



MADRIGALS MELD INTO SHOW CHOIR



On April 18th & 19th, the YHS Madrigals used the 4th Annual Cabaret Night as a platform to reintroduce themselves to the Yorkville community, but this time as a show choir.

For the past four years, the Madrigals have put on a musical during the second semester as a class project, but now that the musical has become a school-wide event, they had

the available time to expand on Cabaret Night by adding more songs and more choreography by Karen Ann Blonn.

New show choir outfits completed their look and helped the Madrigals to put on the most successful Cabaret Night yet.

Performers included: Adrienne Batres, Brad Brown, Chris Burt, Audrey Dunn, Allie Free, Laurel Gawlik, Jeff Goins, Brittany Grist, Scott Haug, Seth Jensen, Devin Johnston, Derek Jones, Jackie Joyce, Blake Malley, Mallory McFee, Taylor Molandro, Meredith Olson, Jimmy Robbins, Dylan Sutcliff, Amy Taylor, Matt Teeling, Ali Whitt, Katie Woodard & Jeff Worrell.

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District 115

District Orchestra Concert

All the Orchestras in Yorkville District 115 will perform at our end of the year Pops Concert. Our students have worked hard — come And see them perform

Orchestra

Highlights

- Under the Sea
- Video-Games theme music
- 1812 Overture
- Crocodile Rock
- Queen

Date: 6/3/08
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Yorkville High School

Students should wear black & white!

YHS CHORAL STUDENTS WIN 2ND ANNUAL YORKVILLE IDOL

The YHS Student Council hosted the 2nd annual Yorkville Idol contest on April 26th, 2008. Seventeen contestants sang a two-minute excerpt of a song, often backed up with dancing, instruments and back-up singers, in an attempt to secure a spot in the finals.

Judges Tony Robbins, Eva Schoenfelder and Ken Wayne

chose the five finalists, who performed a second song for the audience, who then voted by putting their ticket in a tally box designated for their favorite performer.

The top four winners, all YHS choral students, were Katie Woodard (1st), Scott Haug (2nd), Chris Burt (3rd), and Mark Kokoyachuk (4th). Matt Teeling,

Louis Allen, Kelsey Lawson, Amanda Antonini, Clark Allen, Jess Stuck & Sarah Puttkammer also represented the choral department.

8TH GRADE CHOIR HITS IT BIG

The 8th Grade Choir participated in the IGSM District Organizational Contest held at Minooka Junior High School on Saturday, March 15, 2008.

They competed and received a first division rating from all three judges. In fact, two of three judges rated the choir one point away from a perfect score. Congratulations 8th Grade Choir!

YMS ORCHESTRA GOING TO SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA!

The YMS string orchestra will be attending a contest at Music in the Parks on May 17, 2008. We will be competing against 4 other orchestras from Indiana, Wisconsin and Suburban Chicago. Then the students will pose for a photo op, hop back on the bus and head out for Six Flags to spend the rest of the day playing in the park. In the evening we will gather for the awards ceremony to see whose orchestra takes the day!



Break a string, YMS
Orchestra!!!

2008 FOX VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS



Performing in the band was Blake Malley (french horn), Ed Tucek (tuba), Kyle Pratt (alto saxophone), Joel Smith (clarinet), Holland Taylor (bass clarinet), Amanda Kasprzyk (clarinet), Carolann Lincoln (baritone saxophone), and Amanda Friel (oboe)



Performing in the orchestra was Amy Smith (bass), Jimmy Robbins (trombone), Clayton Brengman (violin), and Evan Metz (cello)

FOX VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Sunday, April 27th and Monday, April 29th, 12 members of the Yorkville High School Band & Orchestra joined in a cast of 500 student musicians from twenty-one area high schools in the 79th Annual Fox Valley Music Festival.

The Fox Valley Music Festival is the oldest music festival in the country. This event was held at Elgin High School and culminated in a public concert on Monday, April 29th at 7:30 p.m.

The finale of the concert consisted of a combined performance of *Battle Hymn of The Republic*.



The Awesome Scope of the Fox Valley Orchestra!

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

THEATRE FOR STUDENTS

Fox Country Players will be holding auditions in the near future for *Disney's Beauty & the Beast*, the popular Broadway musical.

Performances will be the first two weekends of August at the new auditorium at Plano High School. Students and adults are welcomed to audition. Fox Country Players will publish audition dates and times in local papers.

The Indian Valley Theater Company, based at the Sandwich Opera House, is accepting applications to their 2-week summer workshops.

