

# Simsbury High School Music & Performing Arts

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# Simsbury Music & Performing Arts Department

**Simsbury Designated One of “Best Communities for Music Education”**  
**On May 5, 2010, the NAMM Foundation announced that Simsbury has earned the designation as one of the “Best Communities for Music Education.”**

NAMM's 11th annual “Best Communities for Music Education” survey acknowledges schools and districts across the United States for their commitment to and support of music education in schools. One hundred seventy-four school districts were determined by the NAMM Foundation to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to providing music education for their students. The complete list of “Best Communities” can be viewed online at [www.nammfoundation.org](http://www.nammfoundation.org). The 2010 survey, which spanned January through March, was available to all districts nationwide. Teachers and school district administrators, representing communities across the country, participated in the web-based survey, which was developed and administered by The Institute for Educational Research and Public Service, an affiliate of the University of Kansas. The districts were measured across curricular and programmatic criteria as well as public support of their music programs. Participants answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and other relevant factors in their communities' music education programs.

## About The NAMM Foundation

The NAMM Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to advancing active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public school music programs.



# Top 10 Skills Children Learn from the Arts

- ⑩ Creativity
- ⑩ Confidence
- ⑩ Problem-Solving
- ⑩ Perseverance
- ⑩ Focus
- ⑩ Non-Verbal Communication
- ⑩ Receiving Constructive Feedback
- ⑩ Collaboration
- ⑩ Dedication
- ⑩ Accountability

*Courtesy of Americans for the Arts*

*Valerie Strauss, January 2013 © The Washington Post Company*



# SHS 8 Period Day

⑩ There are options!

⑩ Multiple electives are possible.

⑩ Guidance Counselors work with individual students.



# Course Offerings for Freshmen

- ⑩ Choir – Freshman Girls' Choir (Girls)  
Concert Choir (Boys)
- ⑩ Band – Symphonic Band  
Percussion Ensemble  
Wind Ensemble (by audition)
- ⑩ Orchestra – Freshman Orchestra
- ⑩ Theater – Introduction to Theater
- ⑩ Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band – (By audition)
- ⑩ Additional Offerings – Chamber Music  
Song Writing & Composition

# SHS Music and Performing Arts Staff

**Choirs:** Mrs. Colleen Thompson  
Dr. Stuart Younse

**Bands & General Music:** Mrs. Lisa Abel

**Jazz Ensemble:** Mr. Ken Fischer

**Jazz Band:** Dr. Carl Knox

**Orchestras:** Mr. Ryan Ford

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# **Simsbury High School Music Department Highlights 2013-2014**



# Europe Trip 2016

**The SHS Choir, Band and Orchestra will travel to Europe in 2016. Students will have the opportunity to learn about music and performance in European culture. The last Simsbury Music department trip to Europe occurred in February of 2012 where we visited and performed in Sicily!**





# 2013-2014 Highlights from the SHS Choir

## ***Mrs. Colleen Thompson***

⑩ **Hartford Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert  
– December 2013**

⑩ **Northern Region Participation**

⑩ **All- State Participation**

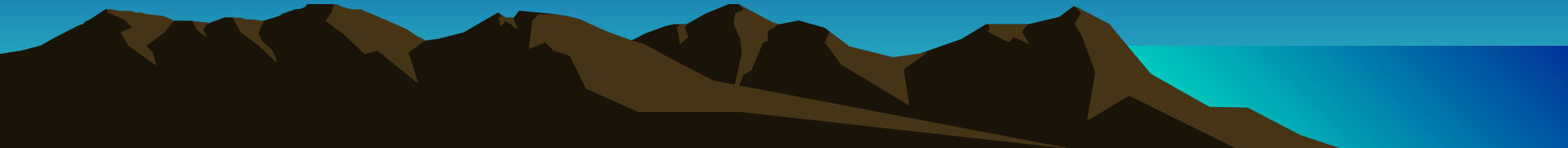
⑩ **Treble Choir Performance – MLK Day 2014**



