

SCAPA Middle School Band Students put on a stunning performance at the KMEA Middle School Concert Band Assessment at the University of Kentucky on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009! The students performed two pieces; *An American Hymntune* arranged by Robert Sheldon and *Blue Ridge Saga* by James Swearingen.

Judge Gary Mullins awarded the group with a Distinguished Plus-Plus! He writes that the group had a beautiful tone, intonation was great, “WOW!”, and that they were a “very professional group!” He also wrote that this was “one of the finest middle school bands I have ever heard! Congratulations! You must be proud. I’ll go home singing...WOW! Exceptional merit, SCAPA!”

Tom Case, the band director from John Hardin High School in Elizabethtown, KY, writes: “beautiful ensemble sound, wonderful exposed moments at the individual level. Well prepared, outstanding focus! Great overall effect, choice of music and stage presence! Congratulations on a well-trained ensemble.” He awarded the students with a distinguished rating!

John Easley, the director from Union City High School in Union City, TN awarded the group with a distinguished rating, as well! He writes “excellent, mature tone qualities from the entire ensemble. Some really fine playing today! Very well prepared, FABULOUS!! Congrats!”

The sight reading judge, Kevin Christie, also awarded the ensemble with a distinguished rating! He writes “very good dynamic variation, good job with key change, nice job balancing the melody with accompaniment and counter melody.”

For those students who wish to purchase medals for the Solo and Ensemble event, forms have already been issued and need to be turned in with payment as soon as possible.

### **SCHEDULE REMINDERS:**

- ♪ Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009: ArtLease Performance at the Downtown Arts Center, all middle school band majors and selected students only 5:15-6:00pm
- ♪ Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Elementary Band and Strings Concert, 6:30pm in the Multi Purpose Room
- ♪ Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Middle School Band, after school rehearsal, 3:45-5:30pm
- ♪ Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Middle School Band and Orchestra Spring Fling Concert, 6:30pm in the Multi Purpose Room
- ♪ **Lafayette High School Band Auditions:** (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Woodwinds: Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (3:45-6:00pm)
  - Percussion: Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (3:45-6:00pm)
  - Brass: Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (3:45-6:00pm)