Press Release

Ada Music Boosters

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RE: Ada Music Feast

The Ada High School Varsity Singers lead by Vocal Music Director, Mrs. Abigail Glenn and Mr. Jonathan Lischak, Director of Instrumental and co-director of the Varsity Singers welcomed 16 high school show choirs to Ada for the 35th annual Music Feast. Master of Ceremony John Shuffle welcomed 577 singer/dancers, 225 instrumentalists and stage crew members to the contest. The schools that performed on Saturday, November 10th were Crestview, Van Buren, Kenton, Riverdale, Ada, Findlay, Elgin, East Noble, Mayfield, Twinsburg, Cory-Rawson, Grove City, Wapakoneta, Vermilion, Lebanon and River Valley. Mrs. Robin VanBuskirk, Principal, welcomed the many family and friends who came to watch the various show choirs. She thanked the Ada community for their support of the music program and the Music Feast Directors and Chairs who have dedicated hours of time for this one grand event. The co-chairs were Sally Dungan, Karen Kier, Deb Oestreich, and Dawn Waugh with Festival Directors being Abby Glenn and Jon Lischak. Ada’s own E. Lynn Knoble and Nancy Williams Shuffle were among the five judges scoring the competitors. Joining them were Brian Rodabaugh, Michael Crandell, and Jim Brooks.

The competition started at 8 AM and finished with the preliminary competition at 5:45 PM. The audience was dazzled with the music, the voices, the sets, the instrumentalists, the variety of songs, and the wonderful choreography. Each show choir performs a set of songs between 15 and 20 minutes in length and will traditionally have a minimum of 2 to 3 costume changes. Within a song choice, vocal lines typically alternate between unison and octave singing, and two-or-more part polyphonic (harmony) singing. The top scoring schools make it into the finals. The finalists for this year were Kenton’s Top Twenty, Van Buren’s The Association, Twinsburg’s Great Expectations, Findlay’s First Edition, Wapakoneta’s Singsation, Grove City’s Touch of Class, and Lebanon Singers. The People’s Choice trophy which is sponsored by Doug , Anna (McVicker), Ella and Jake Poling to support the Ronald R. McVicker Scholarship Fund at Ada High School went to Kenton’s Top Twenty. At the end of the evening, taking home the Grand Champion trophy was Twinsburg’s Great Expectations with their Monopoly themed performance. Second place went to Findlay’s First Edition with their Broadway theme followed by third place Van Buren’s Association.

As host of the Music Feast, Ada’s Varsity Singers performed their show as an exhibition. The Varsity Singers performed Enter the Circus with Atreyu Hunter as soloist, Bicycle Race with Kendra Paul as vocal soloist and Erica Kier as dance soloist, We Love Clowns, Send in the Clowns with Suzy Young as soloist, Karnevil 9, and Goodbye to the Circus with Josie Corwin and Slade Downing as soloists. The Varsity Singers dance numbers are choreographed by Jonathan Lischak and Abigail Glenn and their show colors are red, yellow and black. The 26 singer/dancers are Bri Agner, Cozy Brodeur, Kenzie Corbet, Josie Corwin, Haley Crouse, Justina Fuqua, Molly Gamble, Emily Keckler, Erica Kier, Kendra Paul, Annabel Pinkney, Ariel Rall, Courtney Rudasill, Erica Stoner, Caralee Stover, Skye Van Atta, Schyler Waugh, Suzy Young, Kelsey Zimmerly, Travis Archer, Slade Downing, Drayson Gamble, Chanler Hughart, Atreyu Huner, Josh Mills, and Cole Tabor. The Varsity Singers instrumentalists are Josie Boehm, Ian Crabtree, Eli Garman, Karl Karcher, Levi Klingler, Zoe Laird, Maddy Lomax-Vogt, Meredith Marshall, Libbie Milks, Meredith Morgan, Joe Peace, Jackson Pitts, and Michael Savino. The stage crew members are Abby Gamble, Lucas Hughart, Gabi Rall, and Chloe White. The members of the show choir hosted each school, performed, and also awarded the trophies during the award ceremonies. The Outstanding Performer for Ada Varsity Singers was senior Erica Kier.

The Ada Varsity Singers would like to thank the community for their continuous support of the show choir competition at Ada High School over the last 35 years. The show choir would also like to thank the over 40 local business in Hardin and Allen counties that supported this year’s program. The Varsity Singers are looking forward to a successful year of show choir competitions.