2021 Instrumental All-State Press Release

Instrumental Music



On Saturday, Oct. 23rd Urbandale High School had 17 students audition for the Iowa Instrumental All-State Festival. Statewide over 1000 instrumental student-musicians audition and approximately 17% of the candidates are selected to participate in the All-State Music Festival in Ames, Iowa on Nov. 18-20, 2021. It is the highest individual honor a student can receive from the Iowa High School Music Association.

Urbandale students who audition for the Iowa Instrumental All-State undertake a rigorous process of weekly mock auditions, they study with teachers both in and out of school, and they devote many hours to individual practice time. The following 17 Urbandale students are to be commended for their dedicated efforts and outstanding contributions to the Instrumental Music Department.

The 2021 Festival Concert will celebrate the 75th anniversary of this prestigious event. The performance will be broadcast on Iowa Public Television Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 25, 2021) evening and Sunday afternoon, November 28, 2021.

Student Auditionees:

Michael Andrews, Elliott Dix, Sophia Huber, Nik Hudak, Alexis Judge, Addie Kerr, Katelyn Knight, , Hudson Lybarger, Sahithi Narmnada, Asa Leonard-Newton, Sophia Reece, Lee Saylor, Autumn Sheppard, Sia Smith, Din Terzic, Anna Thompson, Cindy To

Orchestra Accepted:

Michael Andrews, 12th grade, bassoon, 4th year Katelyn Knight, 11th grade, flute, 1st year Anna Thompson, 11th grade, violin II, 1st year Cindy To, 11th grade, violin II, 1st year

Band Accepted:

Addie Kerr, 12th grade, clarinet, 2nd year Sia Smith, 11th grade, euphonium, 1st year

Alternates:

Sophia Huber, 11th grade, flute, 1st year