



MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE



Welcome to our monthly newsletter presented by the Fairfield Tempo Club. Our hope is to provide readers a brief overview of events occurring across the entire Music Department, showcase our student musicians, and coordinate volunteerism.



It's been another busy month in the Music Department! The students continue to excel at their crafts and represent Fairfield well.

This month you'll find highlights from the ACDA National Conference, OMEA Large Group Contest, show choir competitions, winter concerts, & student opportunities with professional musicians.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thurs, 3/16/2023 - 6th Grade Band/Select Band Concert @ Creekside - 6:30 pm
Thurs, 3/16/2023 - 6th Grade Band/Select Band Concert @ Crossroads - 6:30 pm
Friday, 3/17 & Sat, 3/18 - Fairfield Crystal Classic
Thurs, 3/23/2023 - Jazz Festival @ Receptions
Tues, 4/11/2023 - Bring a Friend to Show Choir (grades 6-9)
Sat, 4/15/2023 - Middle School Band & Solo Ensemble, Crossroads MS
Tues, 4/18/2023 - Incoming 6th Grade Band Parent Meeting; Creekside & Crossroads
Thurs, 4/20/2023 - Incoming 6th Grade Orchestra Parent Meeting; Creekside & Crossroads
Fri, 4/21 to Sun, 4/23/2023 - High School Musical; PAC
Mon, 4/24/2023 - Marching Band Informational Meeting in PAC @ 7:00 pm
Mon, 4/24 - Fri, 4/28/2023 - Choral Music Dept Auditions
Tues, 4/25/2023 - Select Bands/Wind Ensemble Concert in PAC @ 6:30 pm

Crossroads Jazz Ensemble learns from the best!

-Story and photos submitted by Director Steve Tumbleson

The Crossroads Middle School Jazz Ensemble had a great weekend performing, learning about and watching jazz music at its finest. The group first performed for the Crossroads staff after school on Friday, February 24. On Saturday, February 25, they traveled to Beavercreek, Ohio for the 23rd annual Beavercreek "Weekend of Jazz" Festival. There they played for clinicians alongside 26 high school jazz ensembles, four other middle school jazz ensembles, and a college jazz ensemble. After their performance they listened to two high school jazz ensembles and the University of Dayton Jazz Ensemble. The night was capped off by the headline performance of Sherrie Maricle and the Diva Jazz Orchestra. Diva is a 16-piece all-female Big Band based in New York. They have toured the world and recorded with a long list of jazz luminaries. Members include Gabriela Rodriguez, Paul Witmer, Jillian Marquette, Rhyan Thapa, Topher Alcorn, Kenneth Ankrah, Kelvin Boakye, Josef Alkuino, Carson Gardner, Ben Holloway, Aron Tamang, Sekhar Timsina, Miles Heck, Laila Taylor, Karley Alquino, Crystal Ixcotoyac-Rodriguez, Cheyanne Engleman, Lucas Elmore and Channing Phillips.



OMEA

Superior 1 Ratings!

- Freshman Concert Band
- HS Concert Winds
- HS Chamber Winds
- HS Wind Ensemble



Congratulations to all of the high school students who competed in the OMEA High School Solo & Ensemble in February! There were lots of Superior ratings!

BAND

Another awesome opportunity for our middle school students!

Crossroads Select Band Prepped for Performance by Reknowned Conductor and Educator

The Crossroads Select Band had the privilege of being rehearsed by **Dr. Kevin Michael Holzman** this past week. This special rehearsal was to help them prepare for their performance at Music For All's Cincinnati Regional Concert Band Festival.

Dr. Holzman serves as the Director of Wind Studies and Head of the Division of Ensembles and Conducting at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music. Holzman has an impressive list of accomplishments in the music world:



Dr. Kevin Michael Holzman

- In 2019, Holzman was appointed Music Director and Chief Guest Conductor of the Beijing Wind Orchestra, China's premier wind ensemble.
- Prior to his appointment at CCM, Holzman earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting at the Eastman School of Music, where he served as Associate Conductor of the world-renowned Eastman Wind Ensemble and Eastman Wind Orchestra.
- Beyond CCM, Holzman has worked with professional ensembles, including the Beijing Wind Orchestra, the Siena Wind Orchestra (Japan), the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own," and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.
- Currently, he serves as Music Director and Conductor of the Fillmore Philharmonic Brass Band.
- In April 2017, Holzman was appointed conductor of the Music in the American Wild Ensemble, a National Endowment for the Arts grant-funded ensemble.
- Is a passionate advocate for music education and access to music in all schools. He regularly clinics high school and junior high school ensembles and has served as conductor of honor bands across the U.S.



Story/photos by Steve Tumbleson, Crossroads Middle School Conductor of:



- 6th-8th grade Concert Bands
- Select Band
- 7th & 8th grade Jazz Ensembles



#FairfieldPride



BAND - CONTINUED

The Heartbeat



Congratulations to The Heartbeat who had an extremely successful season! They came home with 5 Best Combo (Band) Awards throughout the show choir season!



Fairfield HS Bassists Learn from World-Famous Bass Player
 World-famous double bass player and author **Barry Green** visited Fairfield High School on February 24 to work with the Symphony and Philharmonic bass sections. He also spoke to orchestra classes about his very popular book, *The Inner Game of Music*, which speaks to the psychological aspect of making music. Specifically, he encouraged the students to "Turn up the music" and drown out thoughts of self-doubt.
-Information and photos submitted by Director James Ledbetter



Several orchestra students attended the Chamber Music Masterclass at Miami University with renowned violinist Annie Fullard of the Cavani String Quartet. Attendees were Mara Seppala (violin); Nathanael Smith (violin); Dylan Vanderpool (cello); and Kyle Ledbetter (cello).



Creekside & Crossroads Middle Schoolers recently hosted their Winter Concert.

In late February, these Creekside & Crossroads students participated in the Middle School Solo & Ensemble Festival.



The choral department has been very busy this month. Winter choir concerts took place. And, the Show Choirs were busy competing every weekend!

Choir Concerts



Creekside MS Choir



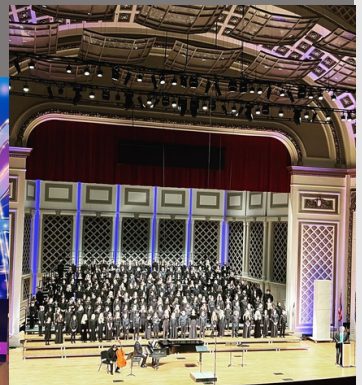
Crossroads MS Choir



Freshman & High School Choirs (photos courtesy of Whitt Visual Photography)

Macey Teeken, Veronica Schackmann, & Anyah Johnson were selected to participate in the National American Choral Director's Association Honor Chorus.

CHOIR



Marysville Showcase

Rhythm Express -Grand Champions
Pure Elegance - 1st Place Unisex
Choraliers - Grand Champions



Double H Showcase

Rhythm Express -Grand Champions
Pure Elegance - Overall 5th Place
Choraliers - Overall 3rd Place



Ross Legacy

Pure Elegance - 2nd Runner Up Unisex
Choraliers - Overall 3rd Runner Up

Chesterton

Rhythm Express - 2nd Place
Pure Elegance - 3rd Place Overall
Choraliers - 2nd Place Overall



CRYSTAL CLASSIC



FAIRFIELD
CRYSTAL CLASSIC
MARCH 17-18, 2023



**SCAN/CLICK
TICKETS!**



**43 SHOW CHOIRS FROM THE
MIDWEST COMPETE AT
FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL!**



GOT A FEW HOURS TO
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