

# BHS Music



Festival Disney – April 10 – 15<sup>th</sup> 2019

# Overview

- Just the facts
  - 122 students
  - 18 chaperones
  - 6 days, 5 nights
  - 1.409 miles (one way)



# Festival Disney

- Incorporated performing ensembles from all over the Country
  - Schools of varying sizes from a high school population of 500 or below to over 2000
- Students could perform in a variety of categories including:
  - Concert Choir (where both the Chamber Choir and Treble Choir competed)
  - Specialty Choir
  - Orchestra
  - Concert Band
  - Jazz Ensemble





# Festival Disney Performance Information

- Upon arrival, each group is allotted a 25 minute warm up
- Following Warm-ups, each ensemble is provided a 25 minute performance slot
  - Performances are given for 3 adjudicators in each category
    - Adjudicators are internationally known teachers, conductors, and musicians
  - Performances are critiqued and rated against a rubric
    - In addition to numerical ratings, ensembles are given a distinction of "Fair, Good, Excellent, Superior"
- Following their performance, students are then given a 10 – 15 minute clinic by one of the adjudicators on ways in which they can improve their musicality



# Honors and Awards

- Concert Band
  - Excellent Performance Rating
- Treble Choir
  - Superior Performance Rating
- Wind Ensemble
  - Superior Performance Rating
  - Katie Bojarski – Outstanding Student Soloist Award
- Chamber Choir
  - Superior Performance Rating
  - Best in Class Rating (top scoring Choir in their division)
  - Nolan Marblestone – Outstanding Student accompanist
- Thursday Night Jazz Ensemble
  - Superior Performance Rating
  - Best in Class Rating (top scoring Jazz Ensemble in their division)
  - Gold Award (top scoring Jazz Ensemble in the entire festival)
  - Josh Flanagan – Outstanding Student Jazz Soloist (tenor saxophone)









# Successes beyond the hardware



- Some of the things this experience provided our students :
  - Feedback from internationally known musicians
  - A sense of pride in not only their ensembles, but their school, town, and individual musical performance
  - A bonding experience with the rest of their ensembles and friends outside the state of Maine
  - A “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity to perform at a prestigious music festival
  - A sense of individual responsibility as it relates to musical performance
    - Each individual student has a direct impact on the success of their performing group
  - Collaboration among all grade levels toward working on a common goal
  - Patience and understanding – an itinerary is merely a framework that we mold our day by.

# Many “thank you’s”!

- To you, the school board, for making this trip a possibility. Your willingness to support not only the students on this trip but also the entire music department is the reason why we are so successful
- To Patricia Farnsworth, head administrative assistant at BHS – Patty was responsible for the “behind the scenes” work, often spending countless hours with me going over logistics and minutia that was critical to our trip!
- To Jenny Strout who travelled as an unofficial “nurse” on this trip – your help was truly invaluable.
- To the 17 Chaperones who stayed up late, got up early, spent every minute watching over the 122 students who traveled with us. Patty, Jenny, Mandy, Ash, Drew, Adam (Uncle Dad), Ginger, Davielle, Kim, Jill, Corey, Michelle, Teresa, Cara, Nancy, and Dianne - You guys are rock stars! Thank you
- To the families who donated money to help students who would otherwise have been unable to participate in this trip
- Finally, to the BHS Music Boosters! This group of parents fundraised for two years to help offset the cost of the trip substantially so that every interested student could participate. You are a truly special group of people and our students and staff thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



# And finally...



## To our students.

Travelling with 122 students anywhere can seem daunting. When the Concert Band of 140 travels to Scarborough, it is a big enough task, let alone taking 5 performing groups across the country. The 122 students on the trip were patient, kind, caring for one another, punctual, thorough, attentive, and ALWAYS positive. Our students were the epitome of professionalism.

They made not only the town of Brunswick proud, but put our Music Program on a National map and exceeded the standards on all levels of musical performance.

The parents of these young people should be so proud of the model human beings they have raised. Thank you, students, for being exceptional on all levels.





**THANK YOU BRUNSWICK!**

