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Evergreen students join WMEA Junior All State Band and Choir

Six students, all eighth-graders from Evergreen Middle School, performed last weekend with 400 other middle school musicians. Their musical and vocal concerts were part of the 2006 Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA) Junior All-State East Band, Orchestra and Choir held at Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane. Three of the performers are Mr. Gudorf's band students, and three are vocal students in Mrs. Logan's classes. The competitive honor, sponsored by WMEA, is an annual event that showcases some of the state's most promising young musicians and vocalists.

To be part of the event, students record their best performances. Those tapes are evaluated by a panel of musicians and vocal experts who select the winners as part of a band or choir that includes the best of the best each fall. Similar instrumental and choir groups are honored each year from elementary and high school contestants.

Each year, East groups from our region perform one weekend on the west side of the state, and West musicians travel across the Cascades to perform on this side of Washington on another weekend. The young musicians rehearse together under the direction of outstanding Washington conductors and present a concert to conclude the day's activities.

This year, the West Orchestra, to perform in Olympia on October 28, will be conducted by Everett's own Paul-Elliott Cobbs, conductor of the Everett Symphony. Students in the East Band, which included the Evergreen students, were conducted by the former president of the National Association for Music Education; East Choir students studied with and were conducted by Richard Nancy of Pacific Lutheran University.

Help document a proud tradition

Washington music teachers looking for former all-state stars

WMEA wants to re-connect former participants in WMEA All-State groups. If you were ever in a WMEA All-State group, or know someone who was, please contact WMEA with your name, year, group, category (vocal or instrumental part) and contact information (address, phone and/or e-mail). You can e-mail allstatealumni@wmea.org with information.