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Local high schools place well at Kiwanis Music Festival

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The five Markham schools represented at the Kiwanis Music Festival returned with musical honours.

Unionville High School entered a number of its ensembles into the festival and did extremely well.

Diane Wasilenko's junior girls' choir placed second with a mark of 88, the junior SAB choir placed first with the same score, the concert choir entered in the A class, placed first with a score of 90 and second with a score of 88 in the open class.

John Phillips entered his concert band in the secondary school concert band A class and left with a mark of 91 placing first. In the march class, the band placed first with a score of 90 and second in the challenge class with a score of 90.

Denis Beck entered his hand-picked wind ensemble, the UHS Winds, in the march class and placed first with a score of 95. In the Canadian composer category it received a score of 90 and first place, and in the challenge class, received a first-place score of 96.

Brenda McLeod, the strings teacher at UHS, entered her orchestra into the B concerto class, leaving with a score of 88 and first place. In the B class the orchestra received the same mark.

Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy made a clean sweep, picking up four first-place standings and two best in class.

The intermediate concert band played in the A class march category, winning with a score of 87.

The senior concert band placed first with a mark of 91, defeating 12 other secondary school bands and receiving the best in class status. In the march category it placed first again with a score of 90.

The stage band also competed and placed first with a mark of 86.

It was a great year for the Markham District High



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Above, Markham District High School Grade 10 symphonic band (comprised of 90 students) placed first in the Kiwanis challenge class. Showing off their skills are (from left) Michael Mosley, bass clarinet, Pui Yu Lau, trumpet, Meghan Vear, flute, Hollis Lai, tuba, Erin Schneider, clarinet, Taralyn Pardo, alto sax, Tom Hazelton, bass trombone, Eva To, French horn, Christina Balint, alto sax, Mandy Lau, drums, and Heather Lloyd, clarinet.

Below, Teresa Cheng and the rest of the senior stage band perform for fellow students at Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy following their first-place finish at the Kiwanis Music Festival last month.



School Grade 10 band. Conductor Mark Caswell entered the group in three classes against the top intermediate bands in greater Toronto.

In the march class it tied for second place with a score of 88. Students performed a difficult piece in the A class and were awarded second place with a score of 90.

The MDHS symphonic band competed against the five best bands in the GTA in the challenge class and won first place with a fantastic score of 93.

In the vocal category, conductor Dawn Caswell took her Grade 9 vocal class/choir and entered the A class where it placed second. In the open class it placed third place. The MDHS senior vocal ensemble, Third Stream, placed third in the SATB open class. The senior vocal class/choir placed first and was awarded the best in class in the SAB A class.

MDHS conductor Bill Thomas took his senior wind symphony to the festival to compete in the A class and placed first above two other bands with a score of 93. In the challenge class, Markham high placed third with a score of 90.

Markville Secondary School entered its string orchestra in the B class for Grade 10 and under and placed third with a score of 85. Jeff Wiggelsworth entered his group in the A class and placed first with a score of 89. The senior wind ensemble placed third in the B class with a score of 88.

Markville choral ensemble entered in the SAB B class and placed first with 87. The wind ensemble entered the March A class and received a third-place score of 87. Markville entered its Triple Trio in the 16-and-under category and placed first with a score of 88. The string orchestra was entered in the third year of training category where it placed first with a score of 87.

Brother Andre Catholic High School entered its senior concert band in the C class and placed first with 88. It also entered in the march C class and left with a score of 87 and a second place finish.



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