty Little Horses* Folk Song/Gruselle  
*Declarations* Bishop

*Krystal Newton, Director*

**3:00 PM**

**Pearson Middle School Eighth Grade Orchestra**

*Little Symphony* Nunez  
*Fantasia on a Theme from Thailand* Meyer  
*Avatar* Spata

*Kimberly Piper, Director*

**3:30 PM**

**Mabry Middle School Advanced Orchestra**

*Afterburn* Balmages  
*Desert Sands* Newbold  
*Centrifuge* Griesinger

*Nicole Thompson, Director*

**4:00 PM**

**Marietta Middle School Eighth Grade Advanced Orchestra**

*Voyager* Newbold  
*Jupiter* Holst/Monday  
*Sparks* Bernotas

*Christina Esposito, Director*