

JR/SR High bands crescendo for spring concert

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

It was a night full of music at the annual spring band concert Friday, May 3 at the HHS auditorium.

Both the junior high and high school concert bands, as well as some soloists and small ensembles, performed under the direction of Holyoke band teacher Miko Martinez.

End-of-the-year awards were also presented to outstanding band members.

From the high school, Martinez honored senior trombone player Rachel Schneider with the jazz-based Louis Armstrong award. Senior percussionist Alyssa Cordova received the John Phillip Sousa award, and senior tenor sax player Lindsay Helgoth was awarded the director's award.



Awards for excellence in band are presented annually at the spring band concert. Pictured from left are band director Miko Martinez and senior band members Rachel Schneider, Lindsay Helgoth and Alyssa Cordova. □ □

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Junior high awards were presented to Emily Krogmeier for Excellence in Jazz; Trey Bennett, Citizenship Award; Jarrett Woodhead, Outstanding Leadership; and Whitney Powell, Excellence in Musicianship.

Students were also recognized for participating in the Ogallala solo and ensemble contest, honor band, league band and color guard.

Friday's concert highlighted four selections by the junior high band, including "Crusade," "Childhood Hymn," "Trumpet Hero" with soloist Michael Voigt and "Incantation and Ritual."

Audiences also enjoyed a special treat when junior highers performed songs from their solo and ensemble contest. Piano solos included Tori Hatton's "Für Elise" and Whitney Powell's "Maybe." Percussion trio Bennett, Tica Penzing and Woodhead played "Pink Panther," and the group of Grace Dille, Anna Jelden and Powell performed "Dance" for a flute trio.



Percussion trio Tica Penzing, Trey Bennett and Jarrett Woodhead play "Pink Panther" from their ensemble contest this year.☐☐

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HHS jazz band kicked off their portion of the program with “It Don’t Mean a Thing, If It Ain’t Got That Swing” with soloists Cordova and Camille Elliott.

They followed with “Fever” with soloist Ben Martinez, “As if to Say Goodbye” with soloist Elliott and “Hey Jude” with soloists Schneider and Elliott.

High school symphonic band took the stage for “Starwatchers” with soloist Kaylee Ham and “Loch Lomond” with soloists Helgoth, Taylor Goldenstein and Meg Strauss.



Percussionist Alyssa Cordova concentrates on her timpani part during last Friday’s band concert. □ □

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Other high school selections were “Algorhythms,” “Nessun Dorma” and “Phantom of the Opera” with soloist Helgoth.

The concert concluded with “Afterburn,” a song chosen to feature the senior band members for the concert as well as for graduation. Former band teacher Pat Wiebers served as a guest conductor for this piece.

Featured senior musicians were Molly Brandt, bass clarinet; Cordova, percussion; Elliott, trumpet; Matt Golden, trombone; Helgoth, tenor sax; Martinez, percussion; and Schneider, trombone.



Senior Ben Martinez jokes with director Miko Martinez during the prank where seniors arrived late on bicycles and scooters, or in Martinez’s case, a wheelchair and a fake arm sling.

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