The senior workshop, for students entering 9th grade through graduating seniors, will run from July 14 – 26 and will present *Shakespeare Comes to Calamity Creek*. The junior work-

shop, for students entering 1st grade through 8th grade, run June 16 – 28 and will present *The Wild Wild West*. Contact IVT for applications.

YORKVILLE COMMUNITY BAND

The Yorkville Community Band will be continuing the tradition of helping the City of Yorkville celebrate Independence Day with their 16th Anniversary performance!

This talented group of local musicians is excited to extend an invitation to anyone and everyone who would like to join in on the 4th of July festivities.

A unique and fun feature of the group is the vast age differences of the band members. Students, ranging from middle school to college, are able to participate along-

side some older members who are...lets just say "seasoned veterans" of music!

Not only are musicians invited to participate, but those wanting to get involved with either the color guard or "candy brigade" are also encouraged to contact us. It's safe to say, if you'd like to join us, we'll find something for you to do!

The primary performance of the Yorkville Community Band is during the annual 4th of July festivities celebrated in Yorkville. The band participates in the parade, which is

then immediately followed by a concert in Towne Square.

If you, or anyone you know, wish to join the Yorkville Community Band, please do not hesitate to contact either Susan Munson (630)553-9750 or Linda Panlilio (630)913-7869.

We will be more than happy to provide further explanations and details to anyone interested. Hope to hear from you soon!

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD

MUSICAL OPENED UP TO ENTIRE HIGH SCHOOL

On May 8th - 10th, Yorkville High School put on its first school-wide musical in twenty-five years. The Madrigals have been putting on a musical for the last four years, but since the work was being done during their class time second semester, students outside that group were unable to be a part of the experience.

However, a stipend for the musical was created this year, and with additional financial backing by the high school, the opportunity of participating in the musical was opened up to the entire student body. Forty-six students in the cast and crew put on *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, a musical murder-mystery, where the audience helps decide the outcome of the show.

In 1870, Charles Dickens was working on his last novel, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, but he died, leaving it only half completed and with no notes on how the story was to conclude. Many Dickens scholars theorized on

the intended ending, and then, in 1985, Rupert Holmes wrote a musical version of the book for Broadway, where the story plays out as Dickens wrote it, but then the audience votes on three key issues, thereby instructing the cast on how to finish the story.

The audience chooses one of eight suspects to be the murderer, one of five characters to solve the crime, and then, at the very end of the show, they get to put one male and one female cast member together as random lovebirds, because "every story needs a happy ending." With each variable, there are 486 possible combination endings to *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, and the cast was ready to present each and every one.

Yorkville's production of *Drood* (as we like to call it for short), was directed by Ken Wayne (YHS), with musical direction by Mike McHugh (GRES), stage management by Adam Rusek (BBES), accompaniment by Jane Ford and choreography by Karen Ann Blonn.

It starred Paul Myers as the Chairman, or master of ceremonies, Dylan Sutcliff as the title victim, Edwin Drood and Chris Burt, Audrey Dunn, Laurel Gawlik, Jeff Goins, Scott Haug, Devin Johnston, Blake Malley and Katie Woodard as the murder suspects.

Matt Teeling, Derek Jones, Kati Schillinger, Jackie Joye, Brittany Grist, Cree Sullivan and Amanda Antonini played supporting roles.

The chorus included: Louis Allen, Rob Bermudez, Jordan Brosi, Brad Brown, Allie Free, Meghan Hilderbrand, Seth Jensen, Tim Johnston, Hayley Jones, Kristin Krause, Reia Levy, Mallory McFee, Meredith Olson, Jimmy Robbins, Brittany Ryan, Savanna Schillinger, Megan Silagyi, Holly Taylor, Zach Tonyan and Bridget Ward. The crew included Erin Foley, Steven Redmon, Abby Tang, Abbey Hosey, Taylor Coffey, Darian Williams, Clark Allen, Sarah Schwarz and Bethany Schick.

SENIOR SHOWCASE



Kelsey Anderson

Will be attending The Institute of Art in Chicago to major in fashion marketing
Varsity Choir, Orchestra, Solo & Ensemble, Western Sun Choral Festival, San Antonio Trip, Florida Trip, IHSA Organizational Contest



Crystal Buchanan

Will be attending Northern Illinois University to pursue nursing
Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, PCC Band, Western Sun Choral Festival



Amanda Antonini

Will be attending the Northern Illinois University School of Nursing
Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Solo & Ensemble, Color Guard, *The Mystery of Edwin Droad*, Madrigal Player, Best Auxiliary – Sycamore Pumpkin Festival, Western Sun Choral Conference, IHSA Organizational Contest, San Antonio Trip, Disney Trip, Madrigal Server, Oswego Panther Review.



