

Autumn 2013 News from Edina High School Bands

Edina High School bands have celebrated several achievements over the fall season, including these highlights:

EHS Hornet Marching Band Brings Home 4 Trophies from Missouri

The EHS Hornet Marching Band, under the direction of Andy Richter, was awarded four trophies after performing at a state high school competition in Missouri. This occurred when the 250-member band was traveling on a tour of the Ozarks. The awards came from a marching performance in the Homecoming Parade at Missouri State University in Springfield. There were 34 bands and five classes. Edina was in the largest class. Awards were for Best Drum Major, First Place in Class, Best Overall Musical Sound and Best Overall Precision, among all 34 bands.

The four-day tour in October included another parade and band performance for the public at Branson Landing, a riverfront shopping and tourist destination. Musical numbers included favorites from the home field this past football season: "Fire" by Jimi Hendrix, "Let's Groove" by Earth, Wind & Fire, "Crazy Train" and "Sweet Caroline." In addition to performing, the band enjoyed side trips to see shows at Branson, an outdoor adventure at a zip line destination and a visit to an amusement park, Silver Dollar City.

"We are very proud of our students and how they represented Edina and Minnesota throughout the entire trip," said Richter. Also sharing in pride was Missouri State University alumna, Amanda Kremer, who is band director at Valley View Middle School in Edina.

Enjoy a tour highlights video link on this Web site.

Honored National Merit Scholar Semifinalists Include Several EHS Band Members

The National Merit Scholar reception held on Nov. 18 included academic honors recognition of several outstanding Edina band members. National Merit Semifinalists include: Daniel Burke, Micah Osler, Elbert Wang. National Merit Commended Scholars include: Jessica Bentley, Mark Bryan Paul McClure, William Cohen, Gwendolyn Eastlaugh; Dominic Fulk, Kara Gratzek, Alexander Ogren, Ken Shimizu, Caroline Sierks.

2014 Carnegie Hall Performance Series Invites 3 EHS Musicians

Three top Edina High School senior musicians have been chosen finalists to perform at Carnegie Hall as part of the February 2014 High School Honors Performance Series.

Seniors Alex Ogren, French Horn and Jack Halverson, bassoon, and junior Brian Mironer, percussion, have been selected to perform in the 2014 Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall from Feb. 6 to 10.

The trip includes a chance to rehearse and perform with elite conductors in the areas of band, symphony and concert choir, including Jeffrey Grogan, Craig Kirchoff and Dr.

Lynne Gackle. The students were selected by audition recordings to be part of the five-day New York experience, the highlight of which is their classical concert. The series features outstanding musicians from around the country.



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