



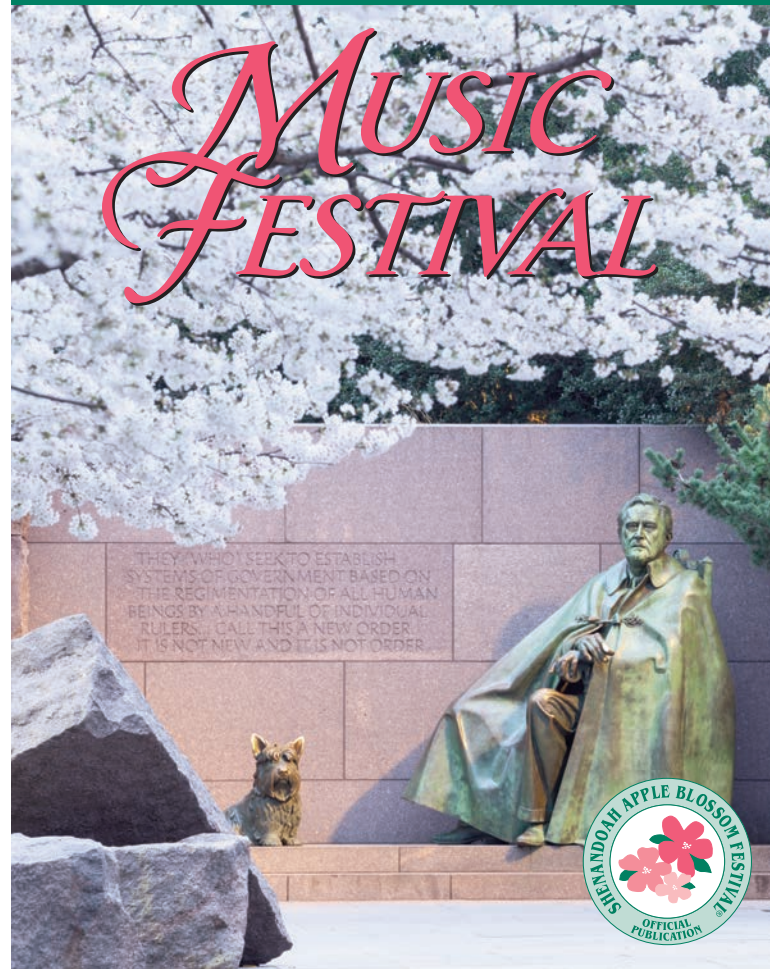
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# SHENANDOAH APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL®

## MUSIC FESTIVAL



*May 4-5, 2018*

*Only a one hour drive from Washington, DC*

**91st Springtime Celebration**  
Winchester, Virginia  
(540) 662-3863  
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### *Why Attend the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival?*

#### **Come for the History...**

Beginning in 1924 and pausing only for World War II, the Festival is one of the longest running events of its kind in the area. The traditions dating back to that very first Festival endure, even as new

and wonderful events have been added to increase the excitement! Additionally the Winchester area itself is rife with history dating back to the very founding of our country.

#### **Stay for the Fun...**

Over the years the Apple Blossom Festival has grown from a single parade and coronation to a series of over 30 events including the music festival, two parades, a carnival, a 10K Race, the Coronation of Queen Shenandoah, celebrities, and dances! While retaining its quaint rural character, over the Festival weekend Winchester swells with over 250,000 visitors. And though the excitement of the weekend is palpable, the Festival maintains a family-friendly atmosphere that makes it an easy choice for a wonderful and memorable trip.

#### **Extend the learning...**

In partnering with Shenandoah University, the Apple Blossom Festival has created a one-of-a-kind educational opportunity with the Music Festival. But at just over an hour's drive to Washington D.C. and so close to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, extending your educational opportunities couldn't be simpler!

So please join us for the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival 2018. It's the trip of a lifetime!!

# 2017 Winners



### **SWEEPSTAKES - Best Band in Festival Mardela Middle & High School**

#### **Grand Feature Parade Awards**

- Lion's Award (1st Place Overall):*  
Mardela Middle & High School
- President's Award (2nd Place Overall):*  
West Allegheny High School
- Director's Award (3rd Place Overall):*  
Amsterdam High School

#### **Firefighters' Parade Awards**

- Fire Chief's Award (1st Place Overall):*  
Randolph-Macon Academy
- President's Award (2nd Place Overall):*  
Mardela Middle & High School
- Director's Award (3rd Place Overall):*  
E. Russell Hicks Middle School

#### **Concert Band Awards**

- Shenandoah Award (1st Place Overall):*  
George Washington Middle School
- President's Award (2nd Place Overall):*  
Mardela Middle & High School
- Director's Award (3rd Place Overall):*  
Amsterdam High School

#### **Jazz Ensemble Awards**

- Winchester Award (1st Place Overall):*  
George Washington Middle School
- President's Award (2nd Place Overall):*  
Amsterdam High School
- Director's Award (3rd Place Overall):*  
Smithburg High School

# Parades

## May 4-5, 2018

### Firefighters' Parade - May 4

Directed by the Winchester-Frederick County Firefighters. The parade will step off at 5:30 p.m. The top Junior High/Middle School Band, according to judges scoring in 2018, will be invited to participate in the 2019 Grand Feature Parade.

