

A Collaborative Concert

On Tuesday evening, May 28, the Willink Middle School presented “A Collaborative Concert” featuring the Willink Eighth Grade Bands and the Webster Village Band.

Mr. Matt Osika’s Day 2 Grade 8 Band performed the Hawaii Five-O Theme, Moscow, 1941 and See You Again from the Furious 7.

The 8th Grade Day 3 Band under the direction of Mr. Osika performed the Orpheus Overture, Alabama Folksong Fantasy and Ghose Run. Both ensembles executed these selections flawlessly, to the enjoyment of a nearly packed house.

Next up was the Webster Village Band. Mr. Thomas Indiano directed Reflections From the Wall and the Irish Washerwoman from the Irish Suite. Associate Director Sue Siegmund conducted the first movement of Gustav Holst’s First Suite in Eb, Chaconne.

The culminating piece performed by the joint bands under the baton of Mr. Osika was Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture. This was definitely a “WOW” moment as the percussion section drove this piece home with thundering “cannons”. One could visualize the fireworks overhead and the sound of the cannons as the band crescendoed to the finale.

Mr. Osika said it best. “Making music is a process like no other. From the first sounds made on an instrument to a concert performance, we go through an incredible transformation. There is a camaraderie and support system that comes naturally out of working together to create music that is like no other.”

All of the musicians in this ensemble, both young and young at heart have demonstrated growth, excellence and commitment. Music is an incredible journey that spans all generations.