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## **Broncho Main Street Show Choir hits a high note with accolades, praise for recent performances**

*Musical theater ensemble's success demonstrates district's commitment to fine arts as part of a well-rounded education*

**HOLLY, Mich.** — The **Broncho Main Street Show Choir** continues racking up a growing roster of accolades and praise for the musical theater ensemble's recent live performances.

Most recently, the Main Street Show Choir participated in the Michigan School Vocal Music Association State Musical Theatre Solo and Ensemble Festival Nov. 11 at Oxford High School. The group received an overall rating of I-Superior with a score of 29 out of a possible 30 points.

"I am so proud of our uniquely talented Broncho Main Street Show Choir for their dedication to their craft and the teamwork they demonstrate in delivering top-notch performances, regardless of the venue," said **Lu Harding**, Holly High School choir and theater director. "The fine arts are thriving at Holly High School, and our top-rated Main Street Show Choir is the latest example of our exemplary music, theater and other fine arts programs."

Main Street Show Choir students must be proficient in basic music theory, music reading and writing and sight reading. The students must also be able to demonstrate proper vocal techniques, dance ability, coordination and stage presence.

On Nov. 3, several ensemble members participated in Central Michigan University's Choral/Vocal Day. Students attended master classes with Broadway performers Nikisha Williams, who has starred in "The Color Purple" and "Hamilton," and Nate Hackmann, who is currently playing Biff in the musical version of "Back to the Future." The Holly High students performed "The Sound of Music" from "The Sound of Music" and "A Musical" from "Something Rotten!," receiving high praise from both CMU faculty and the Broadway professionals.

The Holly High group ended the day working with Dr. Amon Eady, director of choral activities at CMU, and was welcomed back to the stage to perform the chorus of “One Day More” from “Les Misérables” alongside Williams and Hackmann.

“I would like to personally congratulate the Broncho Main Street Show Choir for their continued success on the stage, which most often equates to success off the stage,” said **Scott Roper**, Holly Area Schools superintendent. “This truly talented group of musical theater performers serves as a model for our younger students, and demonstrates our continued investment in the fine arts as part of a well-rounded education that prepares our students for success.”

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Cutline: From top left: Holly High School students Oliver Giacalone, Mya Escamilla and Theo Golden, and from bottom left: Avery Stahl and Rayne Coster-Black pose at Central Michigan University’s Choral/Vocal Day.