RMC WELCOMED SINGERS, MUSICIANS FROM ACROSS MONTANA FOR HONORS CONCERT

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EDITORS NOTE: Students from your area performed and are listed by city/town below. You may also access downloadable photos from the event at photos.rocky.edu (http://photos.rocky.edu/gallery/11123841_74XwA)

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BILLINGS -- They converged on the Rocky campus from cities and towns across Montana. Some came from Great Falls, Glasgow, Bozeman, Miles City and Belgrade. Others came from little towns like Pablo and Terry and Fishtail. Crow Agency and Ronan were represented alongside Mocassin, Forsyth, Havre, Missoula, Pinesdale and Lolo.

Altogether some 200 high school students came to perform at the 2nd Annual RMC Honors Invitational Concert. The students joined the RMC Choir and RMC Band in rehearsals Friday, Jan. 28, 2010, and presented the concert at Faith Chapel Worship Center the next evening.

Organized last year and this year by Jesse Murphy, an RMC 2008 summa cum laude graduate who was hired to be the college’s outreach and development coordinator, this year’s event doubled the number of high school students participating.

“It was a joint performance by the best high school musicians in the state. We believe the best music is made by the best musicians and this year’s concert did not disappoint,” he said.

Dr. Steven Hart directed the high school students in the Honor Choir, and Mr. Tony Hammond directed the Honor Band. The Honor Band performed The Sinfonians (Clifton Williams 1923-1976); America The Beautiful (Samuel Augustus Ward arr. Carmen Dragon 1914-1984); On The Overland Stage To El Paso (David Holsinger b. 1945); Lux Aurumque (Eric Whitacre b. 1970); and On The Mall (Edwin Franko Goldman 1878-1956). The Honor Choir performed Das Newgebohrne Kindelein (Dietrich Buxtehude 1637-1707); Jenny Rebecca (Carol Hall, arr. Clair McElfresh b. 1931); Somaguaza (South African Folk-song); Anoj Pusej Dunojelio (Vaclovias Augustinas b. 1959); Go Where I Send Thee (Spiritual, arr. Paul Caldwell b. 1963/Sean Ivory b. 1969).
Besides providing beautiful music, the event affords the students an opportunity to enjoy a collegiate-level experience, and, seeing the campus, perhaps pursue an interest in attending Rocky.

The event also earned $4,200 for music scholarships through donations and the sale of honors concert t-shirts.

DVDs of the concert are available for a donation of $50 or more, and CDs are available to those donating $25 or more, Murphy said. For more information, contact Jesse Murphy, RMC outreach & development coordinator, 406-208-2429, or email: jesse.murphy@rocky.edu

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Following are the students and their hometowns, who performed in the RMC Honor Band and RMC Honor Choir.

The 2010 RMC INVITATIONAL HONOR BAND

Flute
Stephanie Burda - Livingston, MT
Rebekah Gryder - Bozeman, MT
Jeanna Helton - Pablo, MT
Rochelle Johnson - Livingston, MT
Jenni LeSueur - Livingston, MT
Ashley Linger - Laurel, MT
Madisen Mills - Laurel, MT
Crystal Nielsen - Laurel, MT
Claire Schabacke - Billings, MT
Genevieve Suwaa - Billings, MT
Kirsten Utter - Missoula, MT
Mary Weikum - Simms, MT
Karissa Wick - Billings, MT
Naomi Yakowich - Billings, MT

Oboe
Betsy Speare - Billings, MT

Bassoon
Alixandrea McCulloch - Billings, MT

Clarinet
Kirsten Cole - Belgrade, MT
Muri Cole - Silesia, MT
Hayden Forsythe - Bridger, MT
Courtney Fowler - Absarokee, MT
Blake Miller - Missoula, MT
Corie Neugebauer - Billings, MT
Amber Rall - Park City, MT

Bass Clarinet
Janeth Martinez - Laurel, MT
Mandy Jo Wiley - Musselshell, MT
Hanna Lambrecht - Roundup, MT
**Alto Saxophone**
Jacqueline Elliot - Billings, MT
Tess Hamzeh - Billings, MT
Samantha Springer - Fallon, MT
**Tenor Saxophone**
John Baldwin - Absarokee, MT
Kyle Roessler - Ronan, MT
Gunnar Shumaker - Manhattan, MT
Austin Sprenger - Bozeman, MT
**Trumpet**
Sarah Cassel - Glasgow, MT
Nicholas Goedeker - Billings, MT
Teresa Gregori - Billings, MT
Raney Hatten - Boyd, MT
Carl Henning - Bend, OR
Jan Kaczor - Ronan, MT
Megan Martin - Billings, MT
Dilling McClure - Nye, MT
Bailey Myers - Boyd, MT
Gavan Myers - Absarokee, MT
Casey Wheeler - Laurel, MT
Steven Williams-Dey - Miles City, MT
**Horn**
Kayleigh Coffman - Bozeman, MT
Kelsey Hoose - Livingston, MT
Sean Mitchell - Billings, MT
**Trombone**
Austin Green - Billings, MT
Heidi Lambrecht - Roundup, MT
Haydn Ryan - Billings, MT
Bridger Smith - Billings, MT
Mary Wiedrich - Polson, MT
Hayden Woods - Manhattan, MT
**Euphonium**
Josh Friesen - Billings, MT
Kyle Loewen - Glasgow, MT
Arwyn Roe - Manhattan, MT
**Tuba**
Michael Gregory - Laurel, MT
Kody Stahl - Shepherd, MT
**Percussion**
Jacob Dunning - Miles City, MT
Michelle Jorgenson - Manhattan, MT
Tyler Ketterling - Joliet, MT
Alex Lozada - Billings, MT
Andrew Miller - Manhattan, MT
Zach Schopp - Billings, MT