Christopher Burt

Will be attending the University of Illinois
Concert Choir, Madrigals, Varsity Choir, Madrigal Player, Cabaret Night, *Oklahoma!*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *The Mystery of Edwin Droad*, Suburban-Prairie Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest, Western Sun Choral Festival



Rachel Bayor

Will be attending the University of South Florida
Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Festival



Angie Case

Will be going to college
Concert Choir



Beth Bazan

Will be attending Northern Illinois University
Band, Jazz Band, Contest Band, Solo & Ensemble, Suburban-Prairie Conference Honors Band, San Antonio Trip, Bel Canto, Madrigal Server, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Festival



Jackie Crawford

Will be going to Waubensee Community College
Concert Choir, Bel Canto



Clayton Brengman

Will be majoring in Geology at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.
YHS Symphonic Orchestra - Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble, Honors Recital, Madrigal Ensemble, Varsity Choir; Elgin Youth Symphony, Ravinia, Elgin Symphony Orchestra, Aberdeen International Youth Festival of the Arts, Disney Magic Music Days 2007, Festival in the Parks 2008



Brandy Curtis

Will be attending The Hair Professionals school in Oswego
Concert Choir



Amanda Bruner

Will be attending college to work towards becoming a book editor



Audrey Janet Dunn

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Cabaret Night, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *The Mystery of Edwin Droad*, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest



Caitlin Fisher

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Color Guard, Madrigal Server, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest, Florida Trip, Best Auxiliary – Sycamore Pumpkin Festival



Nicole Angela Fleehart

Will be attending Kansas State to study pre-medical chemistry and will continue playing in the marching band and university band. Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Section Leader, Flute Camp, Concert Choir, Bel Canto Choir, Varsity Choir,

Solo & Ensemble Contest, Orchestra Winds, Suburban Prairie Conference Honors Bsnf

Courtney Gilke – not pictured

Will be majoring in Animal Sciences at the Colorado University.

Philharmonic Orchestra



Jeff Goins

Will be attending Aurora University to major in marketing and communications and minor in drama

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigal Player, Madrigals, Once Upon a Mattress, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Cabaret Night, Crew –

Into the Woods, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest



Rachel A. Greene

Will be attending Waubensee Community College to be a medical assistant

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir



Jennifer J. Haske

Will be attending Waubensee Community College to pursue a major in business.

Concert Band, Marching Band, Pep Band



Scott Haug

Will be attending Aurora University to major in criminal justice and minor in theater

Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Once Upon a Mattress, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Jazz Night, Yorkville Idol, Cabaret Night, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest



Lauren Heise

Will be majoring in nursing at the Miami Dade Community College in Miami, Florida.

YHS Symphonic Orchestra, Solo & Ensemble, Madrigal Ensemble, Disney Magic Music Days 2007



Kate Hennessey

Will be attending Kansas State University Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Conference, IHSA Organizational Contest



Kelly Johnson

Will be majoring in Accounting at the Elmhurst Community College.

Solo & Ensemble, Madrigal Strings



Derek Jones

Will be attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Madrigal Player, Cabaret Night, Once Upon a Mattress, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Western Sun Choral Conference, IHSA Organizational Contest



Jackie Joyce

Will be attending Illinois State University

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Cabaret Night, Once Upon a Mattress, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest, Disney Trip



Amanda Helen Kasprzyk

Will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Drum Major, Section Leader, Most Improved Marching Award, Solo & Ensemble Contest, Orchestra Winds, Western Sun Conference

Honors Band, Fox Valley Music Festival, Drum Major Camp, Band Camp, Leadership Conference, Honors Recital Participant



Brian Keister

Will be attending Waubensee Community College to study photography

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Festival



Brittnee N. King

Will be attending Eastern Illinois to major in biology and education

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, San Antonio Trip, Disney Trip, Into the Woods, Madrigal Server, Solo & Ensemble, Madrigal Crier, IHSA Organizational Contest, Western Sun Choral Festival, Choir Soloist, National Anthem, Cabaret Server



Mark Kokoyachuk

Will be going to college to pursue video game designing

Concert Choir, Choir Soloist, Varsity Choir, Yorkville Idol, Western Sun Choral Festival



Tim Arnaz Lacey Jr.

Will be attending college to start his acting career.

