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Surprise D.C. trip once in a lifetime event

"It was on February 2nd, that I received a phone call from Teri in Speaker Hastert's Batavia office . . ."

Steve Moline
Director of Bands

That is how our trip to Washington D.C. began. Would the Yorkville High School Marching Band be willing to play for a surprise tribute to the new Speaker of the House on March 9 and spend the next day touring Washington? Free? WOW! At that point EVERYTHING went into high gear: faxes, phone calls, meetings, chaperones, lists and more lists, more faxes...you get the idea.

Over and over I stressed to the Band that this was truly a ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE, and was it ever! While school was closed the day we left, our Band slowly traveled to O'Hare airport. The first flight with all of the female Band members left the airport on time.

The boys' flight was delayed about 2 hours, but still made it out of O'Hare. The second flight with the boys and Mr. Babich, among others, was diverted to Philadelphia because Washington National was closed. After an hour wait, off they went back to Washington.

They arrived at the Hilton hotel (where we played and stayed) at 5:50 p.m., dressed and basically ready to go! Smart thinking on the chaperone's part! We were playing by 6:25 p.m. In the ballroom, the Band was greeted by Bob Dole, and during dinner, Speaker Hastert came over to greet the Band. He made his way into the bleachers where several group pictures were taken. What a THRILL for all of us! Our Band was so excited! Wednesday's highlights included a tour of the White House, stops at the Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean Memorials. Visits to the Smithsonian, lunch at Union Station, and a stop at the Supreme Court building. Concluding our day was a tour of the Capitol. We were treated very well.

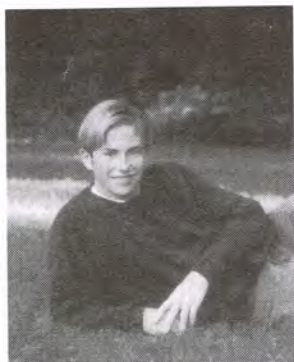


My theme for this year's Band was WORLD CLASS. Reaching higher, expanding our minds, endearing all members to be a TEAM. We were a TEAM when we traveled to Washington those two days. Our Marching Foxes, Peg Trumble, Gerry Romack, Frank Babich representing our High School. Those responsible for entrusting our students were the following chaperons: Theresa Nevills, Cindy Mak, Donna Sebbly, Lisa Aulis, Debbi Shimanis, Nelissa Watson, Don Cool, Clarence Clark, and Richard Nenne. These people were truly looking out for the best interest of our students.

To the PARENTS of the Marching Foxes. You were there too! I am sure you were worried, WE MADE IT! To the Music Boosters for providing and paying for our Washington Tour T-shirts. To Steven's in Countryside Center for the printing of the T-shirts and also the printing of the Yorkville High School Marching Band sweatshirt for the Speaker. To Debbie and Gay, the YHS secretaries for telling me I had a phone call or a fax, and for their typing and faxing several communications to Washington. To Mrs. Bailey (a.k.a. Momma Fox) for setting up and producing name tags for our luggage.

Mr. Mo didn't go to Washington...EVERYONE who was associated with the Yorkville High School Marching Band WENT TO WASHINGTON. This experience and MEMORY, WILL last a LIFETIME! Many thanks to all!

Forty-one YHS music department seniors slated to graduate in June



Dan Abbott
Chamber Singers 4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 4; Concert Band 1; Marching Band 1



Greg Barrette
Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Sang for Sports Events 3,4; Show Choir 2; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4; Fox Valley Music Festival 4; Men's Ensemble 1; Music in the Parks 1,3

Ryan Adam
Chamber Singers 4; Madrigals 4; Sang for Sports Events 4; Jazz Band 1,2; Concert Band 1,2,3,4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Washington DC Performance 4



Darla Baughman
Concert Band 1,4; Marching Band 1; Pep Band 1; Marching Band Drill Designer 4



