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**CHESHIRE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING RAM BAND
HOSTS 21st ANNUAL MUSIC IN MOTION**

CHESHIRE (Oct. 4) – Organizers are putting the finishing touches on the 21st annual Music in Motion® marching band competition, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16th at Cheshire High School.

Last year's Music in Motion® attracted more than 3,000 spectators, said Karen Levine, a Music in Motion® co-chairperson. The annual event is one of the year's largest fundraisers for the Cheshire High School Marching Ram Band.

The competition will feature 15 high school bands from three states as well as a performance by the Central Connecticut State University marching band. Area high school bands taking part in the competition will be Cheshire, East Haven, Southington, Lyman Hall High School of Wallingford, and Trumbull High School.

“We’re one of the biggest shows out there,” said John Kuhner, director of the Cheshire High School Marching Ram Band. “It makes for a nice evening. The weather is usually good so people can come out and enjoy some great performances.”

Each band has a scheduled time to take the field to compete against other bands in their class, according to the rules of the United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA). A marching band’s class is determined by the number of members it has.

The USSBA judges will be evaluating the music, marching, percussion and auxiliary, which comprises the color guard and all show visuals. The auxiliary is a vital component

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of every band and is judged for its choreography, appearance and effectiveness in communicating the chosen theme of each band's show.

In accordance with USSBA rules, the Cheshire Marching Ram Band - as the event's host - cannot compete, but will perform in a "judged exhibition."

Two people – Michael Gagnon and Laura Szablak - will receive this year's Music in Motion® dedication.

Gagnon is a veteran percussion instructor, Levine said.

"He's someone who is a tireless worker with these kids," she said of Gagnon.

Szablak has worked with the Ram Band's color guard for many years, Levine said.

"Laura takes a group of very new and inexperienced kids and turns them into performers," Levine said.

Music in Motion® is made possible by the volunteer efforts of nearly 190 band parents and alumni of the Ram Band. It will be held from 4:45 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Cheshire High School at 525 South Main St. (Route 10) in Cheshire.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for students. For more information, visit www.ramband.com or call 271-2280.