

Port Chester High School Marching Band

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Port Chester High School Band Presents 2009-2010 Program

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Assistant Band Director: Kevin Hassan

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AWARDS AND RECENT HONORS

2002 USSBA New York State Champions Class 4

2002 Orange Bowl Champions Field Show & Parade

2002-2003 EMBA Champions Class 4

2003 Macy's NYC Thanksgiving Day Parade

2005 Bermuda Day, Hamilton, Bermuda

2007 USSBA New York State Champions Class 5A

PROGRAM NOTES

A magnificent programmatic work that is an offering to Pele, the Goddess of Hawaii's volcanoes. The work opens with primordial, mysterious sounds representing the foreboding volcanoes of Hawaii. We are then introduced to

Pele as a tall, beautiful young woman. This is one of the forms she can take and it represents her powers of creation and beauty. This gives way to the active and destructive Pele, often taking the form of an old woman, wrinkled and bent with age. The following lyrical section of the piece is the full statement of Pele's theme of creation and beauty. As this theme settles, we begin to hear the ground pop and crack letting us know that new lava is beginning to bubble and flow. Suddenly and violently, one of her volcanoes erupts, creating massive chaos and destruction. After the eruption subsides, Pele's theme of creation and beauty returns again.

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