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Mason High School Band Places in the Top at State Competition

Mason, MI – Members of the Mason High School Band participated and succeeded in taking top recognition at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival which took place on March 17.

Mason students were invited to perform at the State Festival after receiving a First Division rating at the District Festival which was held on February 3. Soloists are judged based on performance of scales and sight reading on a 100-point scale. The highest scoring students are invited to the Michigan Youth Arts Program. Kyle Sodman, who plays bassoon and Amelia Mills who plays clarinet have been invited to the Michigan Youth Arts Program. The Michigan Youth Arts Program takes place on the campus of Western Michigan University in May. Additionally, Lillian Droscha received an Outstanding Soloist Award for her piano performance.

Several other Mason students placed in the First, Second and Third Divisions for their performances based on a set of performance standards 1-5; 1 representing the top score. These students include:

First Division Ratings:

Caitlin VanPeenen – Flute Solo

Alison Waggoner – Flute Solo

Lillian Droscha – Oboe Solo

Kyle Sodman – Bassoon Solo

Amelia Mills – Clarinet Solo

Maddie Quinlan – Clarinet Solo

Sarah Brown – Alto Saxophone Solo

Bryton Brown – Tenor Saxophone Solo

Andy Peffers – Tenor Saxophone Solo

Jenna Johnson – Trumpet Solo

Hannah Davies – Trombone Solo

Nathan Estwick – Trombone Solo

Jillian Schroeder – Trombone Solo

Brandt Trotter – Trombone Solo

Lillian Droscha – Piano Solo

Kirstin Kribs – Violin Solo

Sarah Johnson and Alison Waggoner – Flute Duet

Faith Davies and Lillian Droscha – Oboe Duet

Caitlin VanPeenen and Amelia Mills – Flute and Clarinet Duet

Hannah Davies and Nathan Estwick – Trombone Duet

Jillian Schroeder and Brandt Trotter – Trombone Duet

Julia Droscha and Daria Thomson – Tuba Duet

Ryan Byars and Aaron Hogue – Snare Drum Duet

Dyllyn Cady and Micah Williamson – Snare Drum Duet

Casey Anderson, Christian DeMoss and Kyle Sodman – Bassoon Trio

Jenna Johnson, Ella Kremkow, Hannah Davies and Julia Droscha – Brass Quartet Concert Band



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Caitlin VanPeenen, Lillian Droscha, Amelia Mills, Kyle Sodman and Cara VanderMolen – Woodwind Quintet

Second Division Ratings:

Emma Smith – Alto Saxophone Solo
Caleb Personius – Tenor Saxophone Solo
Julia Droscha – Tuba Solo
Daria Thomson – Tuba Solo
Faith Davies and Allison Clark – Oboe and Clarinet Duet
Lee Heaviland and Andy Peffers – Saxophone Duet
Caleb Personius and Lee Heaviland – Saxophone Duet
Kyle Sodman and Jack Hendrickson – Bassoon Duet

Third Division Ratings:

Shyanne Ferman - Flute Solo
James Turkovich, Andy Peffers, Lee Heaviland, Jack Hendrickson and John Rumler – Quintet

Beth Bousfield, Mason Band Director said, “I am very proud of the students that participated at the state level. This year’s senior class has contributed greatly to the outstanding results.” For more information on the Mason Public Schools band program, please visit www.masonk12.net/fine-arts.

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