Abby Ament
Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Madrigals 2,3,4; Show Choir 2; Jazz Choir 2; Women's Select 2; Solo/Ensemble Contest 3; Sang for Sports Events 1,3,4; Music in the Parks 1,3



Anne Brownlow
Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Madrigal Strings 2; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2

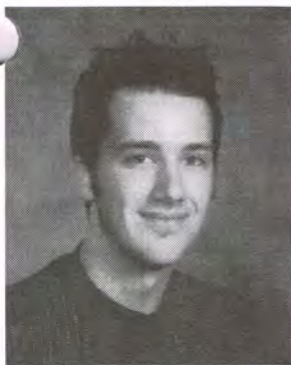
Melissa Anderson
Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Women's Select 1,2,4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 1,3; Music in the Parks 2; Solo/Ensemble Contest 3



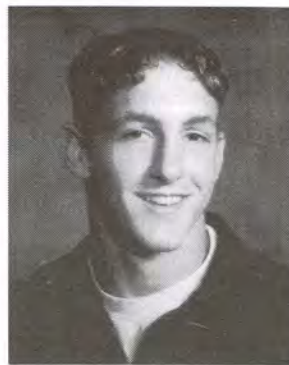
Kari Clawson
Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,4; Sang for Sports Events 2; Solo/Ensemble Contest 1,2; Honors Recital



Jonna Bahr
Concert Choir 1,2; Chamber Singers 3,4; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4; Women's Select 2,4; Music in the Parks 1,3; Memorial Day Service 3,4; Sang for Sports Events 4; Show Choir 2; Suburban Prairie Music Festival 3,4



Chris Collins
Chamber Singers 3,4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 4; Show Choir 2; Marching Band 1; Pep Band 1



Robert Goins
Chamber Singers 4; Concert Band 1; Disney "Magic Music Days" 4

Alicia Cool

Chamber Singers 4; Madrigals 4; Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Chamber Orchestra 2,3,4; Madrigal Strings 1,2,3; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2,3; Honors Recital 2,3,4; IMEA District Orchestra 2,3,4; IMEA All-State Honors Orchestra 2,3,4; Fox Valley Music Festival 2,3,4; Music in the Parks 1; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4; Kendall String Quartet 2,3,4; Sang for Sports Events 3,4



Bonnie Gutzwiler

Show Choir 2; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2; Concert Choir 1,2; Chamber Singers 3,4

Allison Harding

Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3; Madrigals 2,3

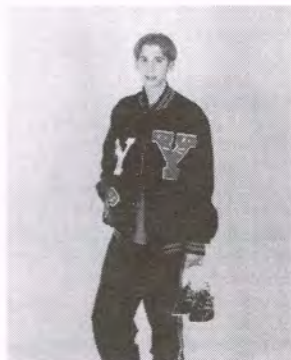
Randi Haskins

Concert Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Madrigal Brass 1,2,3,4; Fox Valley Music Festival 2,3,4; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2,3; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4; Honors Recital 3,4; Music in the Parks 3; Symphony Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Red Plume Award 4



Kara Danko

Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Chamber Secretary 2,3,4



Benjamin Draper
Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Chamber Treasurer 3,4; Madrigals 2,3,4; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2,3; Honors Recital 1,2,3; Sang for Sports Events 1,2,3; Fox Valley Music Festival 3; Men's Quartet 3,4; Show Choir 2; Jazz Choir 2; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4; Music in the Parks 1,3; Jazz

Band 2; Symphony Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Full Orchestra 2,3,4



Jill Johnson
Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,4; Madrigals 4; Women's Select 1,2; Fox Valley Music Festival 4; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2; Honors Recital 1,2; Sang for Sports Events 1,2,3,4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 4; Music in the Parks 1

Lisa Erickson

Solo/Ensemble Contest 1; Concert Choir 1,2; Chamber Singers 3,4; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2; Sang for Sports Events 4; Memorial Day Service 3; Ground Breaking Ceremony 2; Music in the Parks 1,3; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4

