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Subject: New Providence School District music students accepted into prestigious state and regional honor ensembles

New Providence School District, a NAMM Foundation Best Community for Music Education, is thrilled to announce the acceptance of our music students in prestigious state regional honor ensembles, sponsored by the New Jersey and Central Jersey Music Educators Associations and the New Jersey Choral Directors Association. Hundreds of students audition with prepared pieces, scales, and sight reading challenges for very few coveted spots in these ensembles. Once accepted, students come together to rehearse challenging, engaging repertoire with guest conductors, culminating in a live concert performance.

NJMEA High School All-State Honor Ensemble auditions were held in the spring of 2022. Rehearsals and performances took place in the fall of 2022 at the NJEA teacher convention in Atlantic City and at NJPAC this past November. The following students were selected to perform with the All-State Honor Ensembles:

High School Chorus - Ronan Flanagan, Emma Timpone
High School Jazz Combo - Samvit Singhal

CJMEA High School Region Honor Ensemble auditions took place in December, with performances in January at Region 2 schools. Six New Providence High School students were selected to perform with CJMEA Region Honor Ensembles:

High School Chorus - Ronan Flanagan, Julia Halldorson, Jasmyn Srinivasan, and Emma Timpone
High School Symphonic Band - Lauren Venturella and Dan Ruzicka

CJMEA Intermediate Band and Orchestra auditions were held in January, with performances to take place in March. Four New Providence Middle School students were selected to perform with CJMEA Intermediate Region Honor Ensembles:

Intermediate Wind Ensemble - Audrey Cai
Intermediate Chamber Orchestra - Michael Tan, Natalie Tom
Intermediate String Orchestra - Lillian Yu

NJMEA/NJACDA All-State Junior High and Elementary Honor Choir auditions were held virtually in January, with performances to take place in May. Ten New Providence Middle School and Two AWR Elementary School students were selected to perform with NJMEA/NJACDA All-State Honor Choirs:

Junior High Honor Choir - Albert Chen, Alex Krautheim, Samyukta Krishnan, Maria Lopez Kuri, Hannah Priolo, Nitya Raimugia, Sophia Scott, Siena Shah, Daniel Yoo, Rachel Zack

Elementary Honor Choir - Akshat Sharma, Shreya Rao

Of special note, the 2023 guest conductor for the NJMEA/NJACDA Elementary Honor Choir, Carol Dory Beadle, is an alumnus of New Providence School District. She is currently Director of Choirs at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge.

Susan Kirkland, District Department Head for Music and Performing Arts adds “New Providence has a long-standing tradition of excellence in music and the performing arts, and we are happy to continue this tradition as we sponsor our students to participate in these state and regional honor ensembles. These students have worked very hard to achieve at this level, and we are very proud of these accomplishments.”

Congratulations to all of the talented students and their dedicated music teachers on these honors!