Beginning Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band



Jessica Myland

Will be attending Western Illinois to major in special / elementary education

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Festival, Madrigal Server, IHSA Organizational Contest



Reia Levy

Will be attending Waubensee Community College and Columbia College to major in musical theater

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Florida Trip, Solo & Ensemble, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest



Elizabeth Pfaff

Will be attending Waubensee Community College

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest, San Antonio Trip, Florida Trip



Carolann Lincoln

Will be attending Waubensee Community College and plans to travel.

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Marching Band, Solo & Ensemble Contest, Aurora American Legion Band, Disney Trip, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival, Illini Marching Festival, Panther Marching Review, Western Sun Conference, Fox Valley Music Festival, Honors Recital Participant, Saxophone Quartet



Kyle Pratt

Will be attending the University of Illinois at Springfield to major in biology.

Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Section Leader, Solo & Ensemble Contest, Western Sun Conference Honors Band, Fox Valley Music Festival, Drum Major Camp, Leadership Conference, Honors Recital Participant



Anna Malkowski

Will be amajoring in Equestrian Sciens & Buisness Administration at the William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri.

Solo & Ensemble, Madrigal Strings, Organizational Contest



Megghun Redmon

Will be attending Aurora University to major in social work

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Color Guard, Color Guard Captain, Madrigal Server, NIU Hastert Conference, Western Sun Choral Festival



Natalie McConnell

Will be attending college.

Bel Canto Choir, Varsity Choir, Concert Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Colorguard



Alyssa Rowland

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, San Antonio Trip, Florida Trip, Western Sun Choral Conference



Paul Myers

Will be attending Hillsdale College and will continue to be involved in music programs and theater productions.

Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Drum Major, Section Leader, Music Student of the Term, Drum Major Camp, Leadership Conference



Kati Schillinger

Will be attending Aurora University to major in secondary English education and minor in theater

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest, Madrigal Assistant, Solo & Ensemble, Mystery of Edwin Drood



John Schwarz

Will be attending the Northern Illinois University and will continue to play in the marching band drumline. Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Full Orchestra, Percussion Ensembles, Praise Bands, Solo & Ensemble Contest, Western Sun Conference Honors Band



Naomi Marie Silagy

Will be attending Waubensee Community College to major in nursing
Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest



Aaron Spevak

Will be attending Waubensee Community College and continue teaching music with Spevak Percussion Concepts.

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, National Fine Arts Solo Marimba Winner, Section Leader, Solo & Ensemble Contest, Full Orchestra, Honors Recital Participant, Army All-American

Marching Band Participant, Americano's Indoor Percussion, Colts Drum & Bugle Corps, Green Thunder Indoor Percussion, Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps



Amy Taylor

Will be attending Waubensee Community College to study accounting and music

Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Cabaret Night, Once Upon a Mattress, IMEA, IHSA Organizational Contest, Florida Trip, Western Sun Choral Festival



Ryan Techau

Will be attending the University of Illinois

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Disney Trip, San Antonio Trip, IHSA Organizational Contest, Western Sun Choral Festival



Ed Tucek

Will be attending Valparaiso University.

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Section Leader, Solo & Ensemble Contest, Madrigal Brass, Orchestra Winds, Western Sun Conference Honors Band, Fox Valley Music Festival, Leadership Conference, San Antonio & Florida Trip.



Earl West Jr.

Will be attending St. Johns in New York

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest, San Antonio Trip



Alise Whitt

Will be attending Waubensee Community College and University of Iowa to major in nursing
Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Western Sun Choral Festival, Oklahoma!, Once Upon a Mattress, IHSA Organizational Contest, Cabaret Night, Suburban-Prairie Choral Festival



Kathryn A. Woodard

Will be attending Indiana Wesleyan University to major in biology

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Beautyshop Quartet, Once Upon a Mattress, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Jazz Night, Cabaret Night, Madrigal Server, Western Sun Choral Festival,

IHSA Organizational Contest, Fox Valley Music Festival



Jeff Worrell

Will be attending the Waubensee Community College to study nursing

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Cabaret Night, Suburban-Prairie Choral Festival, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest, Oklahoma!,

Once Upon a Mattress



Dwight Dustin Wyeth

Will be attending Western Illinois University to major in music education.

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Marching Excellence Award, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Section Leader, Solo & Ensemble Contest, Orchestra Winds, Madrigal Brass, Western Sun Conference Honors Band, Leadership Conference



Krista Yabsley

Will be attending Waubensee Community College and Olivet Nazarene University

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Florida Trip, Madrigal Server, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE, JR.



In March, 103 middle school students under the direction of Mrs. Christy Motley and Mrs. Tamara Eaton presented the junior version of *The Pirates of Penzance*, a tongue in cheek stab at early 20th century opera.