Geni Kilianek

Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4





Kimberly Krantz
 Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Women's Select 3,4; Madrigals 3,4; Show Choir 2; Jazz Choir 2; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2,3; Sang for Sports Events 1,2,3,4; Music in the Parks 1,3; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2

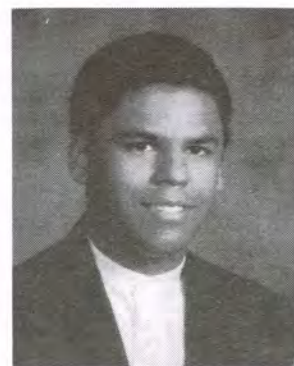


Sarah Misner
 Chamber Singers 4; Madrigals 4; Sang for Sports Events 4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4; Concert Band 1,2,3,4; Marching Band 1; Marching Band Drill Designer 2,3; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2; Honors Recital 2; Fox Valley Music Festival 3,4; Band Section Leader 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2; Washington DC Performance 4; Symphony Orchestra 2,3,4

Nichole Kuczowski
 Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Sang for Sports Events 4; Music in the Parks 1,3; Memorial Day Service 3; Women's Select 1



Mark Morris
 Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Madrigals 2,3,4; Honors Recital 1,2,3,4; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2,3; Men's Quartet 3,4; Jazz Choir 2; Show Choir 2; Men's Ensemble 1; IMEA (choral) 2; Fox Valley Music Festival 2; Sang for Sports Events; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4; Music in the Parks 1,3



Nichole S. Lupei
 Solo/Ensemble Contest 2,3; Madrigals 2,3,4; Show Choir. 2; Jazz Choir 2; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Fox Valley Music Festival 3,4; IMEA (choral) 2,3,4; Women's Select 1; Female Quartet 2; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2; Music in the Parks 3; Sang for Sports Events 3,4; Honors Recital 3,4; Philharmonic Orchestra 1;

IMEA (orchestra) 1



Tara Murray
 Chamber Singers 3,4; Concert Choir 1,2; Women's Select 2,3,4; Sang for Sports Events 3,4; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4; Music in the Parks 1,3,4; Madrigals 4; Memorial Day Service 3; Suburban Prairie Music Festival 1,3,4

Valerie Milam
 Suburban Prairie Music Festival 3,4; Sang for Sports Events 4; Madrigals 2,3,4; Women's Select 1,2,3,4; Jazz Choir 2,3; Honors Recital 1,2,3,4; Section Leader 1,2; Fox Valley Music Festival 1,2,3,4; Music in the Parks 1, 3; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2,3; Show Choir 1,2; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2; IMEA (choral) 1,2,3,4



Sarah Nemmers
 Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 1; Music in the Parks 2; Ground Breaking Ceremony 3





Lisa O'Brien

Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Music in the Parks 1,3; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2; Solo/Ensemble Contest 3; Memorial Day Service 3,4; Sang for Sports Events 3,4; Honors Recital 3 Suburban Prairie Music Festival 1,2,3,4



Amy Reisinger

Concert Band 2,3,4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4; Washington DC Performance 4; Northwestern Band Days 1,2; Northern Illinois University 1,2; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Music in the Parks 3

Jeffrey Olson

Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Madrigals 2,3,4; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2,3; Honors Recital 2,3,4; Sang for Sports Events 3,4; Fox Valley Music Festival 2,3,4; Men's Quartet 3,4; Music in the Parks 1,3; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4



Kari Seidelman

Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Concert Band 1,2,3,4; Symphony Orchestra 4; Suburban Prairie Conference Honors Band 4



Bena Pedersen

Concert Choir 2; Chamber Singers 3



Kristy Pfeifer

Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Solo/Ensemble Contest 2; Sang for Sports Events 3,4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 4; Music in the Parks 1,3



Stacey Seif

Concert Choir 2; Chamber Singers 3,4; Chamber Public Relations 3; Chamber Secretary 4; Solo/Ensemble Contest 3; Honors Recital 3,4; Madrigal Jester 2,3,4; Sang for Sports Events 3,4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4

