



## **Kettering Band and Orchestra Students Take Top Honors at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District IV Solo & Ensemble Festival**

**February 27, 2004 Waterford, Mich.** - Kettering band and orchestra students, playing solos and small ensembles, took home top honors at the District IV Solo & Ensemble Festival. Twenty of the 51 events earned a Division I rating and qualified for State Solo & Ensemble Festival next month. Twenty-eight of the 51 events earned a Division II rating. These results show the improvement in the Waterford Kettering Band and Orchestras with 48 of 51 events earning a Division I or a Division II rating.

The following is a list of Division I events qualifying for State Solo & Ensemble Festival: Melissa Lane, flute solo; Kyle Landry, tenor sax solo; Zachary Boyda, trumpet solo; Cody Landry, trumpet solo; Melissa Lane, piano solo; Melinda Huntoon, piano solo; Jonathan Johnson, violin solo; Tasha Miner, violin solo; Brittany Allen, violin solo; Angie Barka, cello solo; two flute duets; flute quintet; saxophone trio; two violin duets; violin/cello duet; string quartet; and chamber orchestra.

Each event is a solo or small ensemble played for a teacher that specializes in that particular instrument from another area of the state. The soloist or ensemble is rated on how well they present their music in a total musical performance. The rating system is Division I for excellent performance, Division II for good performance, Division III for an average performance. Many of these students have practiced and prepared since November for this competition.

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