



**Cheshire High School Band
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**CHESHIRE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING RAM BAND
HOSTS 22nd ANNUAL MUSIC IN MOTION**

CHESHIRE (Sept. 19) – Organizers are tuning up for the 22nd annual Music in Motion® marching band competition, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Cheshire High School.

Music in Motion® attracts between 3,000 and 5,000 spectators each year, said Lynne Cariglio, a Music in Motion® co-chairperson. Joining Cariglio in overseeing the volunteers are co-chairpersons Mark Zotti and Ken Baranoski.

Music in Motion® is one of the year's largest fundraisers for the Cheshire High School Marching Ram Band. Cariglio said putting on the event takes up most of the year, with planning efforts starting in January.

This year's competition will feature one of the largest gatherings of musical talent in the history of the event, with 19 high school bands from four 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, Maloney High School of Meriden and Bunnell High School of Stratford.

“It makes for a nice evening,” John Kuhner, director of the Cheshire High School Marching Ram Band said of the event. “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 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."

The Ram Band opened its 2005 USSBA competition schedule with an impressive performance at the 25th annual East Lyme High School Marching Band last Saturday. Cheshire won the Group V Open competition class and had the highest score – 75.26 – among the 10 bands that competed.

Heavy rains forced half of the East Lyme competition to be moved inside the school's gymnasium and, as a result, no specialty awards or overall championship honors were presented.

This year's Music in Motion® dedication is being given to Cheshire High School Band Parents' Association President William Sherman, Cariglio said.

Cariglio said Sherman's unflappable demeanor contributes significantly to the success of the band. "He's always so calm," she said.

Music in Motion® is made possible by the volunteer efforts of nearly 250 band parents and alumni of the Ram Band. It will be held from 4:15 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.