

On Tuesday March 10th, AHS music students of Mrs. Kelly Blake and Mr. Chris Halvorson, were at the Minnesota State High School League Large Group/Solo/Ensemble Section/State Contest held at UMD. Students have been rehearsing a solo/ensemble for months to be judged at contest. To receive a superior rating, the score must be 35 - 40 points, excellent rating 28 - 34 points, good rating - 22 - 27 points. Performers are rated on a 5 point scale with the following Performance Factors: Tone Quality, Intonation, Rhythm, Balance/Blend, Technique, Interpretation/Musicianship, Diction - Vocal, Execution - Percussion, and Other Performance Factors.

Here are the contest results for vocal large group/solo/ensemble and handbell choir:

Concert Choir - 3 Superior ratings

Madrigals - Superior

Jorde Rinta, Maddie Buisman, Emma Thompson, Alaina Hagestuen, Esme Pool, Breena Burgstaler, Chloe Palkie, Karly Shereck, Hannah Paulbeck, Alana Huppert, Joe Cummings, Brett Bosserman, Thomas Gustin, Layton Carlson, Woodrow Rian, Sam Sadlowsky, Lucas Moen, Anton Roettele

"Fists of Fury" Handbell Choir - Superior

Brett Bosserman, Madison Buisman, Thomas Gustin, Abby Monse, Karly Shereck, Amy Gaulke, Woodrow Rian, Chloe Palkie, Jorde Rinta, Esme Pool

The following soloists received a superior rating: Brett Bosserman, Maddie Buisman, Alana Huppert, Chloe Palkie, Hannah Paulbeck, Esme Pool, Woody Rian, Jorde Rinta, Sam Sadlowsky

Duets who received a superior: Esme Pool and Kayla Van Santen, Martin Henke and Royce Cramer, Breena Burgstaler and Alana Huppert, Woody Rian and Alaina Hagestuen, Joe Cummings and Sam Sadlowsky

Trios who received a superior: Layton Carlson, Lucas Moen, and Anton Roettele

Quartet who received a superior: Joe Cummings, Woody Rian, Anton Roettele and Sam Sadlowsky

The following groups received the rating of excellent:

Duet: Lucas Moen and Emma Thompson

Trio: Brett Bosserman, Thomas Gustin, and Jezriel Houser

All of the students performed very well and are proud of their accomplishments. They will be honored at the Fine Arts Banquet in May.