

WHRHS NEWS Concert for 8th Graders

Future Class of 2021 Warriors serenaded by current WHRHS musicians and singers at a special concert at Watchung Hills Regional High School



Theatrical snow and the stage's flood lights, combine to make it seem that snow was falling on the WHRHS Wind Ensemble during their performance of "Sleigh Ride," by Leroy Anderson, at the concert for district eighth graders on Friday, Dec. 23, at WHRHS. The special performance for the future WHRHS Class of 2021 included performances by a special brass ensemble, the Concert Band, The Orchestra, and the Wind Ensemble, as well as a variety of choruses and vocal ensembles. Conducting is WHRHS Orchestra Music Director Paul McCullen, center, with back to the audience.



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The special concert included performances by a special brass ensemble, the Concert Band, The Orchestra, and the Wind Ensemble, as well as the WHRHS Chorus and Advanced Chorus, and a variety of smaller choral ensembles.

The WHRHS choral music director is Angela Dilorio Bird. The Orchestral Music Director is Paul McCullen. A number of the music directors, principals and teachers from the sending district's middle schools accompanied the future Class of 2021 to WHRHS.

Students in Dance Classes at WHRHS joined the Advanced Chorus to perform "Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy from 'The Nutcracker Suite,'" by Peter Tchaikovsky, at the 8th grade concert. Choreography was by WHRHS Dance Teacher Annanda Carmody.

Among the other numbers performed was a Choral Medley of songs from Walt Disney movies, titled, "Disney Movie Magic." Conducting was WHRHS student Jordon Reynolds, and singing the medley was the Combined Chorus of both the Chorus and the Advanced Chorus. Throughout the number, as many as nine students emerged from the concert risers to sing solo lines of the songs.

In addition, a video screen above the stage showed silent video clips of the movies synced to the songs the chorus was singing. The WHRHS Choral program plans to perform at World Disney World in Florida in late February, while also receiving tours and having other educational interactions with the Disney creative professionals.



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A special ensemble with brass and wind instruments opened the concert for 8th graders on Friday, Dec, 23, at WHRHS. From left are: Cherlin Zhu on Flute; Jeremy Cui on Oboe; Katie Tan, on Clarinet; Sanjay Subramanian and Timothe Iroudassamy on saxophone; Ethan Marmolejos on tuba; Jack

Horan on trombone; Ben Watkins and Taylor Hestvik on Horn; and Carl Peterson and Ryan Branco on trumpet.



Among the smaller choral ensembles singing for the 8th graders at the concert on Friday, Dec. 23, at WHRHS, was this special Men's Ensemble, directed by WHRHS Choral Director Angela Dilorio Bird, standing left, with back to the audience.



This quartet singers, from left, Allison Horvath, Hannah Melillo, Amelia Stapperferne, and Jordon Reynolds entertain members of the future WHRHS Cass of 2021 at the concert for 8th graders on Friday, Dec. 23, at WHRHS.