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Students Audition for All State

by Ashley Kramer

For the past several months, a group of instrumental and vocal students have been busy practicing scales, solos, etudes, and other selections of music. This weekend, all of that practicing was put to use as the group of students, along with their directors Mr. Smith and Mrs. Mueller, went to Oelwein to audition for All State music in the Northeast section of Iowa.

To try out in the instrumental auditions, one must play a portion of a solo, parts of two etudes picked by the music association, and four memorized scales, one of which is the chromatic scale. A vocal student trying out for All State must learn five pieces of music. During the audition, portions of the music previously selected will be sung. In the last half of the day, recalls are announced for both the band and choir.

This year, seven musicians tried out and ten singers auditioned. The musicians are Ashley Kramer(clarinet), Abby McDonald(bassoon), Hannah Reth(clarinet), Katie Hoffmann (bari sax), Kim Nieman(flute), Beth Klostermann(trumpet), and Allison Offermann(oboe). The vocal groups are Melanie Kintzle(soprano), Amy Salow(alto), Mike Salow(tenor), and Adam Ries(bass); Lalaina Rabary(soprano) and Philip Mueller(tenor); Laura Seibert(soprano) and Miranda Knake(alto); and Brett Huber(tenor) and Brian Wilson(bass).

Mr. Smith commented, "I feel really good about this year and the people auditioning. Hopefully, all of the hard work will pay off."

Mrs. Mueller said, "This year's music is very challenging. I have been pleased with the amount of time these students have put into learning and perfecting it. All State preparation is for those students who want and enjoy going the extra mile."

Congratulations on making it through months of hard work!



Band members auditioning for All-State are: Hannah Reth, Abby McDonald, Beth Klostermann, Kim Nieman, Allison Offermann, Katie Hoffmann and Ashley Kramer. (photo by Miranda Knake)



Choir members auditioning for All-State are: (front) Lalaina Rabary, Miranda Knake, Melanie Kintzle; (second) Philip Mueller, Laura Siebert, Amy Salow, Adam Ries; (back) Brett Huber, Mike Salow and Brian Wilson. (photo by Kelly Prier)

Fall Concert Held Last Tuesday Night

by Jessica Krogmann

Last Tuesday night the Maquoketa Valley Concert Choir held their first concert at 7:30 at the new church in Delhi.

They opened with "The Awakening" and were accompanied by Mrs. Rasmussen. Their next selection was Adiemus, a girls song, featuring Allison Schultz and Jessica Krogmann on recorder and Philip Mueller and Brett Huber played percussion. The next song was one with the mixed chorus again, "Where Dwells the Soul of My Love." Annie Ehltz played the flute on this one and on the next one, "John

the Revelator" Megan Besler, Amy Salow, Miranda Knake, and Allison Schultz had overlaying solos. The next song was just the boys' chorus and they sang "Ave Maria (Angelus Domini)" with a trio of Adam Ries, Philip Mueller, and Mike Salow. Following the guys was again the girls' chorus. They sang "Ain't That News" with Laura Seibert soloing, and an ensemble of Melanie Kintzle, Miranda Knake, Megan Besler, and Lalaina Rabary. The last two songs included the entire chorus. They sang "And So It Goes" and "When the Stars Fall" with soloists Allison Shultz and

Jessica Krogmann.

After the concert there were cookies and juice for everyone who attended.

Mrs. Mueller commented, "For our first concert, we did great. We did some really incredible things."

Tuesday night was just one of the many concerts this year the choir will put on. All the students work many hours in and out of school to do what they enjoy and are good at. Show your respect and acknowledge them by going to watch a few. They deserve it for all the hard work they put in and all the heart they put in it.