



## Waterford School District

### Press Releases

### Kettering Chamber Orchestra Named Grand Champions at Music Festival

**May 5, 2004 Waterford, Mich.** - The Waterford Kettering Chamber Orchestra earned the Grand Champion Trophy in the High School Instrumental Music Ensembles Division at the Music Showcase Festival Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, Virginia last month. The orchestra earned the highest score given to any high school band, marching band, jazz band, or orchestra at the festival. Kettering students Allison Armstrong and Jon Payne were honored as “Outstanding Vocal Soloists” during the festival.

In addition to the orchestra performing, the Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Chamber Orchestra, and Symphony Orchestra also performed well and received a trophy for placement in their respective divisions. Ratings are determined by adjudication scores. The Chamber Orchestra earned a “Superior” rating and the Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, and Symphony Orchestra garnered “Excellent” ratings for their performances, with scores that were on the borderline with the “Superior” ratings. “Superior” ratings are 85-100 points. “Excellent” ratings are 70 - 84.9 out of 100 points.

Mrs. Michelle Harness directs the Waterford Kettering Concert Choir and Chamber Choir. Mr. Merlyn D. Beard II directs the Waterford Kettering Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra.

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