

Frank L. Battisti 50th Anniversary Celebration

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Michael W. Allen
Director of Bands

Boynton Middle School **Thursday, May 7, 2009**

1601 North Cayuga Street
Ithaca, NY 14850
March 10, 2009

Dear Ithaca High School Band Alumni and Friends;

Kindly accept this request to attend the Frank Battisti 50th anniversary celebration (and concert) on Thursday, May 7, 2009, 7:30pm at Ithaca High School, Kulp Auditorium. Mr. B will lead a discussion group detailing the history of the Ithaca High School Band Program and participate in a concert honoring the memory of Warren Benson and the first commission work by the Ithaca High School Band ("Night Song", 1959). Please read below for details.

Frank Battisti to participate in Spring Concert

Ithaca native Frank Battisti, who was responsible for putting Ithaca on the national map in the 1950's-1960's for his innovative program of excellence in instrumental music, will participate in the May 7, 2009, spring concert. The concert will recognize the 50th anniversary of the first work commissioned by Mr. Battisti for the Ithaca High School Band ("Night Song" by Warren Benson). The Ithaca High School Concert Band will perform this work and will premiere "Night Fantasy" by Greg Rudgers, which has been written especially for the occasion. Eleanor Bayles (flute) will be the featured student soloist, 8th grade student composers Katherine Adams, Ofer Grossman and Jeremy Poe will present their original compositions for band, the Boynton Middle School Concert Band will perform with guest conductors Mark Fonder and Frank Battisti, the Symphonic Band will premiere "Fire and Ice" by Greg Rudgers with guest conductor Elizabeth Peterson and the Flumerflutes will perform the pre-concert recital. The pre-concert discussion is at 6:00pm, pre-concert recital is at 6:50pm and the concert starts at 7:30pm. Admission is free and open to the public.

Please RSVP by e mail or by returning the enclosed form. If you would like to send a message for Mr. B, to be included in the event documents, please do so by e mail on the enclosed form.

This will be a special night for the students and teacher who made the Ithaca High School Band Program a nationally recognized program of excellence. Please help us celebrate.

Sincerely,

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RSVP

Name: _____ Class (Graduation Year) _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Please check the events you would like to attend:

1. ____ Pre-concert discussion about the history of the Ithaca High School Band Program

Thursday, May 7, 2009, 6:00pm, Ithaca High School Library

1401 North Cayuga Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

2. ____ 50th Anniversary Concert

Thursday, May 7, 2009, 7:30pm, Ithaca High School, Kulp Auditorium

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Message for Mr. B:

Return by e mail or send to: Michael W. Allen

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