

## **Dublin High Hosts Prestigious Western Band Association Competition Featuring Over 1,800 Performers from Across California**

### **Award-winning Dublin High Irish Guard using proceeds to play Carnegie Hall in 2012**

**DUBLIN, CA** – October 21, 2011 – For the first time in Dublin city history, the Dublin High School Irish Guard will be hosting the Western Band Association (WBA) field show competition. With 18 schools representing the best field performance bands from across California and over 1,800 students performing, this will be a momentous event expected to attract up to 5,000 spectators. Gates open at 3:30pm on Saturday, October 29 at Dublin High School.

“The WBA field show and competition on October 29 is the perfect opportunity for the kids to perform in a pressure-filled environment,” said Paul Everts, director of the Dublin High Irish Guard. “The quality of the competitors and judging is very high. People who come to hear the Dublin High Irish Guard play selections from the musical catalog of Billy Joel will quickly understand why they were chosen to play at Carnegie Hall in 2012. It will send shivers down your spine.”

According to the WBA, competitions are designed to “encourage and reward creativity, artistry and excellence in design and performance” in both musical and visual skills. Over 12,000 students perform annually in WBA shows and championships in which students march, dance, and move in formation with the music they create.

“Hosting a WBA competition is a big deal,” said Dublin mayor Tim Sbranti. “This is a prestigious event and it will be a significant experience in students’ lives and an incredible show for those in attendance. As a bonus, it will be a treat for attendees and competitors to visit Dublin High’s state-of-the-art stadium, especially for those that haven’t been here before!”

Besides putting on an entertaining show for Bay Area music lovers, the proceeds from this competition will help fund the appearance of the Dublin High Irish Guard band at the New York International Music Festival in March 2012. Held at Carnegie Hall in New York City, the Dublin High Irish Guard is honored to be chosen to perform along with five other ensembles from Tennessee, Wisconsin, California, Guam, and Hawaii.

#### **Event info:**

- What: Western Band Association field show
- When: October 29, 2011. Gates open at 3:30 pm. Show from 4:30 to 9:30pm
- Where: Dublin High School, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin CA
- Cost: Adults \$10, Students and Seniors \$7, Six and under Free
- A special section will be available for media who pre-register

#### **Links:**

- Dublin High School: <http://dublinusd.com/Domain/132>
- Western Band Association: <http://www.westernbands.org>
- 2012 New York International Music Festival: <http://bit.ly/om5rIS>

#### **Media contact:**

- Blaine Mathieu, Communications Coordinator
  - 925 548 0945, [blaine\\_mathieu@yahoo.com](mailto:blaine_mathieu@yahoo.com)
- Paul Everts, Band Director, Dublin High Irish Guard
  - 209 642 2651, [EvertsPaul@dublin.k12.ca.us](mailto:EvertsPaul@dublin.k12.ca.us) (Please include “dpride” in the subject line)