Lindsay Rees

Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2; Music in the Park 1; Memorial Day Service 3,4



Amanda Spoden

Concert Choir 1,2; Chamber Singers 3,4; Dedicated Director Award 2; Sang for Sports Events 3,4; Music in the Parks 1,3; Disney "Magic Music Days" 4





Colin Stokes

Concert Choir 1; Madrigals 1,2,3,4; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Show Choir 2; Men's Ensemble; Music in the Parks 1,3; Memorial Day Service; Sang for Sports Events; Disney "Magic Music Days" 4

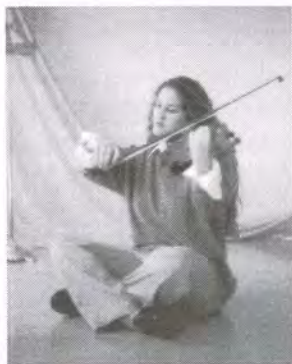


Ryan Tinsley

Madrigal Jester 2,3,4; Fox Valley Music Festival 4; Solo/Ensemble Contest 3; Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4; Music in the Parks 1; Sang for Sports Events 1,2,3,4; Men's Ensemble 1; Section Leader 1

Jenny Tagle

Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Chamber Orchestra 2,3,4; Madrigal Strings 2,3; Solo/Ensemble Contest 1,3; Honors Recital 1,3; IMEA District Orchestra 2,3,4; IMEA All-State Orchestra 2; IMEA All-State Honors Orchestra 3,4; Fox Valley Music Festival 3,4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4; Kendall String Quartet 2,3,4



Parker Trumble

Concert Choir 1; Chamber Singers 2,3,4; Honors Recital 1,2,3,4; Solo/Ensemble Contest 3; Music in the Parks 1,3; Show Choir 2; Jazz choir 2; Madrigals 1,2,3,4; Men's Quartet 3,4; Disney "Magic Music Days" 2,4; Memorial Day Service 1,3; Concert Band 1,2; Symphony Orchestra 1,2



Yorkville Student Honors Recital Showcases Musical Talent

The Music Boosters sponsored the Yorkville Student Honors Recital on Sunday, March 21, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in the new YHS Large Group Instruction Room. The Recital was free and open to the public.

Following an audition process, the following students were selected to perform in this year's annual Student Recital:

YMS

Beth Martin, Haley Hawkinson, Kelly Rose Ortega, Latisha Brengman, Andrea VanPelt, Brittney Kot, Hilary Hawkinson, Carin Fisher, Mary French

YHS

Stacy Seif, Parker Trumble, Randi Haskins, Alicia Cool, Nikki Lupei, Mark Morris, Jeff Olson, Lauren Marshall, Kari Clawson, Val Milam, John Holland



If you did not join us this year, we hope you will come join the YHS/YMS Music Staff, and families and friends of the performing students, for an hour of both instrumental and vocal musical talent next year.

YHS orchestra students attend IMEA All-State



Alicia Cool, Jenny Tagle, John Holland, and Chris Muth attended the Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Music Festival held in Peoria, Illinois, on January 27, 1999. The four students pictured were selected from the top 5% of students participating in the district festivals and had a very active schedule for the three day event beginning with auditions for placement in one of two orchestras and chair placement.

Christ Muth, a junior at Yorkville High School, performed in the All-State Orchestra under the direction of Steven W. Eggleston. Professor Eggleston is currently teaching at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington-Normal and is Music Director of the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra. The orchestra performed, Academic Festival Overture by Johannes Brahms, Nimrod from "Enigma Variations" by Edward Elgar, and Symphony No. 8 (Finale) by Anton Dvorak.