### Grand Feature Parade - May 5

Coordinated by the Winchester Lions Club. The parade will step off at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

### Fee

\$100.00 per parade will be charged to each participating High School Band and Junior High/Middle School Band. This fee includes the judging of auxiliary units.

### Classification

Determined by the number of playing marchers, including percussionists.

Individual classes will be determined after entries are received.

### Evaluation

By five adjudicators. One judge each for music, marching, general effect, drum majors and auxiliary units.

### Awards

- The **Fire Chief's Award** for the outstanding band in the Firefighters' Parade.
- The **Lion's Award** for the outstanding band in the Grand Feature Parade.
- The **President's Award** for the band in each parade receiving the second highest point total regardless of classification.
- The **Director's Award** for the band in each parade receiving the third highest point total regardless of classification.

First, Second, and Third place awards are presented for Class A, B, C, and Middle/Jr. High School. Outstanding Drum Major and Outstanding Auxiliary Unit awards also will be presented, regardless of class. All bands will receive a cassette recording of each adjudicator's comments in each parade.

# Concert

## May 4, 2018

### Performance Schedule

By classification, beginning with Class C and concluding with Class A. Competition starts at 8:00 a.m.

### Entrance

Limited to one band per school unless space permits.

### Fee

\$100.00 per band.

### Classification

Determined by the lowest grade level piece performed for adjudication.

- Class A Music Grade VI
- Class B Music Grade V & VI
- Class C Music Grade IV, V & VI

### Performance Requirements

Each band is judged on three selections. One selection may be a march or other nongraded selection, while the two must be chosen from the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association music list which will be forwarded upon acceptance.

### Evaluation

By three adjudicators.

### Awards

Bands achieving a Rating I will receive an award for that accomplishment. Bands receiving I and II ratings will be eligible for the following awards:

- The **Shenandoah Award** for the outstanding band.
- The **President's Award** for the band achieving the second highest point total regardless of classification.
- The **Director's Award** for the band achieving the third highest point total regardless of classification.

First, Second and Third place awards are presented in each classification. Bands will receive individual score sheets and a cassette recording of each judge's comments.

# Jazz

## May 4, 2018

### Performance Schedule

By classification, beginning with Class C and concluding with Class A. Competition starts at 8:00 a.m.

### Entrance

Limited to one band per school unless space permits.

### Fee

\$100.00 per band.

### Classification

Determined by school enrollment in grades 9-12.

- Class A 1401 or more
- Class B 701-1400
- Class C 700 or fewer

Ensembles may compete in a higher classification than enrollment indicates, but not in a lower classification.

### Performance Requirements

Each ensemble must play a minimum of ten, but not more than twenty minutes of music.

There is no required musical program. However, programs are expected to be well balanced and provide sufficient variety for valid adjudication (for example: Swing Tune, Ballad, Jazz/Rock Tune).

### Evaluation

By three adjudicators.

### Awards

Ensembles receiving a Rating I will receive an award for that accomplishment. Ensembles receiving I and II ratings will be eligible for the following awards:

- The **Winchester Award** for the outstanding ensemble.
- The **President's Award** for the ensemble achieving the second highest point total regardless of classification.
- The **Director's Award** for the ensemble achieving the third highest point total regardless of classification.

First, Second and Third place awards are presented in each classification. Ensembles will receive individual score sheets and a cassette recording of each judge's comments.

# Information

### Application Information

Applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$15.00 Applications received without the application fee will be considered incomplete and returned. Payment in U.S. dollars please.

Applications will be processed as they are received. Consideration of applications will be subject to available space in each event.

A Director's Handbook will be sent to the Director of each accepted band. This Handbook is a complete guide including maps, diagrams, instructions and sample adjudication forms.

### Refund Policy

The application fee is not refundable. Refunds of the entry fee will be paid in full for cancellations received prior to March 1. There will be NO REFUND for cancellations received after March 1.

### Sweepstakes Award Information

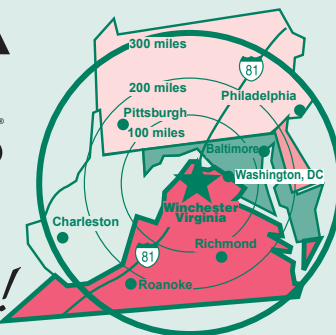
The band receiving the highest average band score in the Grand Feature Parade, plus their average score in a minimum of two other band competition events, will be the Sweepstakes Award winner. Auxiliary units or individual awards will not be considered.

The Sweepstakes Award winner will receive a trophy, be the Honor Band for next year, and will be featured in next year's Band Brochure.

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