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Six WHS musicians headed to State ILMEA

Six Woodstock High School student musicians have been selected as among the best high school musicians in the state and will perform with their peers at the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) festival this January in Peoria.

Five members from the Woodstock High School Choir were chosen along with one orchestra student who will play double bass in the All-State Band.

Adeline Arana, soprano 2; Ethan Lane, tenor 2; Aiden Johnson, tenor 2 will represent their school in the All-State Honors Chorus, while Kamila Kay, soprano 2; and Maddy Srall, alto 2 will perform in the All-State Chorus.

"I can't think of a year in recent memory that we've had so many kids going," WHS Choir director Brian Jozwiak said. "They are each extremely passionate musicians and skilled singers. They worked hard to prepare the music, submitted video auditions in October, and scored among the top 15 percent of all auditioning students."

Also selected to perform was orchestra student Helen Bozic, who will play the double bass.

"Helen has auditioned three times and this time finally made it. Helen worked very hard to get in this year and is so excited. Helen is an extremely passionate bass player, and it comes through during performance," WHS Orchestra director Lyndra Bastian said.

Jozwiak said the experience of performing this music at an elite level is satisfying and inspiring for all of the students.

"There is no 'winning' at the All-State Music Festival. However, the act of hundreds of musicians coming together to make music during a pandemic will be tremendously uplifting. Mrs. Bastian and I are so proud!" Jozwiak said.

The overall music teaching at Woodstock High School was recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation this year as one of the Best Communities for Music Education.



(L to R): Kamila Kay, Madelyn Sral, Adeline Arana, Helen Bozic, Aiden Johnson, and Ethan Lane from the 2021 holiday concert at WHS.