

## Students get audience laughing at annual Christmas program

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Despite cold and snowy weather, kindergarten, second and fourth graders entertained a packed house at the Holyoke Elementary Christmas Program Monday evening, Dec. 7.

Under the direction of Marcia Dalton, students enjoyed presenting Christmas favorites like “Jingle Bells” and had the audience laughing with a song about Christmas socks and a skit about superhero reindeer.



Kindergartners, complete with their Christmas dresses and bow ties, charmed the audience as they waved to Mom and Dad in the crowd.

They kicked off the show singing “Must Be Santa,” “I’m So Glad It’s Christmas,” “Christmas ABCs,” “Chubby Little Snowman” and “If I Could Fly Like a Snowflake.” Dancing and actions were a perfect complement to their singing and had everyone in the auditorium giggling.

The kindergartners finished with “Jingle Bells Variations.” They put a new twist on the favorite classic singing it in the styles of a march, a waltz, the cha-cha, a cowboy, an Indian and finally with Boogie Woogie rhythm. Piano accompanist was Jane Encinias.

A special fourth grade group presented “Do You Hear What I Hear?” Group members included Rebecca Owens, Anna Jelden, Tori Hatton, Madison Young, Grace Dille, Taylor Hendrix, Dominique Penzing, Jair Jimenez, Bailey Hamaker, Mandy Dominguez, Regan Van Overbeke, Tyler Lamm, Mackenzie Golden, Holden Redman and Drew Stewart.

Second graders opened their portion of the program with “A Reason for the Season.” Complete with colorful Christmas socks, they sang “The Christmas Sock Rock,” followed by “Este Es La Navidad” and “There’s Someone in the Chimney” with Scott Dille as Santa.

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Pulling out red and green mugs, the kids enthusiastically sang “Hot Chocolate” from “The Polar Express.” Lucky audience members even got their own packet of hot chocolate from delivery kids Fabian Gonzalez, Morganne Kumm, Angel Rojo, Xander Speicher, Janessa Lutze and Deacon Dittmer.

“Everybody Say Peace” concluded the second grade performance.

What is Santa to do when Rudolph has a cold, a meteor is heading toward Earth and it’s too foggy to fly? Fourth graders provided the answers to those questions in their hilarious presentation of “The Incredible Reindeer.”

Colorful elf, reindeer and Santa Claus costumes lit up the stage as fourth graders acted out the Christmas Eve scene in the North Pole.

Vocal numbers featured in the skit included “Happy Christmas Eve,” “Foggy, Foggy Night” with soloists Tobin Moore, Rebecca Owens, James Oberle, Taylor Hendrix and Cassidy Hale and “What We Need Is a Miracle” with soloists Mackenzie Golden, Tori Hatton, Drew Stewart and Regan Van Overbeke.

Other songs were “The Incredible Reindeer Theme,” “The Incredible Mission” and “A Super Celebration.”

Characters included Anthony Beltran as Santa Claus, Grace Dille as Mrs. Claus and Mandy Dominguez as Rudolph.

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