They sang, they danced, and they charmed the audience for three full performances. The following week the show was presented for the district's 6th graders and the rest of the

middle school creating interest in the program and showcasing the talents of the kids.

This production is 100% student-run which is somewhat unusual for middle school. This means that during performances students are in charge back stage.

The student director, Amber Milliron introduced the show and students ran the lighting, managed the sound, the music and the micro-





phones, and did all the stage calls and costume changes. Adults were involved only in a supervisory capacity at this point.



The following students took part in this production: Dan Rega, Josh Love, Ryan Smith, Laurel Forlano, Lauren Rhodes, Rachel Plasch, Rachel Riemenschneider, Dionna Williams, Tyler Riederer, Matt Weaver, Artan Emini, Ilir Emini, Alex Marchewka, John Pletka, John Stenger, Sarrah Davis, Jeremy Tamayo, Bobby

Schillinger, Courtany Schick, Blessing Bamibe, Allie Bohnstengel, Kaity Calhoun, Kristin Gilbertson, Meggie Kesselring, Ilcen Lopez, Anya Malley, Justine Martin, Ayla Ruiz, Michaela Shawl, Serene Taylor, Ryan Barkauskas, Tyler Bonnet, Kyle Clementz-Schmuntz, Felicia Frantz, Grace Juriga, Brad King, Sarah Love, Matt Quanstrom, Cory Rissman, Tyler Farnsworth, Connor Wilkinson, Rachel Eaton, Sam Rorie, Ryan Tudisco, Allie Tang, Zoe Dollman, Alyssa Ohlau, Taylor Vicini, Katie Haske, Sydnee

Gillispie, Phoebe Xoxakos, Katie Welz, Kelsey Burlington, Kailey Schumann, Austin Hampton, Alex Ahlberg, Justin Anderson, Aley Tonyan, Stephanie Rissman, Kori Haarz, Garrett Knox, Brandon Hamilton, Remington Wheaton, Erik Floeckher, Jesse Martin, Brandon Beerup, Holly Pletka, Levi Stewart, Bryant Butler, Sydney Price, Cory Gorges, Mrs. Nancy McCree, Shannon Kicher, Kayla McClarren, Rebecca Matysek, Katie Lawrence, Stephanie Kleinhanzl, Alissa Delgado, Steven Emanuel, Lexie Bulliner, Stephanie Romero, Kierra Jordan, Vikki Lawrence, Julia Heeren, Jordan Toschak, Callie Fahey, Ryne Lippold, Delia Xoxokas, Dakota Johnnic, Cheylene Dearth, Joe Gutzwiler, Ava Greenholt, Seth Gonzalez, Terry Pletka, Ethan Gondar, Joe Runkle, Brandon Buss, Jenna Richardson, Elizabeth Keeler, Kendall Moses, Gianna Ruffalo, Jean Hancock, Crystal Barringer,

Mrs. Marnie Brophy.



YHS SUCCESSFUL AT IHSA ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEST

On Saturday, April 12th, the Yorkville High School Concert Band and Varsity Choir traveled to LaSalle-Peru High School in LaSalle, Illinois to participate in the IHSA Organizational Contest.

This was the first time in approximately a decade that Yorkville has been repre-

sented in this event, and we were very successful. The contest involves a performance of several different styles of literature as well as an ensemble sight-reading component.

The Concert Band received a Division II (Excellent) overall rating, and

the Varsity Choir received a Division I (Superior) rating, which was unanimously awarded by all four of their judges.

We are very proud of how our students represented Yorkville.

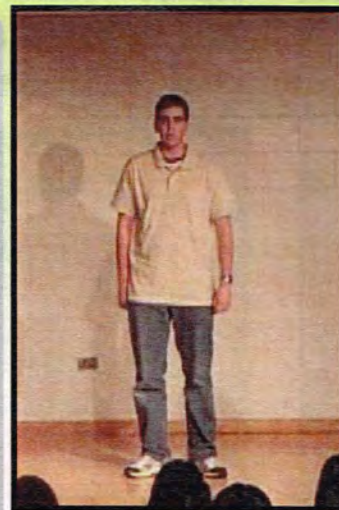
Congratulations Concert Band and Varsity Choir!

