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H-F HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR THE ANNUAL ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Flossmoor, IL, December 8th, 2008 – Six H-F High School students qualified to participate in this year's All-State Music Festival sponsored by the Illinois Music Educators Association from January 28th to January 31st at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, Illinois.

The students and the level they qualified in are as follows: Steven Sifner, *Honors Choir*; Christian Euman, *Jazz Band*; Stephanie Marshall, *Honors Choir*, Ashley Raffauf, *All-State Chorus*; Samuel Sterbenc, *Band*; and Aaron Washington, *Jazz Band*. In addition, music composition student Emi Nakamura has been selected as a first place winner in the All-State Composition Contest for her choral composition, *Bartleby*.

The mission of the Illinois Music Educators Association is to promote lifelong music learning and to provide leadership for music education. To be eligible for the All-State Music Festival, the chosen students had entered a rigorous process that included an evening audition this past October and an all day District Festival performance in November. Based on their vocal or instrumental success at the District Festival, they were chosen to participate in the All-State Music Festival. Now that they were eligible, the students in some cases will complete an additional audition that places them in one of two levels of band, orchestra, choir, or jazz ensembles.

To be selected for a winning composition, students submitted a full score and a recording of compositions designated for one of nine categories. Statewide, 18 high schools had a total of 20 first, second, or third place winners in the nine categories.

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