

treble choir

singing
is their
forte

By: Courtney Johnson

The treble choir was back and they knew how to rock. Or at least that was the message the audience got by looking at the girls choir shirt worn for their preview concert.

"I joined choir because I love to sing and then when I got the solo for our first concert I was really happy," said **Erin Minix, 10**.

The girls worked hard from day one, and come performance time, they nailed choreography.

In October the girls performed "I Fall to Pieces," "How Sweet It Is," "Barter," and "Popular" from the musical *Wicked*, based upon the classic movie "Wizard of Oz".

"I like all of the songs that we have learned, but my favorite is

Popular, because it is a cute song and the choreography is cute too," said **Leslie Touassi, 10**.

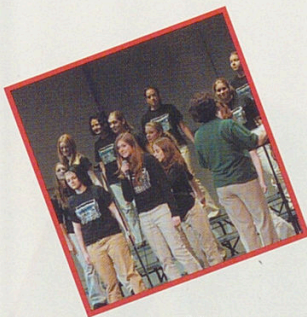
For most of the concerts, the girls show what's called a "preview" concert after school for the staff and students of the school.

These are usually more casual concerts for the girls, to get them used to the audience. After the fall concert was over, without missing a beat, the girls got right back on the job and started working on the songs and choreography for the Winter concert.

Although the girls had all their songs mastered as well as the choreography, due to the winter storm the winter concert was cancelled.



Laura Freidman, 10, shows **Nathaniel Kaplan, 12**, exactly what it means to be popular. **Freidman** had one of the solos for the fall concert, singing the part of Glinda in the song "Popular" from the hit musical *Wicked*. This was by far one of the girls' favorite songs of the year.



Newcomer Erin Minix, 10, sings the solo in the song "How Sweet it Is to Be Loved By You." This was sung in the choir's fall concert in October. All the girls agreed that joining treble choir was one of the best ways to meet new people who shared their passion of singing.

chamber orchestra

gathering of
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By: Jieun Chae

Performing in intimate settings, a small group of chosen students met every Thursday after school to play pieces of music that could not be played in large groups. This group was the Chamber Orchestra. They auditioned in the beginning of the year to be in this high level group.

"These students are pretty serious about their music so we are able to perform at a higher level," said **Mr. David Smarelli**, director.

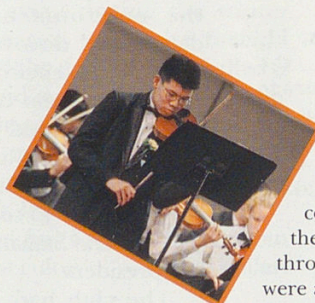
This was a unique group that played difficult music without a conductor. How did they know when to start and stop playing the music? The concertmaster, and first chair violinist were responsible for starting and stopping the group, using non-verbal cues.

"Mei Hsieh and I have big responsibilities to keep the orchestra together from falling

apart. It is a great experience as a high school student" said **Joseph Macheret, 9**, first chair second violinist.

Even though Chamber Orchestra was an intense group, they still had a lot of fun playing music they chose.

"Chamber Orchestra is a fun high school activity that lets interested instrumentalists share their abilities," said **Weili Pan, 10**.



Anchie Huang, 12, performs a solo part in a Mozart piece at the spotlight concert. To receive a solo part in the orchestra, students have to go through auditions. Only first chairs were allowed to have solos



Something different about chamber orchestra from other orchestra is playing music without a conductor. This way, students learn to take on bigger tasks, rather than just playing the music. Taking over for **Mr. Smarelli**, **Sailee Teredesai, 12**, conducts herself at the senior spotlight concert.