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The annual Bayonne High School Holiday Winter Concert will be presented in the Alexander X. O'Connor Auditorium on 30th Street and Avenue A at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, December 17, 2010.

The Bayonne High School student ensembles that will be presented in this performance, under the direction of Mrs. Lydia Megale, include: New Image Concert Choir, Bee Sharps and "Musically Yours". Mr. Vasyl Hrechynsky will conduct the Girls' Glee Club and Sweet Harmony. Mr. Gavin Davies and the String Ensemble will be performing. Instrumentalists, trained by instrumental instructors, Mr. Serge Puchinsky and Mrs. Dana Mason will participate in the finale.

Elementary vocal students who attended the recent "Vocal Day" at Bayonne High School will join in singing with the high school students, offering them a way to experience the vocal program at Bayonne High School first hand.

"The program selections are varied in nature," said Mrs. Rosen. "The teachers work very hard in choosing material which will provide the students with challenging repertory, offering them a broad spectrum of musical styles which they can enjoy as well as appreciate," she added.

"Approximately 250 students have been working to demonstrate their talents," commented Mrs. Joan H. Rosen, Director of Music and Art. "The Winter Concert is always such a festive greeting to the holiday season here at Bayonne High School," stated Bayonne High School Principal, Richard Baccarella. Both administrators encourage the community to attend.

This year the concert will feature a guest group, The Ukrainian Chorus “Dumka” of New York. This group is under the direction of Vasyl Hrechynsky, Assistant Vocal Director of Bayonne High School. Mr. Hrechynsky was specifically invited to this country from his hometown, Strye in the Ukraine in 1991 to be the conductor of “Dumka.” A non-professional chorus of 40 members, “Dumka” is comprised of doctors, lawyers, social workers, teachers, business professionals and students, all people who come together to promote the joy of singing. They will perform the traditional “Carol of the Bells” in addition to other holiday selections.

The conclusion of the concert will be the Finale, “Hallelujah Chorus” performed by the entire vocal music department and “Dumka” and accompanied by the Orchestral Ensemble. This is an exciting ending to the festivities as our alumni vocal students are invited to come to the stage and sing.

Tickets are currently available. If any citizen is interested in securing a ticket for the concert, they can contact Mrs. Joan Rosen at 201-858-5883. Ticket price is \$5.00.