Alicia Cool, Jenny Tagle, and John Holland performed in the Honors Orchestra under the direction of Orcenith Smith. Mr. Smith was music director of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra from 1981-1989. He has conducted



numerous regional and festival orchestras, the Wisconsin Honors Orchestra, the Kansas All-State Orchestra, and the British Columbia All-Province String Orchestra to name a few. Mr. Smith is currently on the conducting faculty of the National Music Camp at Interlochen and is the music director of the DePauw University Symphony Orchestra, DePauw Opera Theatre and touring DePauw University Chamber Symphony. The Honors Orchestra performed, American Dream by James A. Beckel, and The Planets (Mars - Venus- Jupiter) by Gustav Holst.

YHS music department a splash in Florida

Disney World "Magic Music Days" Tour, March 25-31, 1999 . . .



Following many, many hours of planning, the YHS Music Department Disney World "Magic Music Days" tour was finally underway. With the help of our chaperones, and the cooperation of the 139 band, orchestra, and choral students, our trip was, overall, a success. We will overlook the fact that on our way down to Florida, Bus #2 broke down in the middle of the night and no one got any sleep. We spent the early morning hours in a truck stop.

Many thanks are extended to our chaperones. We, the music staff, could not have attempted this trip without their enormous amount of help. Those chaperoning were: Dawn and Brian Spengler; Dianne Nenne; Ann Barrette; Teresa Gibbons; Catherine Wehrli; Kathy Hopkins; Barb

Johnson; Lori Vaughn; Sue Draper; David Tinsley; David Worley. Thank you very much. A special thank you to Nan Grommes - accompanist extraordinaire!

The tour involved many varied activities and places of interest; Bowling Green State University; of course, the truck stop; Epcot Center; Magic Kingdom; Animal Kingdom; MGM; Pirate's Dinner Theater; Cocoa Beach and Ron Jon's Surf Shop; Disney Quest; Pleasure Island Dance Party; Disney Sings and Disney Instrumental Workshops; and the actual "Disney World" performances. The students did a great job performing. Sunday's performance by the

Chamber Singers at the Dock Stage at Disney Village proved to be a very well-attended concert. Many vacationers decided to take a break from shopping and check out this group from Yorkville! Monday was a very busy day, which included the YHS Orchestra performing at the Starlight Cosmic Rays Restaurant and the YHS Band and



Concert Choir both performing at the Galaxy Palace Theater in Tomorrowland at the Magic Kingdom. Our students supported each other's performances with their attendance.

On the return trip home, we asked students and chaperones to fill out a questionnaire concerning their trip. One of the questions was - If you were to be quoted for the newspaper, what would you say about this trip? Although all 155 quotes were interesting, we decided to highlight a few only. Mrs. Sue Draper said, "I am very proud of our music groups. They all were great reps for our school. All the parents should be proud!" Allison Boyd enjoyed the ocean - "It was



time and I can't wait until the next trip." Colin Stokes said, "It was great to spend time with friends doing things that all enjoy. I had great fun going to the parks and the beach. I only wish that there could have been more down time to enjoy the hotel. All in

awesome to see the ocean for the first time and jump around in the waves." Corrine Cox - "This trip was a great experience, it was a good opportunity to learn and spend time with your friends. You got to know them better and meet people you never really knew before. I had a great

all, it was a great time that went too fast!"

Yes, we had a great time. Yes, we enjoyed sharing experiences with our friends. Yes, we performed well. Yes, it was good to be back home.



Madrigal dinner requires many talents



This was the fifth year for the Madrigal Dinner, and the first year performed in the YHS cafetorium. It was a real challenge going from the comfort and familiarity of the Yorkville Congregational Church to the new and unfamiliar cafetorium. But with the help and dedication of many individuals involved in the preparation of the Madrigal Dinner, it turned out to be a success. Carolyn Freese did a fabulous job designing and creating the decorations for the cafetorium. All the Madrigal Singers, jesters, brass and string ensembles, and food bearers did a fabulous job. Peg Trumble does such a wonderful job keeping the program fresh by adding new songs each year, as well as observing the familiar tunes that gives the performance its seasonal warmth.

The criers for this years sold out performances were Frank Babich, principal at YHS and Don Cool, Music Boosters president. The Madrigal Dinner would never be the success it is without the help and support of students, staff, parents/family, local businesses, and the community in general. Thank you all!

