

Fine Arts Spectacular



Mr. Wharton in Little Theater Production

John Wharton, CHS Chorus/Drama teacher, recently performed in "My Way". The production consisted of fifty-six songs recorded by Frank Sinatra, with the cast members stating facts and quotes from him. The play was inspired by the great Frank Sinatra, who was a singing legend and recorded over three thousand songs in the sixty years he performed. Performances were January 15th-17th

and January 22nd-24th at the Chapman Cultural Center. Mr. Wharton, one of the four cast members, says, "Because there were only four of us, we became really good friends and blended amazingly." They began rehearsing in November, learning the harmonies and lyrics, then they began choreography the first week in January. Mr. Wharton had to learn to sing jazz and found it challenging and interesting because they improvised from the written work. Mr. Wharton said that he had a newfound respect for the 1940-1998 era with all the Jazz music, and he found it to be one of the most difficult things he has ever done.

All Region Band 2010

The 2010 All Region Band has the largest number of students to represent CHS Band, ever. There were three bands competing; the Junior Band (grades 6-8), the Clinic Band (grades 9-10) and the Senior Band (grades 11-12). "There were about eighty students in each with a variety of instruments, so the bands were well-balanced," Mrs. Fowler said. The students were selected by an audition process from Spartanburg, Greenville, Laurens, Pickens, and Oconee Counties. The top scorers were placed in the All Region Band. Representing CHS in the All-Region Band were Frankie Pruitt, Tyler Fiorenza, Cody Needs, Darien Needs, and Charley Towery. The students attended a two day clinic at Furman University on February 26th and 27th. All the students were very excited about representing their school.

Winter Gala Success

To kick off the opening of our new auditorium, a Winter Gala was presented by the CHS Fine Arts Department. A collaborative showcase of talent from the chorus, orchestra, band, and art classes, it was held December 15, 2009, with about 350 people attending. Mr. Garland served as Master of Ceremonies, and each group performed a few Christmas selections. Artwork was displayed in the lobby and on PowerPoint in the auditorium. All groups performed "O Holy Night" as Mr. Garland sang. The chorus and orchestra plan to perform "Alice In Wonderland" while the band will perform their annual Spring Concert. Mr. Garland, Mr. Wharton, Mrs. Fowler, and Mrs. Burrows all found the gala to be a great success and had fun working together.



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