Verona Percussion Ensemble to Perform at
Prestigious North Jersey Percussion Festival
this Saturday, March 8th, 2014!

This Saturday, March 8th, the Verona High School Percussion Ensemble will perform in the 1st annual North Jersey Percussion Festival at Lazar Middle School in Montville New Jersey, a collaboration of middle school, high school, university, and professional percussion ensembles and soloists. Verona will be joined by the Montville, Ridgewood, and Randolph public schools as well New York University, Rutgers University, Bard College, New Jersey City State University, Queens College, SUNY Purchase, Stony Brook University, and Rowan University. The event is under the auspices of the Mantra percussion ensemble from New York, a cutting edge group pushing the boundaries of traditional percussion performance. VHS students will perform for the public, as well members of the Mantra group who will then engage our group in a hands-on master class!

In a culture dominated by marching percussion, the Verona High School Percussion ensemble pushes the envelope of the concert percussion idiom, performing the highest-level literature with emphasis on artistry and passion. Last year the VHS ensemble performed Christopher Rouse's *Ogoun Badagris* as part of the Rutgers Percussion celebration. Mr. Rouse is the resident composer for the New York Philharmonic.

Verona will perform Thom Hasenpflug's **Bicksa** on Saturday at 3:00pm. The performers will be:

- ***Eric Foy***
- ***Chris Buneo***
- ***Skyler Fortgang***
- ***Ryan Lavoie***
- ***Seamus Elliott***
- ***Dustin Nguyen***

We would love for you to come support our fine student musicians on Saturday! The address is:

Lazar Middle School
123 Changebridge Road
Montville, NJ 07045

Best,

Mr. Lynch