



BEGINNING ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL FEATURES MID-SCHOOL MUSICIANS

Imagine the site of 36 string basses stretched out in a giant arc across the basketball court in the Highland High School gymnasium – with over 400 violins, violas and cellos arranged in neat rows in front of them. Assuming you can picture this, you'll know just what to expect if you attend the annual Beginning Orchestra Festival on Saturday, March 14 at 3:30pm at Highland High School, 4700 Coal Ave. SE.

Beginning orchestra students from APS middle schools as well as middle schools in Rio Rancho and local private schools began rehearsing five musical selections early in the fall. The music selections were chosen to showcase different musical styles and cultures, with the pieces reflecting both unison and harmony. Orchestra directors from different mid-schools will conduct.

A unique feature of the concert is a performance by an ensemble of orchestra teachers, providing the students and their families with a glimpse of the musical possibilities that come with practice and dedication. The concert is spectacular and free and all are invited to attend this truly unique musical performance!

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Mique Broome, from the APS Title 1 office, opened the doors for this exciting collaboration that allows students to experience the performing arts in a career-oriented context.

“This program has been perfect for students in this age group,” said Broome. “The arts provide such an appropriate venue for them to begin building their confidence and communication skills. A strong sense of self and good communication skills will be so important as they think about career possibilities and start pursuing their first jobs.”

According to these responses from several participating students, the program must be working:

- “I liked all the games like the ones that made me do stuff in front of people. It helped me not get nervous.”
- “I like everything since we all get to learn to work as a group.”
- “I like the different ice breaker games. Arts are cool!!!”

If you would like more information about this arts outreach program, please contact the ARTS Center, 880-8297.

505 FILM FESTIVAL CONTINUES TO GROW

The 505 Youth Film Festival is growing rapidly and, with help from many local sponsors, the four-day festival will be spread across a variety of sites in downtown Albuquerque from Sunday, May 3rd through Wednesday, May 6th.

The 505 Youth Film Festival celebrates the best in K-12 student Digital Filmmaking. With juried categories ranging from Action to Animation, the 505 provides an exciting venue for New Mexico's next generation of filmmakers.

Look for accompanying workshops, guest speakers, professional development for educators, panel discussions and other community events throughout the festival. Be sure to check out the student-made films at the KiMo Theatre on Tuesday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 6th.

Visit the festival web site (www.vhsvikings.com) for details, rules, entry forms, and schedule. If you are able to help as a volunteer or a judge, or by providing sponsorships or prizes, please contact 505youthff@gmail.com.



MUSIC AT METRO

Music ensembles from APS high school orchestra programs will be featured on the weekends once again during this year's **Metro Youth Art Exhibit**. The tentative performance schedule is listed below. For a final schedule, contact the Fine Arts office at 880-8349, ext. 340.

Friday, March 6

5 – 6 pm • VHS String Quartet

Sat., March 7

2:30 – 3:30 • EHS Violin Trio

Sun., March 8

1:15 – 2:15 • EHS String Duet
2:30 – 3:30 • SHS String Quartet

Sat., March 14

1:15 – 2:15 • MHS String Duet
2:30 – 3:30 • EHS Violin Trio
3:45 – 4:45 • MHS String Duet

Sun., March 15

1:15 – 2:15 • RGHS String Trio
2:30 – 3:30 • RGHS String Trio

Sat., March 21

1:15 – 2:15 • CHS String Quartet
2:30 – 3:30 • CHS String Quartet
3:45 – 4:45 • CHS String Quartet

Sun., March 29

1:15 – 2:15 • RGHS String Trio
2:30 – 3:30 • RGHS String Trio

Sat., April 4

1:15 – 2:15 • MHS String Duet
2:30 – 3:30 • SHS String Quartet
3:45 – 4:45 • AHS String Quartet

Sun., April 5

1:15 – 2:15 • HHS String Quartet
2:30 – 3:30 • AHS Early Music Ensemble

