

Whippany Park band to play at Lincoln Memorial

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HANOVER TWP. – The Whippany Park High School Band, known as The Pride of Hanover Township, will present “The Beat Goes On” at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 17 at the Lincoln Memorial Washington, D.C.

“The Beat Goes On” is a retrospective of American popular music over the past century and will feature musical highlights from each decade. Included among the repertoire of this acclaimed 160-member marching band are selections from Bill Haley & The Comets, Wilson Pickett, The J. Geils Band, Nine Inch Nails, Metallica, Tupac Shakur and Bruno Mars.

The Pride will also honor members of the United States Armed Forces during the program with a tribute to veterans and current military personnel in attendance.

Whippany Park Band Director Carl Sabatino explained that the highly entertaining program has been created for a wide variety of listeners. “Our intent was to present a sampling of American history through music. The music will be recognizable to both adults and children while the documentary style of the presentation should provide the audience with some fascinating information about popular music in this country.”

Band Directors Carl Sabatino and Peter Sciaino plan an encore performance of “The Beat Goes On” at Whippany Park High School on Tuesday, May 12 those who are unable to attend the Lincoln Memorial debut.

The Whippany Park Band has been a staple at school and community events since Whippany Park opened its doors in 1967. The band has performed all over the northeast in both competitive and non-competitive venues while garnering many awards and accolades. Known as the “Pride of Hanover Township”, the band is a premier artistic outlet for the students at Whippany Park High School. The band is well respected in the community and has been extremely well supported by local residents, merchants and civic organizations.

“The Pride” has performed at places such as Walt Disney’s Magic Kingdom and Epcot Center, Universal Studios Florida, Giants Stadium, Cleveland State University, and the University of Pennsylvania. The band was also twice invited to perform on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. and at the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in New York City.