

## 90 Students Selected to Perform Among the Best Musicians in Niagara County

Roy-hart (RH) will be sending 96 top musicians to Niagara County Music Educators Association's (NCMEA) All-County music festivals in February, including a student participating in Vocal Jazz for the first time in approximately two decades. A solo audition is required to be performed by the student for consideration into one of these honors ensembles. RH music instructors prepare students with a hand selected piece of music which is performed for a trained adjudicator on audition day. The judge uses an established rubric to score the students for possible selection into All-County Ensembles along with top peer musicians throughout Niagara County. If selected, the students are tasked with learning the ensemble music and attending the respective festival, which usually includes a day long rehearsal on Friday and a performance on Saturday.

Gerry Bacon (7-12 Grade Band Director) and Mary Bradfuhrer (4-6 Grade Band Director) will be sending 28 musicians to perform in All-County Band Ensembles this year. Elementary Band will perform in Festival One, Junior High Band will perform in Festival Two, and Senior High Band will perform in Festival Three.

Kathy Bleiler-Dick (9-12 Grade Chorus Director, Vocal Jazz Director) and Janice McKinney (5-8 Grade Chorus Director) have 46 participants. RH has the top number of students selected for Senior High All-County Chorus and the second highest for Junior High All-County Chorus. This year, Kathy established a RH Vocal Jazz Choir and RH has one student selected for the All-County Vocal Jazz ensemble. The last time a student participated in this ensemble could not be verified, but is believed to be about twenty years ago.

RH Orchestra is directed by Paul Monaco, who teaches students from grades 3-12. There are two orchestra ensembles with NCMEA; an Intermediate Orchestra featuring grades 4-7 and a JR/SR High Orchestra featuring grades 8-12. Twenty-five RH Musicians are selected to participate in these two ensembles.

Information for the NCMEA festivals can be found below and at [NCMEA.com](http://NCMEA.com).

<b><u>Festival 1:</u></b> January 31 & February 1, 2020 Niagara Wheatfield High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Elementary Band</li><li>○ Junior High Chorus</li><li>○ Vocal Jazz</li></ul>
<b><u>Festival 2:</u></b> February 7 & 8, 2020 Niagara County Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Intermediate Orchestra</li><li>○ Junior High Band</li><li>○ Senior High Jazz</li><li>○ Senior High Chorus</li></ul>
<b><u>Festival 3:</u></b> February 28 & 29, 2020 Lewiston-Porter Central School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Elementary Chorus</li><li>○ Junior High Jazz</li><li>○ Junior / Senior High Orchestra</li><li>○ Senior High Band</li></ul>

The Senior High Band performs on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Lewiston Porter School and includes the following musicians:  
Faith George, Hannah Aiken, Kailyn Livergood, Madison Ohol, Carter Green, Aaron Bacon, and Kayla Hagen



The Junior High Band Ensemble takes place on February 8<sup>th</sup> at Niagara County Community College. Participants include:  
Calvin Fournier, Abigail Murphy, Emmaline Verratti, Peter Martillotta, Trever Jaques, Emma Marsillo, Madison DiNieri, Ella Martillotta, Elliana Brauen, and Deanna Bryant.





RH Musicians selected for Elementary Band will be featured at Niagara Wheatfield School on February 1<sup>st</sup> and include Theresa Bennett, Sadie Fiasco, Kaylie Churchill, Evangeline Seiler-Zipp, Izabella Bloom, Jackson Drees, Isaac Smith, Rivers Fiasco, Jackson Brauen, Collin Nicosia, and Ciera Sanchez-Cacique.



Adrianna Gutierrez was selected to participate in Vocal Jazz at Niagara Wheatfield School on February 1<sup>st</sup>.



Eddie Murphy, Brad Voelker, Alex Murray, Nikolas Gutierrez, Miles Clarke, Mackenzie White, Elise Baumer, Brooke Livergood, Mercy Walker, Ryan Hiller, Madelin Groffenberg, Isabelle Covert, Chelsie Gutierrez, Aiden Migliore, Haley Hallows, Samantha Mikits, Lauryn Strothmann, and Adrianna Gutierrez (camera shy) will perform with the Senior Chorus at Niagara County Community College on February 8<sup>th</sup>.



Jr. High Chorus participants include Emmaline Veratti, Arie Decker, Alyson Berner, Nadia White, Crystalina Baumer, Victoria Silsby, Jillian Ash, and Lorna Becker (camera shy). Additionally, Bradley Miner, Zamora Garcia-Cacique, Karisma Washington, Amber Babel, Abigail Pratt, Lila Bringham, and Madison DiNieri. These musicians will perform on February 1<sup>st</sup> at Niagara Wheatfield.



Mailyynn Dick, Millie Owens, Violette Streckewald, Jillian Ossont, David Ward, Peyton Griffith, Alaina Kusnierczak, Hannah Vorholzer, Mackenzie Landers, Isabella Cercone, Izabella Bloom, Savannah Newton, Brianna Elko, Maria Trombley and Tyler Rothwell (camera shy) will be singing with the Elementary Chorus at Lewiston-Porter on February 29<sup>th</sup>.





On February 29<sup>th</sup> The Junior/Senior Orchestra performs at Lewiston Porter and includes the following Roy-Hart musicians:  
 Crystalina Baumer, Elise Baumer, Ashton Becker, Jamie Coons, Jacob Hagen, Cassidy Ohol, Anna Rickard, Charles  
 Rickard, William Rickard, Isabella Santella, Lauryn Strothmann, Miranda Wolter, and Ryan Pasnik (camera shy).  
 Also, John Konstanty, Calabe Lange, and Sophia Santella





Shianne Barnes, Dylan Disinger, Kacie Disinger, Emily Duewiger, Simon Fournier, Mackenzie Gardner, Abigail Glyshaw, Maya Moebs, Hannah Verratti, and Ryan Townsend were selected for the Intermediate Orchestra and will perform at Niagara County Community College on February 8<sup>th</sup>.





