

About the Pearl City High School Band (Current as of Jan 13th, 2011):

Presented through the auspices of the State of Hawai‘i, Department of Education Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent; the Pearl City High School Music Performing Arts Learning Center, Ms. Carlyn Fujimoto, Principal; Directors Chadwick Kamei, Cathy Momohara, and Christopher Lopez, the **Pearl City High School Band** shines as an exemplary program in the public schools. The school is located on the island of Oahu, the “Gathering Place”, where the city of Honolulu and district of Waikiki are found. Situated on the slopes of the magnificent Ko‘olau range, the school’s campus overlooks historic Pearl Harbor. From this beautiful setting comes one of the most outstanding music programs in the country.

The **Pearl City High School “Charger” Marching Band** recently returned from a performance at the 25th London’s New Year’s Day Parade on January 1st, 2011. This was the first time the band has traveled to Europe and we were honored to be a part of this event. In the summer of 2007 the band performed for an international audience at the Beijing International Olympic Youth Festival. The band brought the spirit of Aloha to the people of Beijing and helped to kickoff a yearlong celebration for the 2008 Olympic Games. The band also returned to the **Tournament of Roses Parade** in Pasadena, California for the 2006 “It’s Magical” celebration; having marched in 1980, 1984, 1996 and the millennium 2000 celebration. The marching band was fortunate enough to participate in the **2001 Macy*s Thanksgiving Day Parade** to honor the city of New York, its heroes, and its citizens. Previous appearances by the band in this world famous event have been in 1989 and 1993. The Chargers have also performed in the **Hollywood Christmas Parade** in Hollywood, California (2003), and the **Ginza Parade** in Tokyo, Japan (1986) as well as the annual **Aloha Week Floral Parade** in Honolulu, Hawaii. In 1997, the band performed the complete half-time show at the **Kelly Tires Blue and Gray Christmas Day All-Star Game** in Montgomery, Alabama. It has performed half-time shows at University of Hawaii football games since 1976 and has participated in the **NFL Pro Bowl** halftime from 1980 through 2000. In December 1999, the band presented the halftime show at the first annual **Hawaii State Football Championship** and in 2002, at the **First Hawaiian Football Classic**. Performances by the band are noted for excitement, energy and entertainment.

Also recognized as one of the premier concert band programs in the nation, the program’s **Symphonic Winds** was invited to participate in the 2012 Southeastern United States Band Conference, held in Troy, Alabama. The group is honored to be the first band from Hawaii to perform at this prestigious conference. The Symphonic Winds also performed at the 2009 **Hamamatsu International Band Festival** in Hamamatsu, Japan. The band received glowing reviews by the judges and directors for our outstanding performance. The last appearance at the **Hamamatsu Festival** was in 2001 under the baton of Maestro Michael Nakasone. Past performances of this group have included appearances at the **Mid-West Instrumental Band and Orchestra Clinic** in Chicago, Illinois (1990), the **American School Band Directors Association Convention** (1990, 2001), the **American Bandmasters Association/Japan Bandmasters Association Convention** (1993), and the 1998 **Music Educators National Conference Biennial Convention** in Phoenix, Arizona. A frequent guest soloist and good friend of the band is internationally recognized trumpet virtuoso Allen Vizzutti, and featured local artists have included Noel Okimoto, Tim Tsukiyama, Abraham Lagrimas Jr., Scott Villiger, Michael Zonshine, and Todd Yukumoto. From the **John Philip Sousa Foundation**, the band received the

Sudler “Flag of Honor” in 1992 and the *Legion of Honor Award* in 1994. The Sudler Award is especially dear to the program, as this international honor is the highest recognition of excellence in concert band performance that can be earned by a high school band in the United States, Canada, and Japan. In 1998, members of the Symphonic Band appeared as guests with the *Honolulu Symphony* under the baton of Maestro Samuel Wong. Under the direction of Mr. Chadwick Kamei, the program has had the opportunity to work with various outstanding conductors and music professionals. They include, Dr. Jerry F. Junkin (University of Texas at Austin), Dr. Barry Kopetz (Capital University), Mr. Takayoshi “Tad” Suzuki (UNLV), Mr. Thomas Leslie (UNLV), Dr. Peter L. Boonshaft (Hofstra University), Ms. Margurite Wilder (GIA Publications), Mr. James Swearingen (Capital University), Mr. Ralph Ford (Troy University), Mr. Grant Okamura (University of Hawaii), Mr. Brandt Payne (University of Hawaii), Mr. Thomas Bingham (University of Hawaii), Mr. Keith Higaki (University of Hawaii) and Mr. Wataru Hokoyama (Composer).