YHS Madrigal Singers Record Their Own CD

The Yorkville High School Madrigals recently cut a CD with the help of Mrs. Anita Holmgren, a parent of one Madrigal, and Mr. Wes Zinanni, recording producer. The idea to make a CD came from some of the people who have been to one or more of the Madrigal performances, like Mrs. Janet Reaves and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, fans of the singing group. They approached Director Peg Trumble with the idea of making a CD of the group.

Trumble spoke with Holmgren who was able to give Trumble the name of a man who could help with the recording, Zinanni.

Arrangements were made with Zinanni to come to do a recording session with the Madrigals. "It took a while, time and effort, but the final product will be (sensational) in every aspect," remarked T.J. Johnson, a junior.

It took a lot of hard work and practice for the group to get this opportunity. Senior Ben Draper said, "I hope it turns out good. I didn't like the fact it took six hours though."

Zinanni recorded their voices singing on Sunday, March 7. However, he is back at his work place adding music and various effects to complete the recording process. "It's the coolest thing we've ever done," said senior Jeff Olson.

The CD will be sold sometime in the near future as a fund-raiser for the Music Boosters.

More than that, this CD will memorialize this particular group of Madrigals for years to come. "I think this is great.

There are 15 seniors out of the 22 member group who will be graduating this year." Trumble said. "This is powerful for them because some have been in this for four years."

A lot of the singers seemed to enjoy this experience too. Jill Johnson, a senior, said, "It's something you'll never forget."

Mark Morris, a senior, believed this is a great way to "let people know what we are actually about."

Cherese Spears

Madrigal singers honored at the ISU madrigal festival

On Wednesday, November 11, 1998, the day when all other District #115 students had a vacation day in honor of Veteran's Day, the twenty-two YHS Madrigal Singers headed south to Normal, Illinois, for the ISU Madrigal Festival at 6:30 a.m.

The Madrigal Festival involved approximately 15-20 High School Madrigal groups across central and northern Illinois. The YHS Madrigals have attended this Festival for four consecutive seasons. Each Madrigal group performed 3-5 songs for an ISU Music professor (either Dr. James Major, the present ISU Madrigal Instructor, or Dr. John Ferrell, a retired Music Professor who was also director of the ISU Madrigal Singers when Peg Trumble was a Madrigal student at ISU back in 1900 something or other). This year, the YHS Madrigal Singers sang for Dr. James Major. He then critiqued the group for approximately 10-15 minutes. Each director heard approximately 10 groups perform. They listened for balance, blend, style of singing, and overall, a Madrigal sound. At the conclusion of the Festival, each ISU director chose two high school Madrigal ensembles to perform for all of the other high schools in a final concert. The YHS Madrigal Singers were honored by having been chosen by Dr. Major to perform for the other schools in the final concert.

The ISU Madrigals also performed for all of the high school Madrigal ensembles during the final performance.

YMS Star Choral Students Announced

The YMS Choral Department is glad to announce the Star Choral Students for April and May. April's students were awarded at the choral concert on April 13. They were 8th grade - Hilary Hawkinson, 7th grade - Josh Gordon, and 6th grade - Sarah Stuck. The students for May are 8th grade - Brittany Kot, 7th grade - Stephanie Zielie, and 6th grade Staci Leedy. These students were chosen based on their behavior, ability, leadership, and citizenship. McDonald's

of Yorkville supplied gift certificates for each of the students through out the year.

The Star Choral Students of the 1998-1999 school year will be announced at the final concert on May 17th. They will receive a special engraved gold star paperweight. Congratulations to all!

Yorkville school orchestras continue to grow

The Yorkville orchestra program has grown again this year with the addition of new fifth grade students at Circle Center Intermediate School. The new students are a welcome addition to the district tradition of maintaining a fine orchestra program.

