



Music Boosters of Austin Spring 2017 Newsletter

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ATTENTION: The Music Boosters of Austin annual meeting on May 13 at 9:30 am
Music Booster members will receive additional notification by mail.



Upcoming School Concerts

Austin High School:

Austinaire/Choraltaire show "I Love Rock and Roll" April 6, 7, 8 at 7 pm in Christgau Hall. *Note that tickets are available for purchase. MBA cards and Packer cards not accepted.*

Orchestra Concert: The 2017 Senior Recognition Concert will be held Thursday May 11th at 7 pm in Knowlton Auditorium

The AHS Jazz Show, featuring Vocal Jazz, and the ensembles Jazz One and Packer Jazz, will be May 12 at 7 pm in Christgau Hall

Band BLAST is on May 18 at 7 pm in Knowlton Auditorium. Includes grade 7-12 bands.

AHS Choir Concert will be May 24 at 7 pm in Knowlton Auditorium

Jazz Band Events/Performances:

- Packer Jazz and Jazz One will be attending the Eau Claire Jazz Festival on April 22

Choir Trip to Nashville, March 10-14: Concert choir and Treble choir traveled by bus. A good time was had by all!

Twenty eight members of the AHS Orchestra program attended the 41st annual Dorian Orchestra Festival on February 5th and 6th at Luther College. In addition, Emma Andersen and Charles Kanne performed solo pieces during the Finale Concert! Congratulations!

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Students from schools in our region will gather in Red Wing on Friday, April 28 for a day of making music & performing for each other. Later in the evening at 7:30 pm, a group of select musicians chosen from each school in our conference will perform in a band, orchestra and choir concert that is open to the public.



Ellis Middle School:

7th and 8th grade Orchestra concert: May 16 at 7 pm in Ellis Auditorium

Band BLAST: May 18 at 7 pm in Knowlton Auditorium

7th and 8th grade (combined with 5 and 6) Choir concert: May 25 at 7 pm in Knowlton Auditorium

IJ Holton Intermediate School:

5th grade Band and Orchestra concert: May 9 at 6:30 pm in Holton gymnasium

6th grade Band and Orchestra concert: May 9 at 7:30 pm in Holton gymnasium

5th and 6th grade (combined with 7 and 8) Choir concert: May 25 at 7 pm in Knowlton Auditorium



Elementary Schools:

Banfield Spring "Informance"

Friday, May 19 in the Neveln gym or outside

9:30	Grade 1
10:30	Grade 4
12:30 pm	Grade 2
1:30	Grade 3

Neveln Spring "Informance"

Wednesday, May 24 in the Neveln gym

9:00	Grade 1
10:15	Grade 2
12:00 pm	Grade 3
1:15	Grade 4

Southgate Music and Art Showcases

May 1-5 at Southgate Elementary School

Times are to be determined.

Sumner Spring "Informance"

Thursday, May 11 in the Sumner gym

Performances will take place during regular music class time.



Student Accolades

The following students participated in the SEMBDA regional 9-10 honor band on January 14 in Kasson: **Will Huizinga, Henry Hinchcliffe, Myra Kraemer, Natalie Nunez, and Hannah Pike**

On January 16, **Aaron Knoll**, participated in the St. Scholastica Band Festival in Duluth

The following choir students were selected to attend Dorian Festivals at Luther College in January: **Kassie Fate, Grace Thoen, Joe Kroymann and Arn Huizinga**

At the Lakeville Solo and Ensemble contest on January 21, the following were awarded:

- **Arn Huizinga, Cody Berglund, Charlie Kanne, and Emma Anderson** received "Best in Site"
- For choir, there were 39 "Superior" ratings and 29 "Excellent" ratings
- For band, there were 20 "Superior" ratings and 47 "Excellent" ratings
- For orchestra, there were 14 "Superior" ratings and 29 "Excellent" ratings

The following students received the following awards at the Harris Solo Competition at the Hormel Historic Home on February 11:

- Overall winner: Andrew Keenan (piano)
- Senior Champion: Arn Huizinga (trombone)
- Senior Runner-up: Charles Kanne (viola)
- Senior Honorable mention: Tedd Lund (piano) and Sarah Bachmeier (piano)
- Junior Runner-up: Katie Lillemon (piano)
- Junior Runner-up: Micha Weber (flute)
- Honorable Mention: Emma Anderson (violin), Wayde Hall (tuba), Chloe Schmitt (flute)

Brock Lawhead, Michael Petersen, Eleanor Hinchcliffe, Owen Culbert, Aaron Knoll and Skylar Guzman were named to the 9-10 ACDA Minnesota State Honors Choirs and Performed at the MMEA Convention on February 16.

The following musicians represented Austin on February 17-18 as members of All State Choir, Jazz Band or Orchestra:

- Jazz Band: **Arn Huizinga**
- Choir: **Kassie Fate, Noah Lund, Grace Thoen**
- Orchestra: **Emma Andersen, Brock Lawhead, Charles Kanne**

Mya Burkhart and Thomas Walker were selected to the MNSOTA Mid-Level honors Orchestra. They performed at the MMEA Convention on February 18.

The following students will participate in the SEMBDA regional 9-10 honor jazz band March 4 at Lakeville South: **Steven Conradt and Owen Culbert**

Will Huizinga and Arn Huizinga were selected to participate in the Concordia Honor Band, March 31-April 2

Wayde Hall was selected to participate in the MBDA state 9-10 honor band April 22-23

The La Fiera String Ensemble performed for the annual Hormel Stockholders meeting on January 30. La Fiera was featured in the Star Tribune the following day as part of their coverage of the meeting.

Almost 70 Ellis students performed at the Middle Level Band Solo and Ensemble Festival in Wells, Minnesota on February 4. The Ellis events earned 6 ratings of "Excellent" and 37 top ratings of "Superior". **Alex Wynn**, 8th grade trumpet player, received a perfect score and was selected as one of the 7 "Best in Site" performances for the event. Being selected as a "Best in Site" performer is the highest honor awarded at the festival.



Making Music In Our Community

Austin Symphony Orchestra:

The final concert of the 60th season, *Homecoming*, will feature the husband and wife team of Roberto Plano and Paola del Negro on piano. The concert is May 7th at 2 pm at the AHS Knowlton Auditorium.

The 2017 Music Hall of Fame Inductees

Select Austin High School alumni will be recognized for their musical contributions during the Band BLAST on May 18th. Honorees to be determined.



Summer Happenings

Austin Community Band:

...welcomes band instrument players! The group meets Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the AHS band room. Two Wednesday performances are on the schedule in June and then an evening performance on July 3rd and the parade on July 4. Contact Brian Koser at 433-3180 or email bkoser@msn.com if interested.

AHS Summer Band:

AHS Band Students will be participating in Memorial Day Festivities on May 29 and will march in the 4th of July Parade in Austin.

Summer Music Camps in Austin

Be sure to check the Austin Community Education brochure for summer music opportunities for school children currently enrolled in band or orchestra.