

Dear MPMS Band Alumni and Families,

We are pleased to announce that we are launching the *Decennial Commissioning Project* to celebrate and commemorate our upcoming **10th Anniversary**. The MPMS Band Boosters are working to commission three new compositions to be premiered by the MPMS bands at the *Spring Concert of 2020*.

We are asking our alumni families to be a part of this exciting celebration! The total expense for the *Decennial Commissioning Project* is estimated at \$8500. This includes commissioning the compositions, as well as travel and rehearsal fees for the composers to work with our students as they prepare for the premiere performance.

Over the past eight years, our students, and your children, have achieved many honors and awards as a result of their hard work and commitment to music excellence! Commissioning these compositions is another growth opportunity for our young musicians to experience premiering a new and unique piece of music, as well as the opportunity to learn about the composition process.

With the high probability of these compositions being published, every band who performs these pieces would see these words at the top of the music:

"Commissioned by the Mills Park Middle School Band in Cary, North Carolina, commemorating the tenth anniversary of Mills Park Middle School."

To contribute to the *Decennial Commissioning Project* you have two options:

Option 1 – Print, fill out, and mail the attached contribution form with your check.

Option 2 - Visit www.millsparkbands.com and click the "Online Contributions" link in the Decennial Commissioning Project section of the homepage.

Contributions are tax-deductible, as the MPMS Band Boosters is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Our MPMS band program could not be successful without the continued support of our wonderful alumni families! Thank you!

Musically,
Mills Park Middle School Band Boosters

Our Composers

Despite his young age, **Tyler Grant** has written numerous award-winning works for concert bands, marching bands, and chamber groups; many of which have been performed around the world and by musicians of all levels. His music for middle school bands is fresh and challenging yet approachable. Tyler conducted the WCPSS All-County Symphonic Band in 2016. More about Tyler and his compositions can be found at www.tylersgrant.com.

Composer **Mekel Rogers** is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Appalachian State University. He has spent more than two decades as a middle school band director and composer. His experience as a teacher gives him the perfect perspective when writing music for young groups. Mekel's works have been performed at various district and state honor band events, music educator association conferences, adjudicated festivals, and the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. You can find out more about Mekel's work at www.mekelrogers.com.

Tony Powell has been our band director since MPMS opened its doors. Mr. Powell is sharing his talents by graciously creating a composition at no expense to the band program, and will not receive a fee.



DECENNIAL COMMISSIONING PROJECT
Contribution Form

Please print neatly.
Your name will be listed in the May 2020 concert program and on our website.
Address and contact information will enable us to send you a receipt.

Gold Level - \$100.00 or more
Purple Level - \$25.00 - \$99.99

Donor Name _____

Student Name: _____ 8th Grade Class of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number (optional): (_____) _____

Amount contributed: \$100.00 \$50.00 \$25.00 other _____

Check Number _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Please mail this form, along with your contribution check, to:

MPMS BAND BOOSTERS
Decennial Commissioning Project
441 Mills Park Drive
Cary, NC 27519

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!