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High School Spring Concert May 10
Musical Instrument Collection that night

Huntington – On Thursday, May 10, the Gateway Regional High School Music Department will host their annual Spring Concert. Join the bands and choirs in the Gateway Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. for a performance that showcases the high school’s many talented students! This year’s concert includes the band performing an original student composition and a musical instrument drive to help students who want to join the band, but don’t have access to an instrument.

In addition to playing well established Concert Band repertoire, members of the concert band will perform a piece composed by senior Dawson Atkin, titled “Four Skillful Brothers”. This piece is the final of four movements in Atkin’s “Fairytale Suite for Wind Band”, an elaborate piece that Atkin composed over the course of six months! The suite takes influence from several fairytale stories including: Little Red Riding Hood, the Red Dancing Shoes, Sleeping Beauty, and Four Skillful Brothers. Every note reflects the prowess and thought required to arrange a piece of art. Atkin recently committed to Hartt School at University of Hartford where he plans to pursue music composition.

Jazz Band will perform music by Chick Corea, Rich Hirsch and Stevie Wonder.

Several vocal ensembles and choirs will perform, with the award-winning male singers performing “Tinted Shades” and our female trio (of Thunderbirds’ National Anthem fame) performing “Defying Gravity” from Wicked. Concert Choir’s program includes music from Beauty and the Beast, and Show Choir performing an Old Time Rock ‘n Roll dance medley and singing “Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story” from Hamilton. The combined choirs will also perform.

Music education is an effort that involves more than just an individual student, but is an effort that needs support from the community and beyond. Many students wish to participate in music education but don’t have access to an instrument. Help students further their education in a new way, through the arts, by donating any gently used instruments at the concert. Your donation has the power to create the next Benny Goodman, Buddy Rich, or simply a person with an appreciation for music. Band members will collect the instruments at the entrance of the GPAC before the concert. Contact band director, Beth E. Guertin, at bguertin@grsd.org if you have questions.

Admission (at the door) is $2 or $1 with a non-perishable food item for the Huntington Food Pantry.

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Photo: Gateway HS Jazz Band under the direction of Beth Guertin.