2008 HONORS RECITAL

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to participate in the Yorkville High School Honors Music Recital on Thursday, March 20th during 1st and 4th blocks: Clayton Brengman, Nicole Fleehart, Daniel Gallagher, Devin Johnston, Alyssa Riva, Mike Schwebke, Joel Smith, Caitlyn Snodgrass, Aaron Spevak, Keith Stanislaus, and Dylan Sutcliff



Flute Quartet - Alyssa Riva, Caitlyn Snodgrass, Daniel Gallagher, Nicole Fleehart



Devin Johnston



Clayton Brengman

YORKVILLE JAZZ SHOWCASE

FEATURING RANDY REAM

On Saturday, May 31st, 2008, the YMS/YHS Jazz Bands and YHS madrigals will be presenting a Jazz Showcase featuring guest artist, Randy Ream, on tenor saxophone. The evening will begin at 7:00 PM and will be a swingin' good time in the YHS

Cafetorium. Tickets will be \$3.00 available at the door. We hope that you can come and enjoy the music and atmosphere of our Jazz Café on May 31st.

RANDY REAM

In junior high Randy Ream was last chair clarinet. He enjoyed playing concerts while chewing gum and played the same reed until he was a freshman.



During his sophomore year Randy's parents bought him a professional model clarinet and he started taking private lessons. By senior year he was the principle clarinet player in high school and started playing the saxophone.

After graduation, Randy attended Waubensee Community College where he played in the jazz band. Mr. Ream's first college performance was at the old Yorkville high school. He remembers playing a clarinet solo on "The Summer of '42".

After WCC, Randy attended Western Illinois University as a music education major and played flute in the concert band, clarinet in the wind

ensemble and tenor sax in the jazz band.

After student teaching he realized it takes a special person to be a band director so Randy ran away and joined the circus. In the circus band, Randy toured the all over the south and east coast.

After the circus, Randy was in a band that played fusion music and had a juggler. Randy's next musical adventure led him to Hilton Head Island to play in a club.

Throughout the years, Randy has played with Bob Hope, Frankie Avalone, John Schnieder, Kay Starr, Frank Gorschein, Rita Moreno, Rich Little, Buddy Grecco.

He has played in numerous local big bands including Dick Kress, Bob Stone, Jazz Consortium, College of Du Page, Waubensee Community College, Elgin Community College, and the Yorkville big band.

He has also played in numerous concert bands including the Aurora Legion Band, Aurora Union Band, and The Fox Valley Concert Band. In addition, Randy has performed in several musicals and shows throughout the area.

Despite all of his gigging and jobbing, he always seemed to drift back to the family meat market.

"After student teaching he realized it takes a special person to be a band director so Randy ran away and joined the circus."

Randy currently works at Ream's Elburn Market with his wife, whom he met while playing in the Fox Valley Concert Band. There, he listens to jazz and makes hundreds of varieties of smoked meats and sausages and can't wait to get home at night to practice his saxophone.



REBECCA WRIGHT

VANDERCOOK COLLEGE STUDENT TEACHER

Rebecca is excited to join the Yorkville Band Program for the remainder of the 2008 school year for her student teaching

experience. She graduated from Plainfield Central High School in 2004. She has since been attending VanderCook College of Music in Chicago pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education.

While attending VanderCook, Rebecca has been an active member of the Illinois Music Educator's Association, National Bandmasters Association, and Sigma Alpha Iota; holding the office of Vice President of Ritual and Recording

Secretary. During the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic held in Chicago every December, Rebecca has been a "blue vest" worker doing set-ups for ensembles and working with many top international ensembles.

Rebecca has been a member of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Bolingbrook Community Orchestra, and the Principal oboist for the Joliet Community Orchestra.

Upon graduation, Rebecca will be moving to Norfolk, Virginia to live with her husband who is currently serving the country in the US Navy. The couple is expecting their first child in September. Rebecca plans to teach in Virginia with hopes of pursuing her Masters degree in Music Therapy at the University of Miami, Florida.



Congratulations to Aaron Spevak for becoming a member of the world champion drum corps, The Cavaliers!



Aaron Spevak



Catch the 2008 Cavaliers in a local performance this summer:

- Sat, June 21 - Rockford, IL
- Thurs, June 26 - Oswego, IL
- Sun, June 29 - Naperville, IL
- Mon, Aug 4 - Naperville, IL

YORKVILLE EXCELS AT SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST

The music department of the Yorkville High School competed in the Illinois High School Association's State Solo and Ensemble Contest held on March 1, 2008 at Seneca High School. Yorkville High School received 324 sweepstakes points out of a possible 474 points receiving 42 Division I ratings, 24 Division II ratings and 1 Division III ratings. In addition, Yorkville received 4 best of the day awards designating these students as the best performance of their room for the day. (* designates the best of the day students)

