

Music Notes

from the
Wisconsin Academy
Music Department



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Hello everyone,

We just finished Music Fest 2024, "Sing to the Lord!", and what a turnout! It was a weekend with eight schools participating, and our faithful friend, Mrs. Karen White coming all the way from Michigan to accompany us! We began with everyone arriving for supper Thursday evening, with recreation after supper, and then our first rehearsal that evening. We rehearsed all day Friday, with a couple of breaks for other fun, and then Pastor Rowell Puedevan blessed us with music and a vespers talk that drew out concepts of music and how they line up and enhance our spiritual walk with Christ. Sabbath morning was a special treat with our Praise Bands leading out in song service, and Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Edge, and students sharing their testimonies from the Reformation trip, along with a discussion led by Dean Serna. The WA Concert Choir shared special music for church, with the Wisconsin Conference president, Titus Naftanalia sharing his personal testimony and how God has led and worked miracles in his ministry for Christ. Our weekend culminated with a full church at our Sabbath afternoon concert, in which all WA groups performed, and a Festival Choir of over one hundred students from Wisconsin and Illinois sang their hearts out as we shared the five songs we worked on all day Friday. It was a wonderful event, and such a privilege and blessing to hear the young people all praising God together.

This upcoming weekend, April 12, and 13 will be another adventure for our Concert Choir and Bellissimi Cerchi. We will be leaving Friday morning, heading to Green Bay Junior Academy where we will lead out in a chapel service with the whole school, and then we are treating them to lunch! We then are heading to Marinette, WI where we will stop at Red Arrow park and enjoy the WWI and WWII memorials, as well as the beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline for a short while. Then it's back on the bus and on to the Wilson SDA Church in Wilson, MI. The church is providing supper for us, and after, we will have a vesper service with them. Church members have volunteered to host us in their homes in groups of three or larger overnight, and feed us breakfast the next morning. We then will be providing the church service the next morning, with students providing music and leading out in all aspects of the service. Students will need to bring their uniforms for Choralaires and Bells, black and white Sabbath outfit for other members of Concert Choir, a sleeping bag, pjs, and grooming/hygiene supplies. After the church service and sharing a fellowship meal, we will leave Wilson and head back to WA, arriving in time for supper, AND the Christian mariachi band concert on campus that evening.

We still need additional funds for scholarships this year. Three major awards will be given to deserving Seniors, and I would like to offer a scholarship along with those awards. The Music and Media Committee will aid in the selection of recipients. If you would like to support those scholarships by donating funds toward them, please direct your funds to the academy, with a note that they specifically go toward Music Scholarships. It would be really nice to offer nice sized scholarships to our outgoing Seniors who have contributed so faithfully to music ministry throughout their academy years, and encourage them to keep ministering in music as they progress into their college studies.

Blessings to you all,

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We are looking forward to the upcoming events to finish up a great year in music ministry at Wisconsin Academy.

Upcoming Music Department Events

April 12-13 - Concert Choir, Choralaires and Bellissimi Cerchi, Wilson, MI SDA Church

April 13 - Guest Christian Mariachi Band Concert, 7 p.m.

April 20 - Alumni Weekend, groups singing in Worship Service, as well as afternoon Alumni concert

May 4 - Choralaires and Bellissimi Cerchi, Lena SDA Church, Lena, WI

May 11 - Choralaires and Bellissimi Cerchi Milwaukee North Hispanic SDA Church, Milwaukee, WI

May 18 - Spring Concert 3:30 p.m., all ensembles.

May 19 - Applied Piano and Voice Recital - 11:00 a.m.

May 24-26 - Graduation