Band Director Information:

Chadwick Kamei, Director of Bands

Mr. Chadwick Kamei became a member of the staff in 2005, and appointed to Director of Bands in Summer 2006. Mr. Kamei received his MA in Music Education (2009), Bachelor of Arts in English and Bachelor of Education in Music from the University of Hawaii (2002). Mr. Kamei has studied wind conducting under such esteemed conductors as Jerry Junkin, Scott Hannah, Robert Carnochan, Richard Floyd, Thomas Lee, and Grant Okamura. A saxophonist at heart, he studied with such eminent musicians as Todd Yukumoto, Allen Won, William Graves, Todd Oxford, Roger Greenberg, and Harvey Pittel. In March 2009 the Pearl City High School Symphonic Winds performed at the 21st Annual All Japan High School Invitational Wind Band Conference in Hamamatsu, Japan, under the direction of Mr. Kamei. The band received glowing reviews by the judges and band directors noting the blend and balance of our ensemble.

Mr. Kamei currently holds memberships in the Music Educators National Conference, National Band Association, Hawai‘i Music Educators Association, Oahu Band Directors Association, and the Music Teacher’s National Association. In 2010, Mr. Kamei was inducted into the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA), considered to be one of the most prestigious school level band director’s organizations in the nation.

Cathy M.K. Momohara – Associate Director

Mrs. Cathy Momohara is a proud graduate and alumni of the Pearl City High School Band program where she was able to participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade, The 1997 Blue and Gray Christmas Day All-Star Game (Alabama), and the 1998 Music Educators National Conference Biennial Convention in Arizona. Being a part of such a phenomenal program, she decided to return “home” and became a member of the staff in 2007. An exceptionally talented French Horn player, Mrs. Momohara received a Bachelors of Education in Music from the University of Hawai‘i in 2003, and received numerous awards from the Music Department. Mrs. Momohara is a member of the Hawaii Music Educators Association and the Oahu Band Directors’ Association.

Christopher F. Lopez, Associate Director/Percussion Instructor

A graduate and proud alumnus of the Pearl City High School Band program, Mr. Christopher Lopez became a member of the staff in 2004. The landmark *Mid-West Band and Orchestra Clinic* performance is part of his legacy to the school. Mr. Lopez is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa where he received his Bachelors of Education in Music.

Band Data:

Currently enrolled in band-sponsored programs: **238**

Events

Major Performances:

Marching Band

2011 – London New Year's Day Parade Silver Anniversary – London, England

2007 – Beijing International Olympic Youth Festival—Beijing, China

2006, 2000, 1996, 1984, 1980 - Tournament of Roses Parade-- Pasadena, CA

2003 - Hollywood Christmas Parade

2002 - First Hawaiian Football Classic halftime show

2001, 1993, 1989 - Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade-- New York, NY

1999 - 1st Annual Hawaii State Football Championship halftime show

1997 - Blue and Gray Classic-- Montgomery, AL

1986 - Ginza Parade-- Tokyo, Japan

1980 - 2000 - Pro Bowl

University of Hawaii halftime shows since 1976

2000-- UH-UNLV, November 11

1996-- UH-Wyoming

Concert Band

2012 Southeastern United States Band Conference – Troy, AL
2010, 2005, 1997 HMEA State Conference-- Honolulu, HI
2009, 2001 Hamamatsu International Band Festival, Hamamatsu, Japan
2006 Royal Hawaiian Band, special guest artists—Honolulu, HI
2005 Canadian Tour, Alberta/University of Calgary Symphonic Band
2003 Canadian Tour, Squamish Nation/West Vancouver Youth Band
2001 ASBDA National Convention-- Honolulu, HI
1998 Honolulu Symphony subscription series special guests
1998 MENC National Convention-- Phoenix, AZ
1993 ABA/JBA Convention-- Honolulu, HI
1990 ASBDA Convention-- Honolulu, HI
1990 Mid-West Band and Orchestra Clinic-- Chicago, IL

Annual Events

Leeward District Band Festival
Oahu Band Directors Association Events
Solo and Ensemble
Parade of Stage Bands
Parade of Bands
Select Bands
Aloha Week Floral Parade
Menehune Classic (Moanalua H.S.)

Oahu Marching Band Festival

Rainbow Invitational Marching Band Festival

Kamehameha Tournament of Bands

Trojan Band Festival (Mililani H.S.)

Pearl City Community Christmas Parade

Gentry Community Christmas Parade

School Activities: Open House

Football Games

Special Presentations