

Outstanding Local Middle School Band Students Selected to Perform at Carnegie Hall in New York

Plano, Texas – April 7th, 2014 – The Fowler Middle School Band had 27 students selected for the **2014 Middle School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall**. They will perform at Carnegie Hall in June 2014 with the *Honors Junior Band*. Participation in this *Honors Ensemble* is limited to the talented middle school performers from across North America. Of the 105 middle school band students selected nationally, 27 were from one school, Fowler Middle School in the Frisco Independent School District.

The students auditioned this fall for the *Honors Performance Series* and were accepted after a review by the *Honors Selection Board*. Acceptance to the talented group is a direct result of the talent, dedication, and achievements demonstrated in their application and audition recording. These students will join other performers from the United States and Canada for a special performance at world-famous Carnegie Hall, a venue that marks the pinnacle of musical achievement.

According to Lisel Bruscia, Program Director, “Being selected to the *Honors Performance Series* is something each Junior Finalist should be extremely proud of accomplishing. We process thousands of nominations annually, selecting only the most talented performers. Working with these conductors and performing at Carnegie Hall is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that these student musicians never forget”.

These students are under the direction of Fowler MS Band directors David Dunham, Jenny Denis, Jonathan Adamo, and James Figueredo, and all the students are members of the Fowler Middle School Symphonic Band and members of the All-Region Band.

Junior Finalists will come together for five days in June 2014 in New York City to have the opportunity to learn from Mr. Jeffrey Grogan, conductor of the New Jersey Youth Symphony Orchestra, work with other Junior National Finalists, and get a taste of New York City. The Saturday, June 28th, performance is open to the public and specially invited guests. Tickets can be purchased beginning 60 days prior to the performance through the Carnegie Hall box office at www.carnegiehall.org/boxoffice.

The *Honors Performance Series* was created to showcase accomplished individual high school and middle school performers on an international level by allowing them to study under master conductors and perform in the celebrated venue, Carnegie Hall. Learn more by visiting www.honorsperformance.org.

National Winner

Shruti Bindingnavile – clarinet
Hannah Bletsch – percussion
Arihant Bohara – percussion
Nathan Brooks – alto saxophone
Vinayak Chatterjee – tenor sax.
Edward Chen – alto saxophone
Carson Craft – trumpet
Abhirupa Dasgupta – clarinet
Mackenzie Gray – euphonium
Lauren Kim – bassoon
Sai Koukuntla – French horn
Nikita Kulkarni – clarinet
Joshua Lee – trombone
Samuel Liu – tenor saxophone
Aniket Matharasi – oboe

Marshall Mixon – oboe
Spencer Nayar – tuba
Andrew Osteen – euphonium
Siddhi Patadia – French horn
Faith Powell – French horn
Sudhir Sadhu – trumpet
Parx Shearer – trumpet
Katherine Shia – oboe
Manav Sood – tuba
Cherri Yang – bassoon
Charles Yang – clarinet
Derek Zhou - trombone