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The annual Bayonne High School vocal portion of the Spring Concert will be presented in the Alexander X. O'Connor Auditorium on 30th Street and Avenue A at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening, May 7, 2010.

This concert will again feature the Salute to the Veterans. All veterans are invited to attend this concert for free of charge as guests of the music department and will also be acknowledged with a medley of the corps songs from the various branches of service. The entire vocal department will be performing this tribute. "Each year the Bayonne High School students march proudly in the Memorial Day Parade," stated Mr. Richard Baccarella, Bayonne High School Principal. "This concert is just another demonstration of the pride our students have for the sacrifices our veterans made, and the pride these students possess as Americans in a free society," added Mrs. Joan H. Rosen, Director of Music and Art for the Bayonne Public Schools.

The 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 Glee Club and Sweet Harmony. In addition to the vocalists performing the Bayonne High School String Orchestra will be featured under the direction of Mr. Gavin Davies.

"The program selections are varied in nature, representative of the rigorous vocal curriculum here at Bayonne High School," 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.

“This year we are including a new element to our annual concert. On March 5th our department presented the annual Faculty Student Alumni Recital, chaired by Bayonne Public Schools music teacher, Mrs. Marianne Grieman. On that evening in addition to the faculty and alumni who performed, six extremely talented Bayonne High School seniors performed in concert. Those students were the winners of the annual Music Faculty Scholarship. Instrumentalists, Kenneth Barry, Dolores Bujnowski, and William Golden; and vocalists, Agnes Kalinowski, Ariel Rivera and William Cappello will be awarded their scholarship during the concert on May 7th. “We are extremely proud of the recognition that these Bayonne High School students have received throughout their high school music careers and are most appreciative of the wonderful talent they have shared with us,” commented Mrs. Rosen.

Mrs. Lydia Megale has expanded “Musically Yours” to be a Bayonne High School co-ed show choir similar to “Imagery” that was initiated in the early 80’s by BHS instructor Mrs. Marilyn Vallette, stated Mrs. Rosen, “In a way what was old has become new”.

The conclusion of the concert will be picture video show and a musical “good-bye” to the graduating seniors who have dedicated so much for our music program. “Farewell” composed by Bob Dokus and Andrew Ignacio will be performed by the entire vocal music department.

“The Spring Concert always provides us with outstanding performances from all the choral groups at Bayonne High School,” stated Principal Baccarella. Both he and Mrs. Rosen encourage the community to attend.

Tickets are currently available. If any citizen is interested in securing a ticket for the concert, they can contact the Music and Art Office at 201-858-5883. Ticket price for the concert is \$7.00.

Upcoming music department performances include Slam! presented by the BHS Band on Friday, May 21, 2010, and an original performance of the Bayonne High School Arts Academy Met Renaissance Project on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Please put these dates on your calendar.