Nick Addison
Louis Allen
Amanda Antonini
Alyssa Beerup
Robert Bermudez
Clayton Brengman
Stephanie Brookins
*Bea Egner
Tim Egner
Ben Elwood
Leslie Erb
Nicole Fleehart
Amanda Friel
Nick Fulco
*Daniel Gallagher
Laurel Gawlik
Sarah Gerhardt
Sonja Gilbertson
Morgan Harrison
Scott Haug
Jessica Hidalgo

Eric Johnson
Kelly Johnson
Devin Johnston
Katie Kaltenbach
Amanda Kasprzyk
Brian King
Carolann Lincoln
Blake Malley
Matt Matczuk
Charlie McFarlane
Taylor Molandro
Kyle Pratt
Suzie Pratt
Sarah Puttkammer
Jaime Rambow
*Taylor Randall
Tyler Riemenschneider
Alyssa Riva
Jimmy Robbins
Julia Runkle
Elena Scherer

Bethany Schick
Savannah Schillinger
Chris Schoeny
Mike Schwebke
Kristen Sells
Amy Smith
Joel Smith
Caitlyn Snodgrass
Keith Stanislaus
Cree Sullivan
Dylan Sutcliff
Holland Taylor
Matt Teeling
Kyle Thiemke
Ed Tucek
Devin Turner
Nancy Vivaldo
Bridget Ward
Darien Williams
Adam Wyeth
*Dwight Wyeth

The Yorkville Middle School Band & Orchestra competed in the Illinois Grade School Music Association's State Solo and Ensemble Contest held on February 23, 2008 at Drauden Point Middle School. Yorkville Middle School had an all time high record number of participants this year.

YMS STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Alexis Ahlberg
Rebecca Armitage
Blessing Bamibe
Ryan Barkauskas
Brandon Beerup
Caitlyn Brookins
Kelsey Caldwell
Katy Calhoun
Nikki Cope
Taylor Cosgrove
Mike Craig
Rachel Cyr
Sarah Eichhorn
Audrey Fitzgerald
Laurel Forlano
Lindsay Foster
Kiera Garza
Kristin Gilbertson
Kori Haarz

Katie Haske
Julia Heeren
Christian Hidalgo
Anderson Jackson
Nikola Jelinkova
Alexis Kraber
Amanda Kraupner
Dana Lacy
Nick Lambert
Katie Lawrence
Josh Love
Sarah Love
Joni Meeder
Laree Moritz
Lauren Mozen
Shannon Nally
Erin O'Neil
Matt Pansera
Olivia Phillips

Rachel Plasch
Holly Pletka
Alma Ramos
Rachel Reimenschneider
Lauren Rhodes
Breann Reichman
Tyler Riederer
Tim Robinson
Alex Salinas
Eddie Sandor
Sarah Saffold
Wyatt Serna
Courtney Schick
Savanah Sellers
Wyatt Serna
Ryan Smith
Jace Steller
John Stenger
Daniella Tamayo

YORKVILLE 5TH GRADE BANDS GO FAR

Yorkville's fantastic fifth grade bands have come quite far from those first days of sectionals. Seven months ago, your students walked in to the music rooms at Yorkville Intermediate, Grande Reserve, and Bristol Bay with awe and excitement as to what the world of band would bring to them.

They remained patient as each student understood that the instrument would take time to learn, though a process well deserving. The first three concerts marked significant levels of improvement; the final concert on May 22 will only continue that trend.

The year is coming to a close, and with it closes Book 1 of the Essential Elements method book. In sixth grade, the band will begin the year by reviewing that book, and for that reason it is very important that you keep your copy next to your instrument and continue playing throughout the summer.

If you would like to get a jump start on next year, you may order Book 2 for your instrument through Ellman's.

Also in the sixth grade band, you will have the opportunity to play in the Jazz Band. This exciting group,

which rehearses once per week, learns how to play all sorts of jazz music, including swing, rock, funk, and ballads.

It is a great time to meet other sixth graders in the district and begin gaining friends with other students that play your instrument.

As summer approaches, so does baseball, softball, football and cheerleading practice, and many other fun and enjoyable activities.

Make sure to keep playing your instrument and retain that as another fun activity.

Take your instrument outside and practice your music, just make sure to take clothes pins to keep your music from flying away!

Another opportunity to continue playing this summer is to take private lessons. Yorkville has a terrific list of approved private teachers

on each instrument that is available in Music Notes as well as by visiting the Yorkville band website at www.yorkvillebands.com. From there, you may also choose links to take you to the band websites for each school.

Finally, we would like to say thank you to the parents and students of the Yorkville fifth grade for making this a memorable and enjoyable school year. Keep playing those instruments, because all that hard work you put in this year will soon be paying off!

