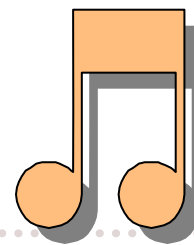




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Presenting the 2011 Hall of Fame Inductees

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The H.S.B.D.N.A. recently named two new members into the **National High School Band Director's Hall of Fame** for 2011.

Johnny Folsom (Georgia) and **Earl Shaffer, Jr.** (Virginia) were inducted into the Hall of Fame on July 22, 2011. The event was held in Columbus, Georgia at the Columbus Trade and Convention Center Sycamore Concert Hall.

HSBDNA Officers, Dr. Oliver Boone and Harold Blankenship, made the official presentation as members of inductees family looked on. Each member received the Hall of Fame Member Plate as well as a desk plate and medal. Executive Director Boone pinned each member with their lapel pin as Associate Director Blankenship placed the Hall of Fame medal around their neck.

The Official Band for the event was the Bob Barr Community Band of Columbus, Georgia. The band is under the direction of Fred Catchings. Music for the event featured



L-R Ellen and Earl Shaffer, Betty and Johnny Folsom

"The Sinfonians", by Williams; "On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss", by Holsinger; and the "Athenian Festival", by Barr. Johnny Folsom conducted the band in Zo Elliot's "British Eighth" March while Earl Shaffer conducted the band in "The Man of The Hour", by Fillmore.

The event marked the 27th Annual Ceremony of the Hall

of Fame.

The event was sponsored by a grant made possible by the Columbus Municipal Arts Society and the Bradley Turner Foundation both of Columbus, Georgia.

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Earl Shaffer, Jr. Receives John M. Long Award

Earl Shaffer, Jr. of Cosby High School-Midlothian, Virginia was named the **Nation's Most Outstanding Director** at the HSBDNA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

The award is named for the legendary bandmaster Dr.

John M. Long. (Alabama) Long is the Director Emeritus of the Troy University Bands and is a member of the American Bandmasters Association. Long is a 1997 recipient of the Hall of Fame for Distinguished Band Conductors and a 2005

recipient of the High School Band Director's Hall of Fame.

"I am honored to be named for this award", stated Mr. Shaffer. "Dr. Long is a legend in the band field and to named for this honor is a milestone in my career". *Cont. on page 3*

By Ashley White



Hall of Fame Inductee 2011-Mr. Johnny Folsom



Johnny Folsom has spent 26 years as a band director at Geneva and T R Miller High Schools (Alabama) before his current tenure at the prestigious Cairo High School (Georgia). Over the years Folsom's bands have won numerous awards both on the field and on the concert stage. The Syrupmaker Band has performed as the featured halftime band in exhibition at Troy University football games in 2002 and in 2003, & 2007, and at Valdosta State University football games in 2008 & 2009. The Cairo Band marched in the nationally televised Orlando Citrus Parade in 2009. Folsom's bands have also performed in exhibition performances at the 2000 Notre Dame-Navy football game in Orlando, at the 1995 Sugar Bowl, the 1998 Auburn-Virginia football game, the 1997 Troy State-Eastern Kentucky game, the 1989 Auburn-Pacific game, and the 1985



Johnny Folsom
GEORGIA
Cairo High School
"Syrupmaker Band"

Livingston State Sesquicentennial Homecoming game. On the stage they have performed at the 1987 Tri-States Band Festival at Florida State University, at the 1989 Southeastern United States Band Clinic at Troy State University, and at the 1998 Alabama Music Educators Conference at Auburn University. And, the Cairo Symphony Band performed at the Southeastern United States Concert Band Festival at Troy University in 2008.

Folsom is a member of the Georgia Music Educators Association and has served as the chairman for district two. He is also a past president of the Alabama Bandmasters Association. Troy State University's music faculty selected Mr. Folsom as its 1996 Alumnus of the Year. He has judged numerous marching and concert festivals in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina.



Betty and Johnny Folsom receive award from Boone



Johnny Folsom Addresses the Audience

Hall of Fame Inductee 2011-Mr. Earl Shaffer, Jr



Earl E. Shaffer, Jr. has served as a public school music teacher since 1980. An Arlington, Virginia native, he attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania and graduated from James Madison University in 1980 with a Bachelors of Music in Education degree. His bands have earned 11 "Commonwealth of Virginia Honor Band" titles to date and he is the 16th director in state's history to be listed in the "ten-year Virginia Honor Band Director's Hall of Fame". Additionally, his bands have also earned a "Superior" rating at the State Concert Festival for the past 20 consecutive years. During his tenure in Chesterfield, the Lloyd C. Bird Band grew to a membership of over 200 students. The band has performed at College football games with The University of Virginia, The College of William and Mary, Virginia Military Institute, and the University of Richmond. The band's performances include Walt Disney World on six separate occasions, Toronto Canada, Atlanta Georgia, Myrtle Beach South



Earl Shaffer, Jr.
VIRGINIA
Cosby High School
"Cosby Titan Band"

Carolina, Gatlinburg, Tennessee and full length concert for the passengers on board the Carnival Cruise Ship "Sensation". The Skyhawk Band drew and audience of over 2,000 people in the annual spring concerts. In September 2006, Mr. Shaffer was named director of Cosby High School. The Cosby Titan Band has earned superior ratings at the state concert festival and at the 2009 VBODA State Marching Festival. Mr. Shaffer was selected as the Cosby Fine and Performing Arts Teacher of the Year for 2009 and nominated in 2008 for recognition by the National Society of High School Scholars. He was nominated for the year 2002, 2000, and 1998 as a "Who's Who Among America's Teachers". He was also selected as Lloyd C. Bird's "Teacher of the Year" for the 1998 year. He is an active adjudicator for band festivals in the mid-Atlantic region and is a sought-after guest conductor and clinician of bands. Mr. Shaffer is a member in Phi Beta Mu, an honorary national fraternity of band

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"I am familiar with Dr. Long's achievements and am flattered to be named to this award in his namesake", stated Shaffer. "Mr. Shaffer has maintained a level of superiority at the state level in Virginia for a number of years. This is an unprecedented accomplishment. I commend him and his family". The award was presented to Mr. Shaffer by Dr. and Mrs. John M. Long. A perpetual plaque will remain in the Hall of Fame honoring all recipients of the award.



John M. Long presents Earl Shaffer with National Award

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Ellen and Earl Shaffer receive award from Boone

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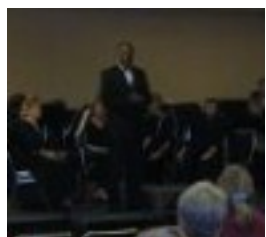
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