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From: Robert J. Breidenstein, Superintendent

Re: Press Release

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In 2016, Scott Bean, Music Director of the Salamanca City Central School District's High School Concert Band received the approval to coordinate with Maestro Rossano Galante to accept a commission from the Salamanca CSD to compose and score a unique piece of music that echoed the natural and cultural beauty of our region. Composer Galante, originally from WNY, who now lives in Hollywood, CA, accepted the commission and began to create an original 5 minute concert band selection for students. Salamanca concert band students began learning the score in January 2017 under the direction of Mr. Bean.

Throughout the several month long process, Mr. Bean and Composer Galante discussed the overall concept of the final work – which included a brief history of the region, unique natural sounds and the way of life in Salamanca. Ultimately they decided on the life blood of the area, the Allegheny River, hence the title of the eventual work becoming “The River Seneca”, as the major theme.

The River Seneca premiered on the evening of March 2, 2017 at the Salamanca High School Auditorium. After months of practice, the Salamanca students had the opportunity to work directly with Composer Galante on March 1st and 2nd. As the composer in residence, Mr. Galante worked directly with the students to assist Mr. Bean prepare for the world debut. The students performed the selection at a competition at the Darien Lake Music Festival later that spring. The River Seneca was played at the Salamanca City Central School District's 2017 High School Graduation Ceremony where it began as a tradition to be played at each graduation in the years to come. The audience adores the piece and the students cannot stop playing it, as its themes are timeless and satisfying.

Recently the composer, Rossano Galante, submitted the commissioned work, “The River Seneca” to Alfred Music Publishing Company in Los Angeles, one of the world's leading music publishers and distributors for printed sheet music. The Salamanca CSD is pleased to announce that Alfred Music will be publishing “The River Seneca” in 2020 for worldwide distribution.

For more information about the Alfred Music publishing visit <https://www.alfred.com/>

To hear the world premiere of The River Seneca visit <http://www.salamancany.org/Page/2832>

Attached to this email/press release please find:

- Original The River Seneca artwork (oil painting) by Mrs. Lori MacArthur, SCSSD High School Art Teacher
- Photo of Maestro Rossano Galante (left) and Scott Bean (right) holding the original MacArthur artwork signed by students who performed in the world premiere of The River Seneca

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