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CHS Dominates Regional Orchestra Auditions

Nineteen Charlottesville High School Orchestra students have been selected by audition for the 2005 South Central Senior Regional Orchestra. Five principal positions were earned by CHS students, including the concertmaster chair.

Auditions were held Saturday, September 17 at Charlottesville High School for the regional ensemble, which will convene at Atlee High School this November. Nearly 20% of the string players selected by blind audition for the orchestra, which represents Richmond, Henrico, Hanover, Chesterfield, Lynchburg, Roanoke, the Shenandoah Valley and all points south and west, are from Charlottesville High School.

Junior Shankar Srinivasan earned the concertmaster position for the third consecutive year. Riley Moore placed second of the 93 violinists who auditioned. Mary Kate Smith earned the principal Violin II chair, and Fitz Gary was selected principal of the viola section. Emily Cantrell placed second of the 33 violists who auditioned. Eva Ryan earned the principal flute chair, and Nicholas Plank was selected to lead the trumpet section. Other violinists selected for the orchestra include Farrell Newman, Laura Schwartz, Mallory Matsumoto, Julia Nakamoto, Patrick Costanzo, and Julia Casey. Leigh Wilson and Chris Covington were selected for the viola sections; Nikki Wise, Hannah McDonald-Moniz, and Clare Plunkett earned placement in the cello section and Ted Lichtenberger was selected for the string bass section.

Two-hundred and forty-two students auditioned for the 110-piece orchestra on Saturday. The South Central Senior Regional Orchestra is one of four regional orchestras in Virginia, and is the preliminary to the All-State Orchestra held in the spring.

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