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Lake Travis High students earn All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra honors

The notable talents of six Lake Travis High School (LTHS) students have earned each of them a place on the 2012 All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra as determined by the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA).

More than 60,000 students statewide initially entered the All-State competitive process that began in the fall of 2011. The All-State designation is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive.

Seniors Rob Fuller (tuba) and Caroline Nelson (flute) were selected to All-State Band after competing in a series of rigorous auditions at the district, region, and area levels as prescribed by TMEA. According to the association, there are 240 4-A high schools in Texas, and only 110 positions are available in the 4-A All-State Band.

“Less than two percent of all Texas high school band students who begin the process actually qualify for All-State,” said LTHS Band Director Kenneth Vise. “These two musicians triumphed in a series of highly-competitive auditions to earn positions in the prestigious All-State Band.”

Additionally, junior Daniel Suh (violin) and sophomore Gyu-Hee Min (cello) were selected to All-State Orchestra, while senior Ryan Peters and junior Mira Pearce earned spots in the All-State Choir.

“I cannot emphasize enough how exceptionally-talented Daniel and Gyu-Hee are, both as students and musicians,” said Anna Macias, LTHS and Lake Travis Middle School orchestra teacher. “I applaud their hard work and careful preparation which have earned them well-deserved membership in the All-State Orchestra.”

“Ryan and Mira are outstanding student-leaders and musicians,” said LTHS choir instructor Kelan Latimer. “These students successfully competed in four rounds of auditions that began last September. They are to be commended for their dedication, perseverance and commitment to the arduous process.”

The students will perform February 11, 2012 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center – Lila Cockrell Theatre in San Antonio during the TMEA annual convention.

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