

Local musicians win numerous jazz festival awards

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Roosevelt High School of Seattle won the Sweepstakes trophy Saturday in the three-day 49th Annual Clark College Jazz Festival.

Many Clark County schools and musicians also received awards.

Richard Inouye of the Clark College Music Department said he is looking forward to next year's golden anniversary as the festival celebrates its 50th year. He said he plans to add more events to heighten the experience.

At this year's fest, Inouye said, "We had four finalists for each division Saturday night instead of three and that made for some additional excitement. It just made the competition even more intense."

Asked what people tell him about the festival, the director said, "Most of the parents come up and thank me for providing this opportunity for all the music students who participate. While I appreciate the compliment, I always remind them that it's the students at Clark College who really make that festival run."

Inouye said 71 groups competed and more than 1,200 musicians performed.

AWARD-WINNERS

THURSDAY

HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL JAZZ FINALS

A Division

First place – Ridgefield High School.

AA Division

First place – Fife High School of Tacoma.

Second place – Olympic High School of Silverdale.

Third place – Aberdeen High School of Aberdeen.

AAA Division:

First place – McMinnville High School of McMinnville, Ore.

Second place – Battle Ground High School

Third place – Skyview High School

Outstanding middle school jazz musician awards:

Hockinson Middle School – Brock Lyons, Adrianna Anderson, Will Gaines, Deena Oubari, Brian Chan.

Covington Middle School – Isaiah Philbrook, Josh Spinas.

La Center Middle School – Kevin Mairose, Brody Seter, Sami Adams.

Pleasant Valley Middle School – Keiko Inouye, Jason Nguyen, Caleb Smith.

Chief Umtuch Middle School – Colin Dixon, Savannah Hamann, Steve Montecucco.

Aspire Middle School – Andrew Kenney, Jeremy Poppert.

Shahala Middle School – Hanna Youn.

Outstanding high school musician awards:

Remi Skalisky of Battle Ground High School

Riley Dupree and Luke Echeverria of Fife High School in Tacoma.

Silas Queen and Matt Usher of Olympic High School in Silverdale.

Honorable mention went to the McMinnville High School rhythm section, Alex Beau, piano, Jordan Kelsch, guitar, Bethany Humlie, bass, Matt Silver, drums, of McMinnville, Ore.

FRIDAY

JAZZ ENSEMBLE FINALS

A Division

First place – Vancouver School of Arts and Academics

Second place – Overlake High School of Redmond.

Third place – Northwinds Home School Band of Port Angeles.

AA Division

First place – Hockinson High School

Second place – Milwaukie High School of Milwaukie, Ore.

Third place – Mountain View High School II

Outstanding high school musician awards:

Ian Garner of Hockinson High School

Jordan Schinke of Mountain View High School II

Nate Scovil of Vancouver School of Arts and Academics

Jeremy Fudge of Northwinds Home School Band, Port Angeles.

Kyle Adams of Milwaukie High School, Milwaukie, Ore.

SATURDAY

JAZZ ENSEMBLE FINALS

AAA Division

First place – Mountain View High School

Second place – Meadowdale High School of Lynnwood.

Third place – Mead High School of Spokane.

Honorable Mention – Roosevelt High School II, Seattle.

AAAA Division

First place – Roosevelt High School of Seattle.

Second place – Mountlake Terrace High School I of Mountlake Terrace.

Third place – Bothell High School of Bothell.

Honorable Mention – Puyallup High School of Puyallup.

Outstanding high school musicians awards:

Ted Davis of Mountain View High School

Noah Conrad of Cleveland High School in Portland.

Dan Hipke of Meadowdale High School in Lynnwood.

Mac Jaffe of Roosevelt High School II.

Ian Mengedoht of Roosevelt High School I.

Jesse Sullivan, Bothell High School.

Jack Walters, Mountlake Terrace High School I.

Brian Pinkard, Puyallup High School.