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The voices of nearly 200 Dexter High School students were raised in song in an outstanding concert Sunday, March 6.

The DHS Choirs annual Winter Concert was held in the high school auditorium to a packed house of parents, family members, friends and students. The choirs are under the direction of MaryRuth Boone.

All five choirs at DHS – the Concert Choir, Mens' Choir, Choraliers girls chorus, the Honors Choir selected chorus and the Chamber Choir - participated in the afternoon concert.

Senior music
student Taylor

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Jarrell served as the Student Director for two selections performed by the Men's Choir. Boone noted in her introduction of Jarrell that it had been a number of years since she had a senior student serve as student director. Jarrell directed the young men in two selections, *O Mister Moon*, and *Out of the Rolling Ocean*.

A number of students also performed solos during the presentation:

- Maygan Roberts of Concert Choir, *Coming Home*
- Reale Cooke of Choraliers, *Perhaps Love*
- D'Anne Corzine of Choraliers, *In Winter*
- Christin Sitze of Choraliers, *My Heart's In the Highlands*

The Honors Choir is a selected choir of members from the Chamber Choir. Chamber Choir is an auditioned choir of music students. The Honors Choir performed one selection, *Let Everything That Hath Breath* by Ames.

Three soloists were featured in this selection, junior Malinda Mayo and seniors Ben Rodgers and Lauren Powers.

The Chamber Choir performed five selections for the afternoon concert:

- *The Birth of Our Lord and Savior* by Schutz
- *Psalm 51* by Michaels
- *Ride The Chariot* by Smith
- *Festival Sanctus* by Leavitt

The Chamber Choir and Honors Choir will both be participating in Missouri State Music Contest on March 15. The contest will be held at Three Rivers College in Poplar Bluff.

The students will perform before a panel of three judges; Chamber Choir will also perform before an additional judge and sight-read for the first time a new piece of music.

A number of choral music students will also participate in District Music Contest as soloists and as members of small ensembles. That contest is Saturday, March 26 also at Three Rivers.

Other upcoming events for the DHS Choirs include:

- April 10: Honor Recital for State-bound singers
- April 29: The Honor Choir will perform for the World War II Honor Tour send-off program
- April 29 & 30: State Music Contest at Columbia (solos and ensembles)
- May 9 & 10: Pop Concert
- May 20: Chamber Choir performs at graduation

- May 28 & 29: DHS Choir Alumni Reunion honoring Mrs. Boone
- June 2-5: Show Choir travels to New York City.

Photos **Top Photo: The DHS Chamber Choir under the direction of MaryRuth Boone in Sunday's Winter Concert.**

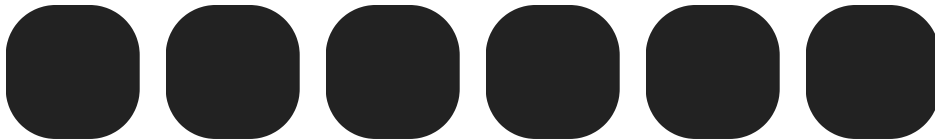
Second Photo: Taylor Jarrell acknowledges the applause from the crowd after he directed the Men's Choir in one of its selections in the concert.

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