

# THE BEAR



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## Swing Show showcases end of CJU45, Jazz seasons

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This year's Fine Arts Swing Show took place on Friday, March 3 and Sunday, March 5. Swing Show is an annual showcase of the MS & HS jazz bands and show choirs as well as approximately 10 different HS solo and duet performers.

"I think it went really well, because everything ran smoothly and everyone who performed did a great job!" said sophomore Keegan Hansen.

"I thought that having the show choir go last was nice; I like to be able to watch all of the other groups and soloists. Friday's show was a little slower, with much more wait time in between shows than Sunday. I like having our Swing Show for senior appreciation and volunteer dedication as well, it gives us a chance to shine the light on the people who do so much for our program," said junior Ashlyne Nash.

Vocal soloists consisted of Nina Torkelson, Diego Carrillo, Jake Swisher, Ben Shortt, Philip MacGillivray, Karely Staker, and Nolan Staker. Instrumental soloists were Baylee Piegors and Carver Boelk on piano, Lynzi Dykstra on alto saxophone, and Gabby Rushton on flute. Torkelson and Jordan Waters also performed a duet dance.

The middle school jazz band performed the songs "C Jam Blues," featuring Grace Vincent, Greta Voss, Hunter VanDerHorst, Olivia Becker, Hunter Hamer, Teague Thomas, Sophia Petrin, Olivia Schlitz, Harper Driscoll, Camila Meren, Hunter Christoffel, Ben Ziehr, and James Haack; "Cajun Chili Peppers," featuring Olivia Becker; and "Don't Poke the Bear," featuring Olivia Becker and Olivia Schlitz; and Moondance, featuring

Olivia Schlitz, Seth Hosier, Gisele Gross, Grace Vincent, and Cassie Swisher.

The high school Jazz Collaborative performed "Don't Miss the Bus," featuring Nora Ziehr, Lu Guetzko, Lilly Hahn, Lynzi Dykstra, Kyra Robinson, Wyatt Chapman, Lynden MacGillivray, Jordan Waters, Audrey Watt, Nina Torkelson, and Kellen Dykstra; and "Celebración del Salsa," featuring Nora Ziehr, Lu Guetzko, Lynzi Dykstra, Jordan Waters, Lynden MacGillivray, and Nina Torkelson.

The high school Jazz Ensemble performed "Back to the Basement" featuring Jenie Gomez, Lynzi Dykstra, Olivia Naber, Carver Boelk, and Nolan Staker; "Running of the Bulls," featuring Maddie Reed, Nina Torkelson, Lynzi Dykstra, Nolan Staker, and Carver Boelk; and "Backatown," featuring Carver Boelk, Elliot Hinkhouse, Addi Schultes, Olivia Naber, Maddie Reed, and Nina Torkelson.

The middle school show choir, "JiveWired", performed "Try Everything"; "Speechless," featuring Robby Boaz, Lilah Pedersen, Eli Farmer, James Haack, Seth Hosier, Kaleb Rios, Chloe Branch, Gisele Gross, Chloe Keim Meyer, and Olivia Schlitz; and "Better When I'm Dancin'."

Along with being a showcase for musical talents, Swing Show was also the last performance of the CJU45 show choir season.

"I think that this is the best the show choir has performed since I've been in high school. It was a really emotional ending to a fantastic season," said junior Olivia Naber.

Highlights of the CJU45 season included, received a Superior I rating at State Show Choir festival, placed 1st in

the 2A division at all four competitions, made finals at all four competitions, and won the following caption awards: Best Vocals, Best Choreography, Best Crew, and Most Entertaining Show.

CJU45 placed 4th runner up at Mount Pleasant, 5th runner up at Pella, 2nd runner up at Central Lee, and 4th runner up at Fort Madison.

Ben Shortt won Outstanding Performer at Pella. Olivia Naber won Outstanding Performer at Central Lee. There was no Outstanding Performer Award at Mt. Pleasant or Ft. Madison.

Overall, Chris Reed was very happy with CJU's season performance, "I am so proud of this year's CJU45;

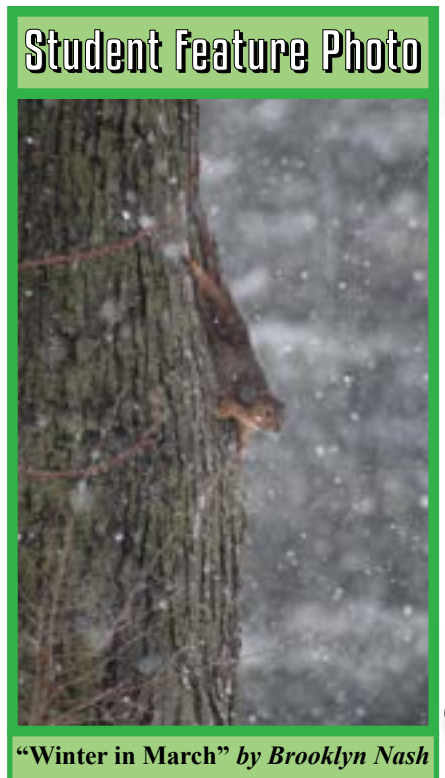
singers, band, and crew! Our goal from the beginning of the year was for CJU45 to be one of the most entertaining show choirs out there, and we achieved that goal. Not only were they entertaining, they were one of the most successful show choirs in school history. I challenged them every day to grow as musicians and performers and to push themselves to be better until they walked off stage at the end of our Sunday Swing Show performance. They did just that and according to the experts they are one of the best 2A show choirs in the state of Iowa."



### The Bear Comic Corner: St. Patrick's Edition

Keep the Shamrock Shakes Coming!

Shamrock Shakes - Ava H



**What does WBHS want to find at the end of the rainbow?**

- A lovely field of wildflowers! -Amanda Pinnell
- A sloth. -Luca Hahn
- Teriyaki flavored beef jerky...just a whole pot of it. -Keaton Norfleet

**What does WBHS feel lucky to have in their lives?**

- Baby Yoda. -Abby Noelk
- A cure for all cancers! -Misti Donovan
- A four-leaf clover. -Jerricho Hobbs
- Good friends, family, health, and opportunities! -Ashlyne Nash
- An accepting family and safe financial situation. -Gray Baker
- My daughters, Penelope and Katarina. -Rex Connor
- A job that I love! -Jessica Taylor
- Luck is a construct of reality and is fiction. -Seth Cantrell