A d a m R u s e k
Bristol Bay Elementary School
5th Grade Band, Grande Reserve Elementary School 5th Grade Band

N i c k C a g l e
Yorkville Intermediate School
5th Grade Band

Band, Orchestra and Chorus
5th & 6th grade

Roller Skating Party

June 4, 5:00 to 7:00
Aurora Skate Center



6TH GRADE BAND LOOKS FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR

It has been a tremendous year for 6th grade band in Yorkville. The students have made a great deal of progress since they picked up their instruments for the first time just two short years ago.

A big "thank you" is due for all of the parents who have supported their students through all of the ups and downs of learning to play an instrument and create music. Your support has been critical to the musical success that these students have had

so far and will continue to be critical to the musical success they will have in the future.

Band students now continue their study with both Mrs. Gallagher and Mr. Anderson in 7th grade band. 7th grade band students will not only have a spacious new band room to rehearse in but also a beautiful new auditorium for performances. This will be quite a change from our current venue of various gymnasiums in Yorkville.

Not only will our students be trading their gymnasium floor for a well lit and acoustically superior stage but our audience members will be trading in their bleachers for padded auditorium seating.

We have a great 6th grade band this year and we are excited to see each of these students in 7th grade band.

TOP TEN REASONS TO BE IN 7TH GRADE BAND!

1. Band is cool.
2. Studies have shown that music students generally have strengthened math and reading skills, as well as higher test scores.
3. Band students get to take field trips where they will play in other towns.
4. Music can become a life-long hobby.
5. Music groups are a great way to make new friends and may ease transitions from school to school.
6. Students get several opportunities to perform with high school students including activities during the high school's homecoming week.
7. Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Gallagher are awesome!
8. Students have the opportunity to be in the YMS Jazz Band.
9. Our beautiful new auditorium.
10. Band is everyday!

YHS ORCHESTRA PERFORMS AT MUSIC IN THE PARKS

On Saturday, May 31, The Y.H.S. Philharmonic Strings will perform at the Music in the Parks Festival held at a site near the Six Flags Theme Park.

This is a nation wide music festival that features Orchestras, Bands and Choirs from across the United States.

The orchestra will perform selections from the Bloch Concerto Grosso featuring Evan Metz on

Piano and the Mozart Concerto #299 for Harp orchestra featuring Bea Eagner on the Harp.

The day is spent at the Six Flags Theme Park and concludes with an awards ceremony that gives ratings and awards for the best performances and performing ensembles of the day.

YHS BAND AWARDS BANQUET

On Friday, May 30, 2008 at 7:00 PM the YHS Band will be celebrating and reflecting on a successful year at the band awards banquet in the YHS Cafetorium.

All YHS band students and parents are invited. The program will consist of participation awards, extra effort awards, and national awards, concluding with a band video yearbook.

All those attending are requested to bring a dessert and/or beverage. The evening should be a fun time of desserts and celebration of success!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 20 District Choral Concert (5th-12th Grade) 7:00 PM YHS Gymnasium
- 21 YHS Drum Major Auditions (9th-11th Grade) 2:30 PM YHS Band Room
- 22 District Band Concert (5th-12th Grade) 7:00 PM YHS Gymnasium
- 26 Memorial Day 11:30 AM YMS Performance in the Town Square
- 27 YMS Fine Arts Night 6:00PM-8:30 PM
- 29 YHS Honors Night 7:00 PM YHS Cafetorium
- 30 YHS Band Awards Night 7:00 PM YHS Cafetorium
- 31 Jazz Band Showcase 7:00 PM YHS Cafetorium

JUNE

- 3 District Orchestra Concert (5th-12th Grade) 7:00 PM YHS Gymnasium
- 8 YHS Graduation - Band & Choir 2:00 YHS Gymnasium
- 11 8th Grade Awards Night - YMS Jazz Band & Orchestra 6:30 PM YMS Gymnasium

JULY

- 04 Yorkville Community Band Concert After the Parade, in the Park

AUGUST

- 10 YHS Freshman Day 3 PM-6 PM
- 11-15 YHS Marching Band Camp 8 AM-4:30 PM
- 19 YHS Band Camp 6 PM-9 PM
- 21 YHS Band Camp 6 PM - 9 PM
- 22 YHS Football Scrimmage - YHS Marching Band 6 PM
- 26-28 Madrigal Camp YHS Choir Room
- 26 YHS Band Camp 6 PM - 9PM
- 28 YHS Band Camp 6 PM - 9 PM

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