They include Kenna Crawford, Gina Gilbertson, Alicia Hana, Lauren Koper, Kelly Lappard, Holly Maier, Kyle Morris, Kyle Provancer, Dan Wehrli on violin; Riva Borscha, Bobby Crown, Jillian Dodczyk, Ashely Farbo, Sabrina Mill, Zach Nugenr, Laura Pawlowski, Stacey Pero, Tara Schiltz on viola; Angie Hamblin, Andrea Litzhoff, Jacob Smith on cello; Vincent Frazee on bass.

Gerry Romack



New CCIS Orchestra Members

The following students are members of the YHS and YMS orchestras:

YMS Symphonic Orchestra

Ryan Anderson
Latisha Brengman
Lindsay Burt
Shannon Channel

Jessica Cleveland
Jessica Fahlmark
Nicole Farbo
Carl Franks

Lindsey Kot
Ellen McCurdy
Laura Mueller
Jill Nadherny

Dan Nicholson
Amanda Shield
Michael Torto
Jessica Winn

YMS Philharmonic Orchestra

Lynn Adams
Leanne Barrette
Katie Cooper
Rebecca Crown
Laura Drake
Laura Ferris

Carin Fisher
Mary French
Stephen Geinosky
Jessica Graff
Hillary Hawkinson
Keith Hoffman

Karla Koerber
Brittney Kot
Brendan McCurdy
Katy Miller
Carol Anne Paugels
Tania Pavlovcik

Carmina Perez
Eric Raavel
Andrea VanPelt
Doug Wampler
Amber Wortham
Lauren Younce

YHS Orchestra

Christine Adams
Anne Brownlow
Tim Cook
Alicia Cool
Erin Cool
Corrine Cox

Allison Dean
Ben Draper
John Drusemeier
Rebecca Hart
Jacqui Hill
Colleen Hogan

John Holland
T.J. Johnson
Jessica Joray
Chris Muth
Brendan Neuman
Eric Scott

Lindsay Scott
Ben Sibenaller
Seth Sinding
Kelly Stallman
Jennifer Tagle
Loyal Wagner

YMS orchestra earns Division I

On Saturday, March 13, 1999, the Yorkville Middle School Orchestra under the direction of Gerry Romack performed at the Illinois Grade School Music Association (IGSMA) music contest at Minooka Junior High. The orchestra received 1st place ratings from all three judges that were rating the performances. The ensemble performed three

pieces of Classical music, "Toccatina" by Hoffeld, "William Tell Overture: by Rossini, and the last movement of a string suite entitled, "Cakewalk" by Norman Leyden. The students were graded on intonation (playing in tune); tone quality, balance, interpretation, and musicianship; rhythm, and stage presence.

YMS orchestras participate in Homecoming parade



Students from the Yorkville Middle School Orchestras, under the direction of Gerry Romack, received 2nd place honors for their participation in the October 10, 1998 Homecoming Parade. The students not only decorated their own float, but played their instruments performing a Beatles tune and a Country Fiddling tune as the parade moved along its route. The display of school spirit was evident in their concentration while performing as school principal Jeff Szymczak drove the van pulling the float.



YHS music students participate in Fox Valley Music Festival



The 1999 Fox Valley Music Festival was hosted by Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville, Illinois on April 25 – 26. Students attending represented all three YHS Music Departments.

Representing the Choral Department were Greg Barrette, Lindsay Holmgren, Jill Johnson, Geni Kilianek, Nikki Lupei, Lauren Marshall, Valerie Milam, Jeff Olson, Nikki Rice (not pictured), Rachel Sebby, Ryan Tinsley, Parker Trumble and Becky Ulrich. Alicia Cool, Chris Muth, Kelly Stallman, and Jenny Tagle represented the Orchestra. Band members in attendance included Rose Gilbert, Randi Haskins, Sarah Misner, and Michalene Nevills.