# 2013-2014 Highlights from the SHS Bands

***Mrs. Lisa Abel***

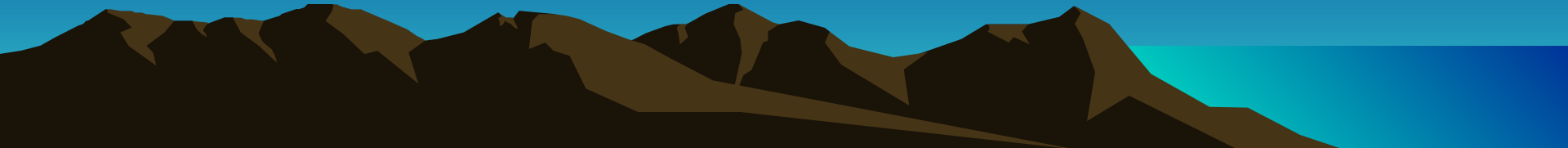
- ⑩ Concert at CT State University
- ⑩ Wolf Pack Hockey Game
- ⑩ Northern Region Participation
- ⑩ All-State Participation
- ⑩ New England Music Festival Participation
- ⑩ ASBDA Participation
- ⑩ SHS Pep Band – Home football games



# *Mr. Ken Fischer and Dr. Carl Knox*

⑩ Jazz Festival Adjudication –  
Berklee Jazz Festival

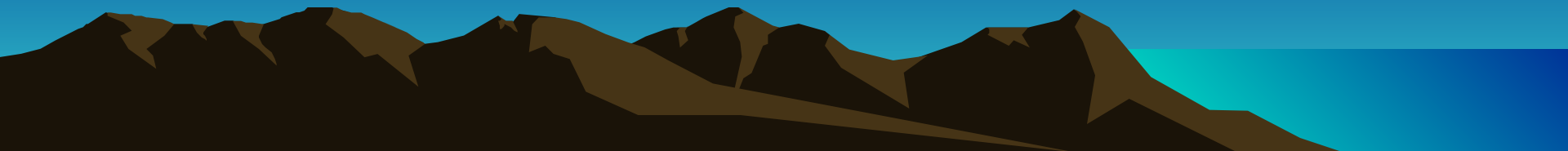
⑩ Annual Martin Luther King Day  
Performance



# Highlights from the SHS Orchestras

## *Mr. Ryan Ford*

- ⑩ Northern Region Participation
- ⑩ All State Participation
- ⑩ National Orchestra Festival at the American String Teacher's Association Conference in Rhode Island (2013)
- ⑩ Holiday Concert at McLean – December 2013
- ⑩ SHS Chamber Music Recital – ENO Hall (July 2014)



# 2013-2014 Highlights from SHS Theater

***Dr. Stuart Younse***

⑩Simsbury High School Musical -

***“Les Miserables” February 7,8,9***

⑩Spring Play – ***“Whose Life Is It Anyway”***  
(May 2, 3,4 )

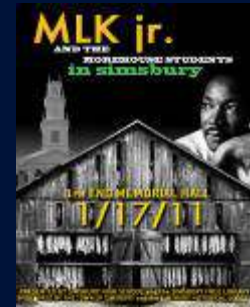
⑩One Act Festival – October 2013

⑩American Civil Liberties Union Project



# Simsbury Music Department

## *Community Connections*



- ⑩ MLK Day Performances
- ⑩ Holiday Tour to Loaves & Fishes
- ⑩ Performance at Special Olympics
- ⑩ Marching in Simsbury Memorial Day Parade
- ⑩ Dallas Brass Harmony Bridge Project – (McLean)

# SHS Musical 2014



**Performance Location**  
**SHS Auditorium**

**Remaining Performance Dates:**

**February 7 and 8 at 7:00 pm**

**February 9 at 2:00 pm**

# **DALLAS BRASS Townwide Band Festival**

**March 17th and 18th at SHS**

**Band students participate in clinics and perform with world renowned Dallas Brass musicians. The Dallas Brass concert is open to the public on March 18, 2014.**





# Simsbury Arts Academy

- SAVE THE DATE -

Summer 2013: July 8-25

- ⑩ Monday – Friday, 8:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at Simsbury High School
- ⑩ Exceptional 3-week Academy programs in **Visual Arts, Strings, Jazz, Musical Theater and All About the Arts** for Children entering grades 4-12.
- ⑩ **Primary Arts Division** (Grades 1 – 3)  
4 one week sessions Monday – Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m  
at Tootin' Hills. In one week sessions, students will explore the arts  
with master artists and certified arts teachers.

For more information visit our website at [www.simsbury.k12.ct.us](http://www.simsbury.k12.ct.us)

*Cynthia White Rehm, Artistic Director*



# Simsbury Arts Academy

- ⑩ STRINGS – JoAnna Ferrari
- ⑩ JAZZ ACADEMY – Dr. Carl Knox, CCSU  
Ed Fast, Conga Bop
- ⑩ MUSICAL THEATER – Michael Hunter
- ⑩ VISUAL ARTS – Cindy Rehm



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# Music & Performing Arts at SHS



# Questions & Answers

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