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**MUSIC STUDENTS AND MASTER MENTORS
TEAM UP TO PERFORM AT MHS**

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MONTICELLO – Some Monticello High School (MHS) ninth to 12th graders are in the heat of preparation for a concert **May 7**, shared every year with their professional musical mentors from the Weekend of Chamber Music (WCM). The team effort will culminate in a performance at 7:30 p.m. in the high school at 39 Breakey Ave. in Monticello.

Nine years ago, WCM musicians began working with the young people in school's chamber music and band programs, under the direction of teachers Ann Trombley and Nancy Wegrzyn. The collaboration has become so popular that nearly 40 students voluntarily give up their lunch periods to fit their chamber music work into busy schedules. Teachers and band directors say their students benefit in many ways from interacting with the professional artists as they play side-by-side with students in rehearsals; coach their chamber ensembles, or provide one-on-one lessons.

Depending on who is needed on a given day, the coaches travel to the school in various teams about once a month. This year's coaches are violinist Anna Lim; violist Lois Martin; cellists Käthe Jarke and Alberto Parrini; double bassist Kurt Muroki; guitarist William Anderson; pianist Marija Stroke; oboist Matt Sullivan; clarinetist Allen Blustine and flutist Judith Pearce. The coaches who perform on this program are Sullivan, Parrini, Stroke and Pearce.

Though not all of the groups will perform May 7, the student ensembles range in size from duo to quintet. The self-titled musical teams are:

Las Chicas

Corrin Trombley, violin
Tanisha Gray, violin
Rosie Gray, violin
Alexis Brinkerhoff, viola
Iris Robinson, cello
Jeung en Lee, piano

KORD

Rebecca Perlman, violin
Kaila Smithem, viola
Danielle D'Abbraccio, clarinet
Olivia Burton, bass clarinet

One Foot Up

Amanda Owens, flute
Christina Makram, violin
Danielle Bastone, clarinet
Andrew Magrisso, cello
Marissa Smithem, piano

Ain't Got Nothin'

Katie Crawford, violin
Ivy Lam, flute
Ann Joy, piano

Boot Leg Outcasts

Caitlin VanKeuren, violin
Danny Paik, percussion
Jesus Rodriguez, keyboard
Lisa Forget, keyboard

Guitar Boys

Filipe Nobrega
Danny Lorino
Craig Kozak
TJ Quick
PJ Walker

Ethnic Brass

Mathew Rodriguez, trumpet
David Dunlap, trumpet
Christian Giunta, trombone

Bass-ically Perfect

John Garry, cello
Andrew Trombley, double bass

Fiddlin' Chicks

Taryn Lounsbury, violin
Erica Kalber, viola

Creatures

Taryn Lounsbury, violin
Erica Kalber, viola
John Garry, cello
Andrew Trombley, double bass

Performing May 7 are Las Chicas, One Foot Up, Bass-ically Perfect, Fiddlin' Chicks, Creatures, Guitar Boys, and the Brass Boys. Their program offers jazz, Mozart, Holst, Grieg, Rossini, folk and much more.

Tickets are \$10; \$5 for music parents and seniors, free for students under 18. For information, call WCM at 845-932-8414 or 845-932-8527, or log on to www.wcmconcerts.org.