Mr. Bruce Fowler was the orchestral director for the 1999 Fox Valley Festival. Fowler is the retired director from New Trier H.S. Mr. Paul Smith was the Festival choral director. Smith is currently Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral activities at California State University, Northridge, where he conducts the Chamber Singers and Northridge Singers. Dr. Ronnie Wooten from Northern

Illinois University was the guest conductor for the Festival Band.

The students attended a rehearsal on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and returned on Monday for rehearsals beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing throughout the afternoon. At the conclusion of the individual rehearsals, the students were involved in a combined rehearsal to prepare for the final song which was Battle Hymn of the Republic, by Wilhousky.

The students presented the 1999 Fox Valley Music Festival Concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Neuqua Valley High School Gym. Each performing group presented their music they had worked on both Sunday and Monday, concluding with the Battle Hymn of the Republic. If you have never had the opportunity to attend a Fox Valley Music Festival Concert before, you should make an effort to attend. Approximately eighteen school districts participated in this year's festival. It is a very enjoyable evening listening to the many talented high school students.

Chair auditions for 'concert bands a difficult process

We have completed our chair auditions for the Concert Bands at YMS and at YHS. For those that auditioned, what an incredible test of strength and courage. Why is it that most students find this a somewhat painful experience? Maybe it is because we don't do this nearly enough. Maybe it is because they are playing (BY THEMSELVES) in front of "me." Whatever the reasons may be, auditioning for a chair is a most difficult process.

With regard to both bands, I try to select music that will challenge the better players, yet at the same time, not be too difficult for most. This can be a trying process for me.

Then comes the actual time of the audition. I know that most have practiced in advance, and very few come to play cold. (That is very disappointing to me if I suspect this). I see sweaty hands, probably dry mouths, reeds or lips not responding, hands shaking, even instruments not responding. And usually the comment from the student, "I played this better at home", or "I played this perfectly just 10 minutes before!" I know all too well. But, are you prepared, are you TOTALLY prepared. The student is the ultimate judge of this.

Playing an instrument is a very complex procedure. For example, going from one note to the next on flute requires the movement of 7 fingers moving together exactly at the same time. The left thumb on bassoon operates nine keys! What punishment French horn or trumpet players put on their lips: I always try to thank the students after they have played, because I know...

Thanks kids for trying out...YOU DID YOURSELF A FAVOR!

Steve Moline
Director of Bands

Illinois State University Chamber Orchestra Visits

On November 3, 1998, the Illinois State Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Glen Block, Conductor, and Anne Decker, Assistant Conductor, presented a music program at YHS. The performance in Yorkville was part of a seven school district tour in northern Illinois. Three hundred music students from YHS and YMS attended the program that highlighted compositions of Franz Haydn and Igor Stravinsky. Dr. Block presided as conductor and clinician by presenting the history of each composer's work in summaries that explained the music interaction with the surrounding countries and cultures

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Last October, several YHS students auditioned at Naperville North High School for placement into this school year's Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) District IX Music Festival.

Nikki Lupei auditioned for the Jazz division of IMEA and was chosen to participate in the Jazz Festival on Saturday, November 14, 1998 at Naperville Central High School. Nikki was one of approximately thirty singers chosen. Steve Wiedenhofer, Associate Professor of Music and department chair of Music Industry Studies at Millikin University was the Jazz Choir director.

Valerie Milam auditioned for the Choral Division of IMEA and was selected to participate in the IMEA District IX Music Festival held at Wheaton-Warrenville South High School on Saturday, November 21, 1998. Mr. Paul Oakley, Chairperson for Choral Conducting and Choral Music at the Hartt School (Music, Dance and Theater), University of Hartford, CT, was the guest conductor.



John Holland and Chris Muth, both violinists, Alicia Cool on cello, and Jenny Tagle on viola, were also chosen, following an audition process, to participate in the November 21st Festival. Ms. Bridget-Michaele Reischl, Music Director of the Lawrence Symphony Orchestra and Opera Theater at the Lawrence Conservatory of Music in Appleton, WI, was the guest conductor for the Orchestra Division of IMEA. Congratulations to all who participated in the District IX Music Festivals.

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