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## Whippany Park band has 'Magic & Mystery'

**HANOVER TWP.** - The Whippany Park Marching Band and Color Guard, known as "The Pride of Hanover Township," had a busy month with two competitions.

This year's show, "Magic & Mystery," is a collection of tunes that lend themselves to the theme either by name or style. Selections include "Magical Mystery Tour," by The Beatles, "Every Little Thing She Does is Magic," by The Police, "Black Magic Woman," by Santana, "Creep," by Radiohead, U2's "Mysterious Ways," among others.

On Saturday, Oct 19, the Pride earned a "Gold" rating at the New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA) State Marching Band Festival, held at Wayne Hills High School. This is the fourth consecutive season that the band, comprising more than 180 members, was awarded a "Gold," the highest rating given. Special recognition awards went to the trumpet duet performed by junior Olivia Vieira and sophomore Alexis Mincoielli, as well as to the vocal

quartet known as "The Whiptones," comprised of seniors Michael Mastellone, Matthew Korzen, and Derek Ritschel, and sophomore Bradley Ritschel.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, the Pride performed, for the first time, at the historic North Jersey Band Festival held at Montclair State University. Eighteen of the bands from northern New Jersey were given the opportunity to entertain a crowd of more than 4,000 people, in what was the 67th year of this highly regarded event (formerly known as the Herald News Festival). The Pride brought the house down with its unique mix of selections and engaging style.

The musicians will continue to perform this year's show for the remainder of the football season at Whippany Park High School. Additionally, band directors Carl Sabatino and Peter Sciaino have announced that The Pride will perform in the 253rd St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City on March 17, 2014. This is the second time that The Pride has been invited to perform.