

Saturday, April 11th, 21 Washington Middle School students participated in the 19th Annual Mt. Pleasant Middle School Honor Band. The students are selected by nominations sent in by their instructors based on factors including chair placement in their school band, previous honor band honors, solo/ensemble ratings, and recommendations given by the student's Middle School director.

This year's 6th grade honor band, conducted by Naomi Felman (Waterloo Community Schools) played the following selections: Bridges by Alan Silva, Plaza de Toros by Michael Story, Two Chinese Folk Songs by John O'Riley, Ethos by Larry Clark and Day Dreams by Robert Sheldon. Washington 6th grade honor band student participants were: Chance B., trumpet; Cameron W., percussion; Jonathon G., clarinet; Bryan M., Baritone; Chloe M., flute; Cloe T., Tenor Saxophone; Alexis I., Trombone; and Joe S., Trumpet.

The 7th/8th grade honor band was conducted by Dave Newport, retired Grinnell High School director. Their selections included: Whale Warriors by Brian Balmages The Best of Henry Mancini arranged by Johnnie Vinson West Highland Fanfare by Travis Weller National Emblem March arranged by Matt Conaway. Washington 7th and 8th grade participants included: Meghan N., Clarinet; Alan M., Trombone; Desiree P., Flute; Lucas K., Clarinet; Abby S., Trumpet; Audrey W., Alto Saxophone; Gwen F., Oboe; Rio L., Bassoon; Ben S., Baritone; Matteo H., percussion; Rose T., trombone; & Keith Z., Tuba.

The 4pm concert also includes a performance by the Fossils (director's jazz band). Washington band instructors Craig McClenahan (bass guitar) and Don Hughes (lead trumpet) were a part of the Fossils as well as Washington resident/Mid-Prairie Elementary band director Norman Brooks (Trombone).

The Washington Middle School Band director is Craig McClenahan.