THE 2010 RMC INVITATIONAL HONOR CHOIR

Soprano
Courtney Ban - Terry, MT
Kima Berg - East Helena, MT
Rebekka Carlow - Billings, MT
Erika Conrad - Shepherd, MT
Morgan Dietert - Missoula, MT
Shelby Fisher - Ronan, MT
Jasymne George - Shepherd, MT
Kaitlyne Gillis - Missoula, MT
Becca Harden - Fort Shaw, MT
Abby Harper - Fishtail, MT
Kaley Harrison-Walker - Great Falls, MT
Karla Hellegaard - Havre, MT
Kendra Hertz - Billings, MT
Alex Heidema - Billings, MT
Katie Higgins - Terry, MT
Rachel Huether - Absarokee, MT
Amanda Jessop - Pinesdale, MT
Anna Kaercher - Havre, MT
Mary Kaercher - Havre, MT
Jordan Kemp - Great Falls, MT
Alex Kopp - Lolo, MT
Rochelle Kutter - Stevensville, MT
Jennie Labs - Livingston, MT
LoriAnn Lacquement - Fallon, MT
Hannah Landeraen - Scobey, MT
Allanda Lattin - Livingston, MT
Lynn Laubach - Billings, MT
Nycole, Maher - Missoula, MT
Anna McCollough - Billings, MT
Kirsten McKenna - Billings, MT
Hailey Muller - Billings, MT
Anna McCollough - Billings, MT
Marina Nauva - Billings, MT
Shealynn O’Donnell - Billings, MT
Kendra Pearson - Fairfield, MT
Hannah Pennington - Billings, MT
Courtney Reynolds - Billings, MT
Mariel Rieland - Billings, MT
Donne Rosson - Helena, MT
Kassandra Schneemann - Forsyth, MT
Inga Schubert - Absarokee, MT
Jaimee Stevens - Great Falls, MT
Leah Sticka - Park City, MT
Samantha Sticka - Billings, MT
Harper Swords - Billings, MT
Jordan Uhler - Moccasin, MT
Shelby Wainford - Belgrade, MT
Jacqueline Wallace - Florence, MT
Alanna Whitehorn - Great Falls, MT

Alto
Nicole Brennan - Great Falls, MT
Amber Chamber - Billings, MT
Megan Culbertson - Absarokee, MT
Leah Davis - Billings, MT
Jessica Diepstraten - Stevensville, MT
Desja Eagle Tail - Crow Agency, MT
Sydney Emett - Corvallis, MT
Mady Feuerstein - Shepherd, MT
Simone Follette - Billings, MT
Amber Gauthier - Columbus, MT
Megan Greene - Stevensville, MT
Lauren Goetz - Billings, MT
Lorrain Kamps - Missoula, MT
Bailey Lind - Billings, MT
Emma Ludington - Stevensville, MT
Mikayla Melo - Fairfield, MT
Brooke Moncada - Billings, MT
Kelcie Mostad - Missoula, MT
Lauralee Nuttall - Pinedale, MT
Paige O’Neill - Billings, MT
Margaret Pauli - Billings, MT
Elizabeth Prentice - Three Forks, MT
Sharesse Pitton - Missoula, MT
Courtney Quincy - Missoula, MT
Sarah Rabey - Billings, MT
Paige Sears - Billings, MT
Katie Salomon - Ronan, MT
Jordan Stevens - Billings, MT
Courtney Stinger - Ronan, MT
Lori Taylor - Joliet, MT
Caitlin Wallace - Belgrade, MT
Eliza West - Belgrade, MT
Karlee Young - Havre, MT

Tenor
Josh Berst - Billings, MT
Rick Cook - Shepherd, MT
Kevin Ehrmantraut - Billings, MT
Tommy Flanagan - Absarokee, MT
Robbie Gauthier - Ronan, MT
Sweeney James -
Aaron Jacobsen - Miles City, MT
Zachery Jansma - Laurel, MT
Jonathon Knudson - Missoula, MT
Tim Light - Billings, MT
Evan Barrett - Livingston, MT
Adam Marsac - Billings, MT
Shane McClurg - Absarokee, MT
Alec McInnis - Billings, MT
Preston Robertson - Billings, MT
Alex Songstad - Joliet, MT
James Sweeney - Livingston, MT
Clayton Thomas - Corvallis, MT
Patrick Zimny - Billings, MT

Bass
Alex Armstrong - Livingston, MT
Benton Asbury - Bridger, MT
Sean Brogan - Billings, MT
Neil Campbell - Stevensville, MT
Zachary Craft - Ronan, MT
Matt Detwiler - Ronan, MT
Logan Henke - Miles City, MT
Westyn Klehn - Ronan, MT
Colin McRae - Billings, MT
Karinda Mersman - Missoula, MT
Daniel Nelson - Miles City, MT
Andrew Nicoli - Billings, MT
Aaron Schwartz - Missoula, MT
Murry Schieldt - Absarokee, MT
David Spencer - Pinesdale, MT