

## Middle School Music Students Will Head to CMEA Northern Region Music Festival

January 26, 2023-- Seven Woodbury Middle School students in orchestra and choir have been accepted into the prestigious and competitive Connecticut Music Educators Association Northern Region Middle School Festival. The Music Festival will take place on March 10 and 11. The seven students from Woodbury Middle School will practice with and perform alongside music students from 46 towns in the Northern Region.



The students heading to the Festival are Lucy Oster, sixth grade Choir-Soprano; Dani Martino, seventh grade Choir-Alto; Madeline Meeker, eighth grade Choir-Soprano; Phoenix Ceello, eighth grade Choir-Alto; Flynn Amodio, seventh grade Orchestra-Violin; Maeve Feeny, seventh grade Orchestra-Bass; and Kaylee Maciulewski, seventh grade Orchestra – Harp.

"It's no secret that the middle school music staff is working hard to build the performing ensembles by recruiting students who are committed to success," said Woodbury Middle School music teacher Todd Gorski. "These students going to Northern Regionals epitomize hard work and perseverance. We saw enormous growth in all of them and we are enormously proud of their accomplishments. Performing in a festival with top-notch musicians from 46 other Northern Region towns is an experience that they will remember forever."

In December and early January, these students auditioned with solos and scales for judges in the greater Hartford area. The students scored high enough on the audition to be invited to perform in the Northern Regional Music Festival. Prior to attending the festival in March, the students work individually on the pieces their ensembles will perform. They will rehearse with their groups on Friday, March 10 and perform together in choral and instrumental concerts on Saturday, March 11.

The CMEA concert festival experience challenges the musicians by giving them an opportunity to perform alongside and develop relationships with other high caliber young musicians from around the state.