

EG MUSIC notes

EGIMA ■ Elk Grove Instrumental Music Association

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Superior & Excellent!

Elk Grove Honors Chamber Orchestra earned a first place at the Illinois High School Solo and Ensemble Contest at Jacob High School, Saturday, March 5. The HCO and other students from the EGHS Music Department participated in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest held every year at various locations around the state.

The Honors Chamber Orchestra was making it's first appearance at contest performing a "Concerto Grosso" by George Fredrick Handel with violin soloists Tori Duce and Felicia Dvorak, and cello soloist Eric Hwang.

Other members of the ensemble who performed were: Taylor Barnes, Sarah Hynes, Kelly Dmuchowski, Alex Harn, Ray Espiritu, Brittany Chance, Theresa Izquierdo, Megha Patel, Aaron Pietruszynski, Kim Just, Cheng Yu Wu, and Mike Gaglos.

The judge complimented the orchestra on it's solid tone and excellent musicianship.

A record number of EG music students participated in contest this year.



Students earning a "Superior," first-place ranking were:

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| ■ Taylor Barnes, violin solo | ■ Trent Cwiok, clarinet solo |
| ■ Sarah Schirmer, violin solo | ■ Allison Nowak, french horn solo |
| ■ Caitlin Cadwalder, cello solo | ■ Melody Lee, voice |

Students earning an "Excellent," 2nd place ranking were:

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| ■ Abby Nix, Noah Burns, Megha Patel and Cheng Yu Wu; string quartet | ■ Madalyn Griseto, voice |
| ■ Mike Gaglos, bass solo | ■ Amanda Banach, voice |
| ■ Yasuhiro Omura, violin solo | ■ Maria Rodriguez, voice |
| ■ Yasmin Mitchell, cello solo | ■ Olga Benarek, voice |
| ■ Olivia Fritz, voice | |
| ■ Eric Ramos, voice | |

Mark your calendar...

- Wednesday, March 2 • 7:30 PM**
District 214 Honors Music FestivalFVSelected
- Saturday, March 5 • TBA**
IHSA State Solo & Ensemble ContestTBASelected
- Saturday, March 12 • -10 AM**
5th Annual Percussion FestivalEGHSPercussionists
- Tuesday, March 15 • TBA**
District 214 South Orchestra FestivalRMHSCO / SO / HCO
- Wednesday, March 16 • 7-8:30 PM**
District 214 Concert Band FestivalRMHSCB
- Tuesday, March 29 • 7 PM**
EGIMA MeetingFaculty LoungeParents
- Wednesday, April 6 • 6-8:30 PM**
Symphonic Band RehearsalEGHSSB
- Saturday, April 9 • TBA**
Chicagoland Concert Band Invitational.....JHHSCB / SB
- Tuesday, April 19 • 7 PM**
EGIMA MeetingFaculty LoungeParents
- Tuesday, April 26 • 7 PM**
German Exchange ConcertEGHSCO / SO



We want to hear from you!

If you have any fundraising ideas, would like to make a comment or ask a question, please send an email to: Joan Arrington (jri901@aol.com).

For complete 2010-11 instrumental dept. calendars, go to www.eghs.d214.org, and select the "Fine Arts" tab. You can then select "Band Calendar," which opens a Google Calendar with up-to-date band information. Or select "Orchestra," and then click on the link "2010-2011 Orchestra Calendar." Eventually both calendars will be merged into one interactive Google calendar.



'Friend' EGIMA

No, we aren't talking about Facebook! This year, we are having a "Friends of EGIMA" fundraiser, that will benefit both the band and orchestra programs.

Your child will also earn credits in their student account which can be used private lessons, band fees and trips. *That means 20% of each "Friend" donation obtained will be credited to your child's student account!*

All "Friends" will be acknowledged by name in our Spring Concert programs.

Your child will be bringing home their packet very soon.

We are suggesting each student send out a minimum of five letters/pledge forms. The more letters they send out, the higher the chances are of donors helping out the program, and building up your child's student account. *This should be done as soon as possible, since the responses are due back by April 1.*

Your student's packet will include:

A letter to your student explaining the fundraiser

Five copies of a letter your student should send to potential "Friends," asking them to consider becoming a donor and the different levels of participation.

- Students should become familiar with the different levels offered.
- Students should take a minute to personalize each letter by writing a little note to the recipient at the bottom. Recipient will appreciate a handwritten note from your student.
- Five copies will be enclosed, but additional copies can be made.

Five copies of a pledge form, to be sent with each potential "Friend" letter.

- This form must be completely filled out.
- Returned forms and checks/cash can and mailed to the High School. They can also be deposited in the EGIMA box in the band room.
- Additional copies can be made, if needed.

Five pre-addressed, stamped envelopes that should be included with the potential "Friend" letter and pledge form

Five blank envelopes for mailing the letter, form and return envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Arrington at jri901@aol.com.

Upcoming fundraisers

- ★ Music Friends
- ★ Butterbraids
- ★ Car Wash
- ★ Dine & Share: Culvers
- ★ Dine & Share: Coach's Corner

More info soon!

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The Germans are coming!

Our German guests arrive on Thursday, April 21, and host families can pick them up at EGHS at about 4:30 PM.

Monday and Tuesday they will be shadowing Elk Grove students and rehearsing for the first of two concerts they will present. Wednesday and Thursday they will be downtown sightseeing and enjoying April weather in Chicago.

