

The Middle School Band Majors provided pre-concert entertainment for the Lexington Philharmonic on February 13, 2009, at the Singletary Center for the Arts. Students participated in small and large ensembles and Joel Nelson played a solo for everyone! Congratulations, to the following band majors on a great performance: Carrie Baldwin, Emily Miller, Katie Coyer, Andrew Burton, Hallie Walther, Jessica Abney, Devan Schmidt, Joel Nelson, Will Lovan, Nathan Gillespie, Zack Schneider, Ashley Whaley, Cameron Taylor, Jake Roney, Danny Alford, Brandon Critchfield, Bruce Cotton, Adam Henthorne, and Brandyn Duncan.

On February 21, 2009, the middle school band students participated in the Kentucky Music Educator's Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Lexington Catholic High School. There were a total of 81 events, 71 of which earned top honors with distinguished ratings and 10 received proficient ratings! 49 students earned 156 distinguished ratings and 16 added 21 proficient ratings! We had three students earn a distinguished PLUS rating, one student earn TWO distinguished PLUS ratings and two students earn a distinguished PLUS PLUS rating! Students were allowed to participate in up to five events while some chose to only play a solo, results are as follows:

**FIVE DISTINGUISHED RATINGS:**

Jessica Abney  
Carrie Baldwin  
Andrew Burton  
Bruce Cotton  
Katie Coyer  
Chloe McIntosh  
Ashley Whaley ++

**FOUR DISTINGUISHED RATINGS:**

Danny Alford ++  
Holly Bennett  
Brandon Critchfield  
Nathan Gillespie  
Will Lovan  
Emily Miller  
Joel Nelson  
Dylan Rowe  
Colton Ryan  
Devan Schmidt  
Zach Schneider +  
Hallie Walther  
Joesph Wrightson

**THREE DISTINGUISHED RATINGS:**

Callie Babcock  
Mandy Daniel +  
Brandyn Duncan  
Hunter England  
Adam Henthorne  
Emily Lake  
Caroline Pellegrino  
Kiara Powell  
Esther Putman  
Nathan Rayens (2) +  
Jake Roney  
Coleman Stivers  
Julien Thibault  
Cameron Taylor  
Robert Wendroth

**TWO DISTINGUISHED RATINGS:**

Clayton Critchfield  
Andy Edwards  
Sydney Gorena  
Jonathan Griggs  
Rebekah Hale  
Laira Kelley  
Cassi Kline  
Julia Knight

Logan Rowe  
Olivia Yessin  
**ONE DISTINGUISHED RATING:**

Aly Ackerman  
Shelby Burgess  
John Wheatley  
Margie Wiemann

**PROFICIENT RATINGS:**

Aly Ackerman (2)  
Callie Babcock  
Shelby Burgess (2)  
Krisitn Cavallaro  
Andy Edwards (2)  
Sydney Gorena (2)  
Rebekah Hale  
Laira Kelley  
Cassi Kline  
Emily Miller  
Esther Putman  
Coleman Stivers (2)  
Cameron Taylor  
Julien Thibault  
Joseph Wrightson  
Olivia Yessin

Students have received an informational letter and permission slip about the upcoming KMEA Festival held at the University of Kentucky, on March 19. This letter will include our performance time(s) as well as information on transportation. Students must have that permission slip turned in no later than the first after school band rehearsal on Wednesday March 11, 2009. There will be two of those after school rehearsals March 11th from 3:45-5:30pm, as well as Monday March 16, 2009 from 3:45-5:30pm.

Students have also received an order form to purchase Solo and Ensemble medals. They may purchase a medal for each event they have received a distinguished or proficient rating for.