

Press Release

Po-Hi Band Earns Spots in Red Carpet High School Honor Band

Under the direction of David Christy, Head Band Director, Andrew Orr, Keith Crocker and Chad Keilman, Assistant Band Directors, 23 Ponca City High School Band members recently earned spots in the Red Carpet High School Honor Band based upon competitive tryouts that were held at Chisholm High School. This Honor Band is comprised of students from 31 high schools from northwest Oklahoma.

David Christy, Director of Bands, commented, "I am very proud of all the students who prepared and auditioned. This individual preparation makes them better players, which in turn makes the band better. I am fairly certain this is the largest number of high school students from Ponca City that has ever made a regional honor band."

This 100 piece honor band is made up of students from grades 10-12. Ponca City, with 23 students, will have the largest representation in this band. In addition to those 23 students, Caleb Murray on euphonium, Landon Linder on snare drum, and Dereck Jernigan on mallets earned alternate positions. Enid High School had 14 students earn positions in the group followed by Woodward and Perry with seven apiece. The remaining schools that will have representation in the band include Okeene, Blackwell, Crescent, Fairview, Buffalo, Newkirk, Oklahoma Bible Academy, Chisholm, Waukomis, Cherokee, Alva, Medford, Mooreland, Laverne, Pond Creek-Hunter, Ringwood, Tonkawa, Waynoka, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale, Cimarron, Hennessey, Garber, Fargo, Kremlin-Hilldale, Seiling, Morrison, and Watonga. The band will rehearse and perform on the campus of Northwestern Oklahoma State University on January 13 and 14, 2017.

Ponca City also had an amazing 33 additional students earn positions in the junior high honor bands, which are comprised of grades 7-9. There is an "A" Band and a "B" band. Those students are listed below. In addition to the 33 students listed above, six students earned spots as alternates. They include Joslyn Davis, flute; Breanna Rhea, euphonium; Dominick Yowell, tuba; Hayden Jones, tuba; Cannon Johnson, snare drum; and Katie Fields, mallets.

Over 30 schools auditioned for the junior high honor bands. With 34 students, Ponca City had the largest number earn positions in the bands, followed by Enid with 31. David Christy, Director of Bands, expressed appreciation to Keith Crocker and Andrew Orr for doing an outstanding job preparing the middle school students for this audition. He added, "To have so many students make these honor bands speaks volumes for the depth of our program. I am particularly impressed with the 7th graders who made it, as they have to compete against 8th and 9th graders to earn positions in the band."

Po-Hi Students Earning Spots in Red Carpet High School Honor Band

Lacy Hooper, flute, 7th chair
Kylie Hopkins, oboe, 1st chair
Kirsten Law, oboe, 2nd chair
Robyn Maloney, bassoon, 1st chair
Joshua Chrisman, clarinet, 1st chair
Joshua Branch, clarinet, 1st chair
Adreanna Anson, clarinet, 6th chair
Tonya McDaniel, clarinet, 10th chair
Rhiannon Bahnmaier, bass clarinet, 1st chair
Riley Bahnmaier, alto saxophone, 1st chair
Julia Hay, alto saxophone, 5th chair
Rey Macias, tenor saxophone, 3rd chair
Lucas Wolf, baritone saxophone, 1st chair
Autumn Thiele, trumpet, 8th chair
Brady Bookout, French horn, 3rd chair
William Corff, French horn, 6th chair
Brayden Smith, trombone, 4th chair
Logan Stout, trombone, 6th chair
Rudy Rockett, snare drum, 2nd chair
Paul Miller, snare drum, 3rd chair
Maddy Knittel, mallets, 1st chair
Becca Stinson, mallets, 2nd chair
Brody Anderson, tympani, 1st chair

Ponca City Junior High Students (Grades 7-9) Earning Positions in "A" Honor Band

LeAnne Dowler – oboe, 2nd chair
Alibek Chekirov – clarinet, 3rd chair
Jocelyn Dorigatti – clarinet, 4th chair
Angela Pensoneau – clarinet, 8th chair
Allyssa Campbell – clarinet, 12th chair
James Fortenberry – clarinet, 14th chair
Aubrey Critchfield – clarinet, 18th chair
Alyssa McCloud – clarinet, 19th chair
Garrett Bailey – alto saxophone, 2nd chair
Nikolas Hoecker – trumpet, 1st chair
Nic Fowler – trumpet, 5th chair
Conner Shear – trombone, 4th chair
Daxton Scott – trombone, 7th chair
Luke McHenry – trombone, 9th chair
Evan Smith – snare drum, 1st chair
Andrew Rogers – snare drum, 2nd chair
Michael Jernigan – snare drum, 4th chair
Ethan Stobbe – snare drum, 5th chair
Quyen Cao – mallets, 1st chair

Ponca City Junior High Students (Grades 7-9) Earning Spots in the “B” Band

Skyler Jernigan – flute, 2nd chair
Stephanie Henry – clarinet, 13th chair
Michal Kate Castleman – clarinet, 18th chair
Tyler Howard – alto saxophone, 2nd chair
Drew Markle – trumpet, 9th chair
Raelynn Rodriguez – French horn, 2nd chair
Kambri Law – French horn, 4th chair
Malik Owdetallah – trombone, 2nd chair
Joneven Androes – euphonium, 1st chair
Travaughn Tipton – tuba, 4th chair
Cyrus Wells – snare drum, 1st chair
Maegan Millett – snare drum, 2nd chair
Stockton Lee – snare drum, 4th chair
Eileen Cawley – mallets, 1st chair

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