

Press Release



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Five BGSD musicians picked for state honors

The Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA) has selected five Battle Ground Public Schools students to participate in all-state music groups that will perform at the organization's annual conference in Bellevue in February. One of them was also picked for All-Northwest choir honors. Selections for these honors are made on the basis of audition tapes.

High School Division

Remi Skalisky, Battle Ground High School, alto, All-Northwest Treble Choir. Instructor: Darcy Schmitt. **Photos attached to e-mailed version of this press release.** Remi has won numerous awards in various music competitions as a representative of BGHS. She also has been active in musical theater, including a role in the recent all-district production of "Bye Bye Birdie" and the female lead, Marian "The Librarian" Paroo, in the 2009 all-district production, "The Music Man."

Lana Ferris, Prairie High School, French horn, All-State Concert Band. Instructor: Joe Accuardi.

In the high school division, a total of 2,555 applied from across the state for band, choir and orchestra, with 600, including Ferris and Skalisky, selected. Skalisky was also one of 400 from among 4,735 applicants from Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming picked for one of six different All-Northwest bands and choirs.

Junior Division

Angie Sangiamputtakoon, Maple Grove Middle School, clarinet. All-State Junior Band. Instructor: James deBra.

Savannah Hamann, Chief Umtuch Middle School, trombone, All-State Junior Band. Instructor: Danielle Armstrong.

Kaleb Burris, Laurin Middle School, baritone, All-State Junior Choir. Instructor: Monika Tabor.

In the Junior division, Sangiamputtakoon, Hamann and Burris were among 420 selected for all-state concert band, orchestra or choir from among 1,348 applicants.

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