

SOUTHINGTON BAND BACKERS, INC.

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**SHS MARCHING BAND TO HOST
“MUSIC OF THE KNIGHT”**

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On Saturday, October 23, at Southington High School's Fontana Field, the Southington High School Blue Knights Marching band presents the 12th Annual **Music of the Knight**. This event is a United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA) sanctioned competition featuring a total of 17 bands from Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The evening kicks off at 4:30 PM with the Presentation of Colors by the First Company Governor's Foot Guard, then the National Anthem – this year performed by the John F. Kennedy Middle School Band under the Direction of Tim Johnson. The Joseph A. DePaolo Middle School band under the Direction of Manny Lopes will also perform. Bands from 4 different classes will then compete for awards including placement trophies in each class, caption trophies (Best Color Guard, Best Marching, Best Percussion, Best Music, Best Overall Effect), and “Grand Champion.”

The Award Winning Southington Blue Knights Marching Band under the Direction of Jeff Shaw, will also perform an exhibition of their 2004 Repertoire, “Hieroglyphics.” In keeping with tradition, SHS Band Alumni will lead the Blue Knights onto the field for their performance.

Alan Camp, Program Director and host of the Morning Show at WRCH Lite 100.5, will be the announcer for the evening's festivities. Special guests and dignitaries will also be on hand to present the awards at the end of the competition.

Music of the Knight has been designated a “Gold Event” by the USSBA and is one of the largest and well-attended High School Band Competitions in New England. To accommodate the anticipated turnout, there will be additional parking and shuttle service available from DePaolo Middle School and The Calendar House (located on Pleasant St..)

Tickets are available at the door the day of the event: General Admission, \$7.00; Seniors & Students, \$5.00; Children under 5, as well as Southington Marching Band Alumni wearing their band jacket, will be admitted for FREE.

For more information, visit the Blue Knights Marching Band Website at www.shsbands.com, or contact the Southington High School music department at (860) 628-3229 ext. 250.

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