

Hockinson, Ridgefield earn first-place awards at Clark College Jazz Festival

Hockinson and Ridgefield high school vocal and jazz groups each won first-place honors at the 49th annual Clark College Jazz Festival, held Jan. 26-29.

Hockinson's jazz ensemble claimed first place in the Class 2A division and Ridgefield added a first-place finish in the Class 1A division for vocal jazz.

Battle Ground High School added a second place in the 3A vocal jazz division. Battle Ground's Remi Skalisky was also presented with an outstanding high school musician award.

An outstanding high school musician award was also presented to Hockinson's Ian Garner.

On Jan. 27, outstanding middle school jazz musician awards went to:

- Hockinson Middle School performers Brock Lyons, Adrianna Anderson, Will Gaines, Deena Oubari and Brian Chan.
- La Center Middle School performers Kevin Mairose, Brody Seter and Sami Adams.
- Pleasant Valley Middle School performers Keiko Inouye, Jason Nguyen and Caleb Smith.
- Chief Umtuch Middle School performers Colin Dixon, Savannah Hamann and Steve Montecucco.

Vancouver's Mountain View High School was awarded first place in the jazz ensemble 3A division and Seattle's Roosevelt High School was first in the 4A division.



HOCKINSON'S JAZZ ENSEMBLE, directed by Corey McEnry, was awarded first place in the AA division at the Clark College Jazz Festival, held Jan. 26-29 at Clark College.

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