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**LINDALE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
SELECTED AS TEXAS ALL-STATE MUSICIANS**

Kaitlyn Groth, Nicole Hines and Christiana Ussery, members of the Lindale High School Wind Ensemble, will perform with the Texas 4A All-State Band in San Antonio, Saturday, February 11, 2023. Gracie Day, Sarah Kramer, and Elijah McGuire, members of the Lindale High School Chorale will also perform with the Texas All-State Small School Mixed Choir, at the Henry B. González Convention Center as part of the 2023 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention.

All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive. 1,875 students are selected through a process that began with over 70,000 students from around the state vying for this honor to perform in one of 18 ensembles. These 6 students were chosen for this prestigious honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at District, Region, and Area levels.

Groth and Hines are flute players and Ussery plays Bb and Alto Clarinet at Lindale High School under the direction of Steven Moore, Susan Scott, Weston Fisher and Nick Kelley, who are members of the Texas Music Educators Association, a 14,000+ member organization

headquartered in Austin. This is Groth's and Hines' second time and Ussery's third time to perform as a member of a TMEA All-State organization.

Day, Kramer, and McGuire sing under the direction of Kerry Baham and Hannah Sherman who are also members of the Texas Music Educators Association. This is the students' first time to perform as a member of a TMEA All-State organization.

High school students selected to perform in the All-State concerts have competed through auditions to qualify at the state level. Texas Music Educators Association sponsors the Texas All-State competition. This competitive process begins throughout the state in auditions hosted by 33 TMEA Regions. Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part. From this ranking, a select group of musicians advances from their Region to compete against musicians from other areas in five ATSSB Area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to perform in a TMEA/ATSSB 4A All-State music group. Only the top 2.6% of musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians.

These All-State students participate in four days of rehearsals directed by nationally recognized conductors during the TMEA Clinic/Convention. Their performances for thousands of attendees bring this extraordinary event to a close. For the All-State concert and conductor information, go to the Performances section of www.tmea.org/convention. Founded in 1921, Texas Music Educators Association is an association of more than 14,000 members dedicated to promoting excellence in music education. Go to www.tmea.org/convention for more information.

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