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Dexter, Missouri - Under the direction of Scott Rybolt and Cody Jinkerson, the Dexter High School Varsity Band and Jazz Cats took the stage for their annual Christmas concert at the DHS auditorium on Monday, December 15th.

The Varsity Band Program consisted of four instrumental pieces, "The 13 Days of Christmas" by Wolfbane Amadeus Mozart, "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert, "Of Dark Lords and Ancient Kings" by Roland Barrett, and "Highlights from *Frozen*", arranged by Sean O'Loughlin.

Performing on flutes were Abigail Bates, Callie Bradley, Kerigan Brady, Bailey Caldwell, Macy Cecil, Alicia Dees, Kirsten Durrow, Bethany Hyten, Michaela Gard, Halli Huls, Cadence Pullam, and Kirsten Teffertiller.

Performing on clarinets were Hannah Gibson, Courtney Grindstaff, Johnna Hinklin, Erin Lauters, Victoria Meritt, Tiffany Sanders, Courtney Scholl, and Amber Scott.

Abby Mangum played oboe. Darian Harding played the bassoon. Tuba players were Ethan Gillum and James Hill. Euphoniam musicians were Blayne Goodman, Aaron Haynes, and Dason Milam.

Alto saxophones consisted of Toni Curran, Logan Elder, Tyler Robinson, and Alyssa Teets. Tenor saxophone players were Chance Jarrell and Shelby Smith. Dylan Long played baritone saxophone.

Brandon Parks, Brooks Propst, and Josh Webb played trombones and on trumpets were Layla Brown, Austin Carmack, Elizabeth Curran, Caleb Garcia, Brianna Gourley, Gina Magarian, Jonah Reiker, and Adam Webb.

Lacey Midgett played contra alto clarinet and Morgan Ross played the bass clarinet.

French horns were played by Emily Johns and Jonni Hill. Tubas players were Ethan Gillum and James Hill.

On percussion were Caleb Bess, Matt Chesser, Brad /images/2014 Images/Jazz Cats.jpg Freeman, Caleb Grogan, Seth Harris, Addison Moore, Sean Rybolt, and Scott Strickler.

After a short intermission, the Jazz Cats performed "Otra Vez" by Craig Biondi, "Bus Dust" by Dennis Mackrel, "Buffalo Breath" by Bob Secor, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" by Vince Guarldi, and "Channel One Suite" by Bill Reddie.

Those participating in Jazz Band are on Lead Alto - Toni Curran, 2nd Alto - Alyssa Teets, Lead Tenor - Erin Lauters, 2nd Tenor - Shelby Smith and Logan Elders, Baritone Saxophone - Dylan Long, Lead Trumpet - Gina Magarian, 2nd Trumpet - Adam Webb, 3rd Trumpet - Layla Brown, 4th Trumpet - Emily Johns and Elizabeth Curran, Drum -Matt Chesser and Addison Moore, Lead Trombone - Brooks Propst, 2nd Trombone -Blayne Goodman, 3rd Trombone - Dason Milam, Bass Trombone - Brandon Parks, Piano - Jonni Hill, and on Bass Guitar - Sean Rybolt.

The Jazz Cats also perform in the SEMO Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival, SIU Carbondale Jazz Festival, MAC Jazz Festival, North County Jazz Festival, and Valley View Jazz Festival and are often seen on the stage of a home Bearcats basketball game.

The DHS Varsity Band will perform again at their Winter Band Concert scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2015 and they will also perform in Poplar Bluff at the Annual Band Festival on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

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