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Dear Music Teacher and School Administrators,

Congratulations on having students selected as 2025 WMEA Junior All-State ensemble members. We know they will have a terrific time and return to your program as musical leaders.

To help you publicly acknowledge the students from your groups who have been selected, we are enclosing a **press release** for you to personalize, copy, and send to your local media. Please do not mail this to WMEA.

This tool will help recognize these students for their outstanding achievement, and it will recognize the good work you are doing, too.

Again, congratulations on the fine work by you and your students. We look forward to seeing you in February!

Dr. Anita B. Kumar

Student Events Coordinator

We recommend using your press release in the following manner:

- 1. Add the teacher's name, school, phone number, and email information to the press release.**
- 2. Add any school or district PR representative as a contact person. Otherwise, use the teacher as the contact.**
- 3. Add all of your students' names, groups, and categories of participation.**
- 4. Submit the press release to local newspapers, television, or radio stations as they advise (mail, email, online form).**
- 5. Follow up with a phone call to the key people at those outlets (editors, education writers, producers, feature broadcasters) to see if they have any questions or need additional information.**



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Outstanding fifth-, sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade music students from across Washington have received top honors by being selected to participate in our annual WMEA Junior All-State Ensembles. The students listed below will join more than 700 other outstanding young performers in Spokane for this gala event during the 2025 National Association for Music Education Northwest Division Conference.

Our WMEA Junior All-State Jazz Band will perform on Friday, February 14, 2025, and large groups will perform on Sunday, February 16. These outstanding musicians will rehearse together under the direction of outstanding music educators and present a final concert that afternoon. 1500 students auditioned to participate in this prestigious event sponsored by the Washington Music Educators Association.

Many professional musicians credit their All-State experience with helping them choose music as a career. Thousands of others whose career paths took them in other directions have great memories of participating in this inspiring and motivating musical experience and claim that it was a life-changing experience for them.

Well-known Washingtonians who have participated in past years' WMEA All-State groups include The Seattle Post-Intelligencer's Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist and columnist **David Horsey**, 2008 National Teacher of the Year **Andrea Peterson**, and jazz saxophonist **Kenny G**.

For more information, please contact: _____

Music Teacher: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Student(s) Selected

Name

Category

Group