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Winter Music Picks Up

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Saturday, Jan. 30 the competition started for the vocal jazz groups, show choir and jazz band at the Cedar Falls High School.

Jazz 4 You, the vocal jazz group of Miranda Knake, Megan Besler, Sarah Tindell, and Jessica Krogmann, started off the morning with the songs "A Nightingale Sang In Berkley Square" featuring Sarah Tindell as a soloist, "Bewitched" with Jessica Krogmann, Megan Besler, and Miranda Knake soloing, and ending with "Fly Me to the Moon." The groups was judged and received a II rating.

After that, the Kaleidosteps show choir took the stage performing a bluegrass style and type of music. Neal Johnson played guitar and Jake Norlin played banjo and also soloed during "Man of Constant Sorrow." The ballad "Down to the River to Pray" followed featuring Melanie Kintzle as soloists, and was accompanied by Allison Schultz and Philip Mueller. For the closing, the show choir performed the more upbeat "Muddy Water." After being judged, the group received straight I's.



Ashley Kramer and Katie Hoffmann rehearse with the jazz band. This is a busy time of year for the jazz band as they prepare for contests and Dimensions.

Next up was the second vocal Jazz group Smooth Harmony with Adam Ries, Mike Salow, Brett Huber, Philip Mueller, Melanie Kintzle, Amy Salow, Lalaina Rabary, and Laura Seibert. They sang "Blackbird" with soloists Melanie Kintzle

and Mike Salow and also Eleanor Rigby with Philip Mueller soloing and a melodic duet of Brett Huber and Mike Salow. Next, they went on to the well known song "The Beat Goes On" and ended the show with an even more familiar tune, "The Star Spangled Banner." Smooth Harmony also received a I for their performance.

Lastly, the jazz band warmed up and took the stage playing a Latin piece, "Island Breeze," a swing chart, "Straight No Chaser", and also "Georgia On My Mind," a more bluesish tune featuring Adam Ries on saxophone. The jazz band was happy to receive a II on their music since the selections were more challenging.

More contests will be held and these groups are more than entertaining to watch so make the effort and watch them!

Soup Supper Success

Ryan Gibbs and Chad Ries serve soup Jan. 29. The MV FFA held its annual soup supper. Twenty-two FFA members served to 192 people and generated over \$1000. The FFA would like to thank all supporters who attended.



**Bright Lights on Tuesday Night
Don't miss out on the drill team's
light show at Tuesday night's
game against North Linn!**