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EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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1. Harmony Stockton

The Big Story: You may have heard...! The 29 students of Harmony Stockton gave two debut performances just before the holidays. Not only did the performances rise consistently to the students' best work – including the student introductions of the music – but the poise and stage presence in the spotlight illustrated the transformation for these young students since the first days in August. The performance at the University's Holiday Luncheon was celebrated in a formal circumstance in front of 500 people – beyond the comfort of their familiar surroundings and families at Marshall. So the next night, performing on their own turf was a piece of cake!

In class following the performances, Harmony Stockton students wrote answers to a series of questions to promote reflection on the experience. Compiled, they're delightful; if you read each student's answers to the series, you really see their personalities emerge. The compilation is included below!

There are video excerpts of both performances on YouTube – also on the Events Page of <http://harmonystockton.org>.

- The Marshall performance (8:50): <http://youtu.be/4U9gPNWbhJc>
- The UoP performance (14:45): <http://youtu.be/AGB32qD7j48>

With the first day back at school last week, instructors report the kids were “chompin’ at the bit” to be playing again and especially to take their violins home to practice. The students will have a contract and small deposit for taking them home, starting next week – in alternating teams (M-W & Tu-Th) to

compete for which team practices most on their day with the violins! No weekends: the objective is for the violins not to sit at home in the case, but to start with a couple privileged days to ensure use.

Music and Poetry

Post-concert Reflections

December 15, 2011

by

The Music Students of Harmony Stockton at Marshall Elementary

...following debut performances December 13-14 at Univ. of the Pacific and at Marshall

In preparing for this concert, we/I...

~practiced and practiced (our songs)
~got our violins out (and practiced, too)
~rehearsed for it
~walked on stage
~were a little bit excited
~were happy and excited
~were scared
~were awesome
~felt like a true student
~had fun
~had a crazy time
~danced

Just before we walked on stage...

~we ate good food
~we ate pizza
~we had to set up
~I got my violin
~I played recorder
~we got in line order
~we waited outside
~I was awesome
~I felt nervous
~I was silly nervous
~I wanted to throw up
~happy
~jumped in the air
~famous
~I thought we were important
~I smile and stand up like professionals

When we started our first piece...

~I felt like millions of eyes were staring at me
~I was not nervous
~I was calm
~I got nervous
~I got the giggles and had stage fright
~I was scared
~I messed up
~my heart was beating hard
~we held our violins in guitar position
~I sang
~I was singing good
~(Ms. LE) played piano
~then we did violin
~we played Hot Cross Buns
~I felt happy
~we were glad
~I was going to do my best

For me, the best part of the concert was...

~when I played
~playing violins
~when we played Twinkle Twinkle
~singing
~singing "When I Close My Eyes"
~singing and recorder
~my solo
~when we had lunch
~the food
~when we went through everything and left
~playing for the people at UOP
~everybody clapping
~when everyone cheered

For me, the worst part of the concert was...

~when we were on stage
~seeing everyone out there
~when I forgot Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
~when I forgot Mary Had a Little Lamb
~when I messed up singing
~I messed up
~the speeches
~almost fell asleep
~bucket band
~singing
~when my violin broke
~nothing
~nothing at all
~nothing! I like it all
~not a single part
~closing the performance

Overall, I thought WE...

~will be famous
~were great
~were so awesome
~were kind of bad
~were cool on the stage
~were really really really good
~did really really awesome
~ROCK!! And we try our best
~have to do the violin
~were going to play recorder
~were going to mess up on the songs
~being on the news
~rock the UOP
~were awesome 'cause we really were
~did excellent. Perfecto

Overall, I thought I...

~rocked
~was so awesome
~did excellent
~would get stage fright
~was about to collapse
~was about to faint
~was going to mess up
~messed up! :(
~was bad
~have to sing

~did good
~was great
~was a good performer
~was the only one who people took pictures of...
~was a famous super star

Being involved in this concert...

~was the best concert of all - P.S. It's my 1st concert.
~was fun and amazing
~was good
~was awesome
~is excellent
~it felt like awesome
~feel good
~I feel is okay
~is cool
~we were very shy
~gave me concert experience
~was wonderful and exciting
~was a good thing
~was fabulous
~was special
~was very special to me
~made me feel loved

Harmony Stockton...

~rocks
~is fantastic
~is awesome
~is fun
~is good
~is ok
~is the best school ever
~is part of Stockton Symphony
~is a good after school program for kids
~is so super awesome
~is the most awesome
~is awesome and famous
~rules
~is awesome, rules, fun and amazing
~is an excellent team
~is the best music program in the world
~Rocks with Talent!
~I (heart) Harmony Stockton