On Tuesday, April 26, at 7 PM, the German Orchestra and the Elk Grove Orchestras will perform a joint concert at 7 PM in the Elk Grove Theater.

On Thursday, April 28, at 6 PM, the woodwind section of the German orchestra will present a concert at Christus Victor Lutheran Church on Arlington Heights Rd., in Elk Grove.

Our German guest depart the next morning for home from the school.

We still need "Host" families who are willing to provide housing for our German guests. Please contact Jane Sloger for more information.



A memorable event

The District 214 Honors Music Festival on March 2 was a very memorable event. It opened with Aaron Copland's stirring Fanfare for the Common Man performed by the brass and percussion from the 214 Honors Orchestra.

The orchestra finished its portion of the program with three movements for Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet. Alan Snow, the winner of the District 214 Concerto Competition, performed Camille Saint-Saens' "Introduction et Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28." He was amazing!

The concert continued with four chorale works by the Honors Choir under the direction of guest conductor, Tim Heck and finished with the Honors Band under the direction of guest conductor Dr Robert Rumbelow.

Elk Grove Euphonium Greg Larson had solos in "O Magnum Mysterium" and the "Symphony in E flat."

Elk Grove's band and orchestra students performing at the Honors Music Festival were: Mike Gaglos, Sarah Gorecki, Jena Bartodziej, Emily Hadler, Emily Hennessy, Leah Rivard, Trent Cwiok, Estefany Garcia, Larissa Kowal, Jenna Ciesielski, Francesca Romito, Allison Nowak, Dan Tabor, Greg Larson, and Laura Carbone.

ISU / UofI trip: a huge success

In February the Symphony Orchestra and Concert Orchestra traveled to Illinois State University and the University of Illinois to participate in clinics, sectionals, concerts and performances by both orchestras.

Dr Glenn Block, the director of orchestras, was our host at ISU and he worked with both orchestras Friday morning.

The afternoon had the brass, woodwind and percussionists in sectionals with the ISU Music Faculty and the strings listened to a concert presented by the ISU String Faculty. They played a little Beethoven and Mendelssohn.

If you ask the students, dinner at Alexander's Steak was the highlight of the trip, but they may also mention the incredible concert by the Opole Philharmonic Orchestra of Poland on Friday night.

They opened with Mozart's "Magic Flute Overture" followed by a Chopin piano concerto. The guest pianist was amazing.

The second half of the concert was Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony" and they gave a powerful, stirring performance of this masterpiece. The audience called them back for two encores with the second one being Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." It was the perfect ending to a great concert.

Saturday morning both orchestras performed in the Great Hall at the Krannert Center and they were adjudicated. After the performance one of the adjudicators worked with each orchestra for 45 minutes, talking about things that went well and things that still needed work.

Both clinicians praised the orchestras for their musical and energetic performance.

Help needed!

There are open positions on the EGIMA board for the 2011-12 school year, including President, Treasurer, Second Vice President and Recording Secretary. There are also committee chair positions available. Please contact Joan Arrington at jri901@aol.com, if interested.

Spring Musical

EGHS Drama Department will be presenting "Hairspray: the Musical" from April 13-16, nightly at 7 PM. General admission tickets run \$10 each, with a special rate of \$8 each for students.



In preparation for 2011-12 classes...

Symphony Orchestra

- Auditions will be held during second semester
- Open to current freshmen, sophomores and juniors

Concert Orchestra

- No audition required

Honors Chamber Orchestra

- Auditions will be held during second semester
- Any string player may audition

Symphonic Band

- Auditions will be held during second semester

Concert Band

- No audition required

Jazz Ensemble

- Auditions will be held during second semester

Jazz Band

- No audition required

Harmony/Arranging

- Music theory class for students interested in learning about music and how it is written
- Open to sophomores thru seniors

A feast of festivals...

■ **The 5th Annual Percussion Festival** will be on Saturday, March 12, beginning at 10 AM, at EGHS. Fifteen percussion ensembles from all over the state will perform and be critiqued by some of the industry's top percussionists.

General admission is \$3. This year's clinician is Robert Everson. He is a sub with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and also teaches at Concordia.

The event is sponsored by Innovative Percussion, Vic Firth, Remo, Tap Space, The Drum Pad, Zildjian and Modern Drummer.

Student volunteers are needed, as well as some adult helpers. The festival will run from 10 AM-3:30 PM. Contact Ron Fiorito at 847-718-4498, if you are able to help.

■ **The Elk Grove Orchestras** and the Rolling Meadows Orchestra will participate in the 214 South District Orchestra Festival on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 PM at Rolling Meadows. Each orchestra will perform and then the concert will finish with two pieces performed by a mass orchestra consisting of all the Orchestras at Elk Grove HS and Rolling Meadows HS.

■ **The Concert Band** will be participating in the District 214 Concert Band Festival on Wednesday, March 16, at 7:30 PM. Rolling Meadows High School and Prospect High School will also be participating in the event. The concert takes place at Rolling Meadows High School, with guest conductor, Don Shupe, recently retired from Libertyville High School. Mr. Shupe will be rehearsing the students on March 15 and 16. The concert is open to all and free!

■ **The Chicagoland Concert Band Invitational Festival** will be held on Saturday, April 9, at Hersey High School. Both our Concert Band and Symphonic Band will be performing. This is the first time we will take the Concert Band to this festival. The bands will perform, followed by a 40-minute clinic. Performance times will be announced when they become available. Please plan to come out and support your student!