



## Kettering and Mott Students Receive Top Honors in Music Festivals

**February 10, 2005 Waterford, Mich.** - On Saturday, February 5, 2005, 57 Waterford Kettering and Mott Band students performed in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival. Ten **Mott soloists** received a first division rating, 19 soloists received a second division rating, 8 ensembles received a first division rating, and 8 ensembles received a second division rating.

**Kettering Band** students earned 19 Division I ratings, 11 Division II ratings, and one Division III rating.

**Mott Orchestra** students also fared well at Solo & Ensemble, placing 7 first division ratings, 7 second division ratings, and three third division ratings. **Kettering Orchestra** earned eight Division I ratings and 18 Division II ratings. Overall, 26 of 29 events earned a Division I or Division II rating. This is the Kettering Chamber Orchestra's fifth straight year of earning a Division I rating at District Festival. The first division rated band and orchestra students are now eligible to attend MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, March 19, 2005.

The previous week, students from Mott's choral music program attended the Michigan School Vocal Music Association Solo & Ensemble Festival. The Mott Chamber Singers and the Ladies of Mott both received first division ratings. The Real Men of Mott scored a second division rating. Among the vocal soloists, there were eight first division and six second division ratings. All first division awardees are eligible to participate in the MSVMA State Solo & Ensemble Festival, April 22-23, 2005 in Ypsilanti.

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