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Media Invitation to Cover:

Hampton High School Band World Premiere of “Beacon of Light”

What: Hampton High School Band Premiere of “*Beacons of Light*”

When: Wednesday, March 16, 2018

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Hampton High School Auditorium, 2929 McCully Road, Allison Park, PA 15101

What You Will See: Hampton’s percussion section will premiere “*Beacon of Light*,” an original composition commissioned by the students to honor the memory and legacy of drumline volunteer Ryan McCutcheon, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident on September 30, 2017. The piece was composed by [Chad Heiny](#), a Pittsburgh-area percussionist, educator and composer. Mr. Heiny has composed two other commissioned pieces for local school districts, but noted that this piece was “emotionally taxing” since it was being created to honor the memory of someone very important to the students who were commissioning the piece. A memorial message to McCutcheon will appear on every piece of the music sold and will read: “*Beacons of Light*” was commissioned in memory of Ryan McCutcheon by the Hampton High School Percussion Section. The composition will be available through [Tapspace Publications](#).

Editor’s Note: Mr. Heiny can be reached [via email](#) for additional comments or inquiries. Students will rehearse the piece under the direction of Mr. Heiny at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10th in the Hampton High School band room. Please notify Shari Berg in advance if you would like to attend the rehearsal to speak with Mr. Heiny or the student musicians.

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