

Instrumental Music Awards

2021-2022

OHS and OMS BAND

OMS Band Director Jody Ingwersen was named Iowa Bandmaster's NW District Karl King Award Winner in September 2021.

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ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL:

2020 JOHN PHILIPS SOUSA BAND AWARD was awarded to Samuel Heikens by Mr. Kunz for his outstanding leadership and work in band, jazz band, solo & ensemble contest, honor band and All-State for all 4 years. Samuel was also named IHSMA Outstanding Performer

OHS NW IA HONOR BAND: **Ellie Albertoni, Lexi Duffy, Samuel Heikens, Hunter Hallengren, and Anna Peterson**

NW IA JUNIOR HIGH HONOR BAND: On May 11, 6 OMS students performed for the NW Iowa Junior High Honor Band after being chosen during an audition process. The students were Cole Becker (saxophone), Zoe Drost (clarinet), Trigg Heimdal (trombone), Asher Knudtson (saxophone), Haley Schneider (clarinet) and Calan Peters (tuba).

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IOWA ALL-STATE JAZZ BAND: Samuel Heikens, Grace Downing, and Hunter Hallengren who are performing in the Class 1A/2A All-State Jazz Band June 5 at Earlham.

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★ **ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL:** **John Alexander** (violin), **Samuel Heikens** (percussion) and **William Alexander** (cello) earned spots to perform at the Iowa All-State Music Festival on Saturday, Nov. 23. This is a huge honor to be chosen, and John Alexander is also one of a select few to have been chosen all 4 years. **Avery Arrowood** (flute), **Martha Stein** (alto saxophone) also auditioned for All-State.

★ The **2020 JOHN PHILIPS SOUSA BAND AWARD** was awarded to **Avery Arrowood** and **Martha Stein** by Mr. Middleton for their outstanding work and leadership in band over 4 years. **Carley Wells** was awarded the **2020 LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ AWARD** for her amazing skill and honors in Jazz Band.

★ **NW IA HONORS ORCHESTRA:** **Avery Arrowood** (flute) and **Samuel Heikens** (percussion) participated in the Northwest Iowa Honors Orchestra January 30 at Northwestern College in Orange City.

★ **OHS NW IA HONOR BAND:** OHS students auditioned for NW Iowa Honor Band on Saturday, Nov. 9. All six students were chosen. They were: **Avery Arrowood** (flute), **Ellie Albertoni** (flute), **Anna Peterson** (clarinet), **Martha Stein** (alto saxophone), **Rikka Heimdal** (trombone), **Samuel Heikens** (percussion). Avery Arrowood and Samuel Heikens were also chosen as 1st chair in their instrument.

★ **OMS NW IA HONOR BAND:** Five Okoboji Middle School students were accepted into the Northwest Iowa Honor Band on Saturday, Oct. 19. **Hallie Sandbulte**, **Mallory Loerts**, and **Drew Sandven** on trumpet, **Hunter Hallengren** on trombone and **Michael Gonnerman** on baritone. **Michael Gonnerman** was also accepted in the All Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band that was to perform in Des Moines in May.

★ **OMS STRONG FOUNDATIONS HONOR BAND:** OMS sixth grade band was honored to have 7 students selected to participate in the Strong Foundations Honor Band in Sioux City. Selected students were: **Nick Stein** (Trumpet), **Julian Potter** (Tenor Sax), **Asher Knudtson** (Alto Sax), **Kailyn Harry** (Clarinet), **Nathan Ramirez-Woodley** (Bass Clarinet), **Alyvia Plathe** (Clarinet), and **William Anderson** (Flute).

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★ **OHS JAZZ BAND TO STATE:** For the 26th consecutive year, Okoboji Jazz Band claimed a berth at the Iowa Jazz Championships in April. They secured their spot after winning 1st place at three competitions. Jazz Band consists of: **John Alexander**, **William Alexander**, **Connor Cunningham**, **Quinn Dodds**, **Grace Downing**, **Lexi Duffy**, **Gwen Gehrke**, **Garrett Gray**, **David Greiner**, **Sam Heikens**, **Rikka Heimdal**, **Kayla Kollasch**, **Carter Lambert**, **Logan Langel**, **Olin Myhre**, **Morgan Riphagen**, **Olivia Sandbulte**, **Erik Sandven**, **Martha Stein**, **Carley Wells**.

★ **OHS ALL-STATE JAZZ BAND:** **Sam Heikens** and **Carly Wells** were selected to the All-State Jazz Band. **Martha Stein** was selected as an alternate.

★ **OMS JAZZ BAND PLACES 2nd:** OMS Jazz Band placed 2nd in their class for their shortened jazz season. The OMS Jazz Band is: **Emma Graves**, **Hunter Hallengren**, **Addison Cunningham**, **Roy Blankers**, **Cole Becker**, **Sawyer Miller**, **Lily Miller**, **Trigg Heimdal**, **John Obenhour**, **Marc Hoggard**, **Weston Newton**, **Gabe Brackett**, **Addison Newton**, **Brooklyn Ferguson**, **Jocelyn Heller**, **Lydia Downing**, **Zoey Stecker**, **McKenna Hesse**, **Lacey Duffy**, **Michael Gonnerman**, **Lucy Androski**, **Hallie Sandbulte**, **Drew Sandven**, **Mallory Loerts**, **Sam Hoggard**, **Izzy Gehrke**, **Adison Frerichs**, **Kayleigh Anderson**, **Avery Ballis**, **Graycen Rubis**, **Issac Munsen**, **Alex Rouse**.