



**Cheshire High School
MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

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**CHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT SPRING CONCERT, THURSDAY,
MAY 13, 7:30 P.M., CHS THORP AUDITORIUM**

The CHS Music Department will hold its annual Spring Concert on Thursday, May 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in CHS's Thorp Auditorium. More than 250 members of the CHS Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band, will all be featured on this special program.

The Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. John L. Kuhner, will open the program with a wide variety of pieces including Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in , Mvt I, Allegro Molto, a special arrangement of Capriccio Italien by Tchaikovsky, and the always exciting Russian Sailors' Dance from the Red Poppy by Glière.

The CHS Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Ronald J. Ciasullo, will perform an innovative work by Richard Saucedo, entitled, Pulsation. The Concert Band will also perform two pieces from the standard band repertoire by James Swearingen, A Distant Light and Exaltation.

The Symphonic Band, under the direction of Mr. Kuhner, will begin its portion of the program with an exciting opener by noted composer, David Holsinger, entitled, American Faces. This electrifying work will explore contemporary American musical styles. At one point listeners should recognize the "Simple Gifts" theme from Appalachian Spring. The Symphonic Band will also perform a beautiful setting of a traditional Swiss Folk Song by Thomas Rüedi, S'isch äbe-n-e Mönch uf Ärde, and then the Symphonic Band will bring the evening to a close with the thrilling and inspiring, Vesuvius by Frank Ticheli. This dramatic, fiery, and furious work will take listeners on a journey back to Pompeii in A.D. 79 when Mt. Vesuvius, the volcano, erupted. With its driving rhythms, exotic modes, and quotations from the Dies Irae from the medieval Requiem Mass, it will become evident that the Bacchanalia, or fiery dance, from Vesuvius represents the final days of the doomed city of Pompeii.

Please join us for this extraordinary evening of great performances by Cheshire's fine young musicians!

The CHS Thorp Auditorium doors will open at 7:15 p.m. There is no admission charge.

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