

## PRESS RELEASE

### 65<sup>th</sup> Medina County Solo and Ensemble Festival



"It was a wonderful experience for all!" This is how Elena Hoffmann, music instructor at Ralph E. Waite Elementary School in Medina, described her students' participation in the 65<sup>th</sup> annual Medina County Solo and Ensemble Festival. Her fifth-grade students who participated in a steel pan ensemble said it was "nerve-wracking but a lot of fun." Robert Hlasko, Ed.D., Superintendent of the ESC of Medina County, stated, "Whether in the classroom, on the field, or on the stage, Medina County students demonstrate amazing talents every year. The time and dedication these students and their directors put into their craft is beyond comprehension."

This year's Medina County Solo and Ensemble Festival was held on Saturday, January 28, at Buckeye High School. Greg King (band director at Buckeye High School) and Pam Haberkorn (choir director at Buckeye High School) served as festival coordinators.

The festival was held with the generous support of: Bauer Funeral Home; Buckeye Local Education Association; Kerricook Construction, Inc.; Mack's Inc.; Royaltown Music Center; Serpentine Chevrolet of Medina; South Court Dental; Valley City VFW Post 5563; Zion Lutheran Church; and individual community patrons. This event was coordinated by the Educational Service Center of Medina County and hosted by Buckeye Local School District.

Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) qualified adjudicators gave performance ratings and verbal comments to students participating in the event. Superior and excellent ratings for this year's events are included below.

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## Buckeye Local Schools

Students of: Pam Haberkorn, Greg King, and Alison MacDonald

### Superior Ratings

Madison Belpulsi	Vocal Solo	High School
Clare Bohan	Vocal Solo	High School
Grace Bohan	Vocal Solo	High School
Celeste Depew	Flute Solo	Jr. High School
Matche Diarrassouba	Snare Drum Solo	Jr. High School
Piper Elliott	Vocal Solo	Jr. High School
Katelyn Haney	Clarinet Solo	Jr. High School
Aria Knight	Piano Solo	Jr. High School
Angel Kopnick	Alto Sax Solo	High School
Kathryn Mackey	Vocal Solo	High School
Vivi Padilla	Vocal Solo	Jr. High School
Emma Walters	Flute Solo	High School
Amanda White	Trumpet Solo	Jr. High School
Amanda White	Vocal Solo	Jr. High School
Isaac Woofter	Vocal Solo	High School
Norah Woofter	Vocal Solo	Jr. High School
Buckeye Vocal Ensemble (Aria Bentley, McKenna Berthold, Jocelyn Budi, Piper Elliott, Savannah Erb, Liana Gergilevich, Aria Knight, Madison Kreeger, Abbye Lightle, Marilyn McWilliam, Vivi Padilla, Abby Parrott, Bea Pritchard, Kylie Rider, Cassie Roten, Emersyn Scheider, Kate Shearer, Angelina Vannello, Amanda White, and Norah Woofter)	Vocal Ensemble	Jr. High School
Emma Buday and Lila Ricker	Flute Duet	Jr. High School
Reed Davis	Trombone Duet	Jr. High School
Skylyn Tinay and Elliana Cingel	Saxophone Duet	Jr. High School

### Excellent Ratings

Madison Kreeger	Piano Solo	Jr. High School
Abbye Lightle	Vocal Solo	Jr. High School



Matche Diarrassouba  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Buckeye Snare Drum Solo

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## Highland Local Schools

Students of: Emily Miller

### Superior Ratings

Tessa Brindel	Vocal Solo	Middle School
Gianna Hajek	Vocal Solo	Middle School
Alex Jarosewich	Vocal Solo	Middle School
Gen Killian	Vocal Solo	Middle School
Libby Lutzko	Vocal Solo	Middle School
Olivia Martello	Vocal Solo	Middle School
Aaliyah Reed	Vocal Solo	Middle School
Stella Vodilko	Vocal Solo	Middle School
Caitlyn Kwiatkowski and Emily Burger	Vocal Duet	Middle School
The Elderz (Greta Freund, Kathryn George, Jackson Kase, Beckett Mast, Natalie Miller, and Kate Muri)	Vocal Ensemble	Middle School

### Excellent Rating

Aurora Sulzener and Faith Stiggins	Vocal Duet	Middle School
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## Medina City Schools

Students of: Elena Hoffmann

### Superior Rating

Ralph E Waite Steel Pan Ensemble (Lea Anderson, Olivia Carlton, Emily Cassidy, Lena Chimenti, Brycen Karnow, Jillian Lewis, Mason Mayer, Rania Papakonstantopoulos, Addison Reznik, and Molly Schachinger)	Instrumental Ensemble	Waite Elementary
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