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## **Seventy-Six Plano Musicians Selected for All-State Ensembles**

*Plano ISD students represent 4% of the All-State performers—with an excellent showing by first-year participants*

**Plano, TX – January 10, 2017.** The Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) has announced the selection of 76 Plano ISD students for positions in the coveted 2017 All-State music ensembles. Thousands of High School musicians across Texas began the audition process in the fall and a total of 1,778 individuals earned positions in these groups. Plano students represent 4% of the All-State positions, seven of whom are ninth graders in their first year of eligibility for this event. Band and choir students completed the audition process on January 7, while Jazz and Orchestra students were notified of their selection in late November. These students now begin preparations for three days of intensive rehearsals with renowned guest conductors and a concert before TMEA members on Saturday, February 11, 2017, in San Antonio. Congratulations to these outstanding musicians:

### **2017 All-State Band Members (16):**

- Jasper High School – Leon Chen, Jason Huang, David Park, Mukund Rao, Jenny Tan & Noah Yi
- Plano East Senior High School – Vikas Barevadia, Matthew Farley, Hunter Fly, Dhvani (Annie) Jain & Jared Sanders
- Plano West Senior High School – Kelly Dong, Sooyong Lee, Kaitlyn Li, Jason Smith & Daphne Zhu

### **2017 All-State Jazz Ensemble Member (1):**

- Plano West Senior High School – Nathan Eisenberg

### **2017 All-State Choir Members (16):**

- Jasper High School – Jack Forden & Vilasini Nayar
- Plano East Senior High School – Brooke Bishop & Fahad Islam
- Plano Senior High School – Brandt Coffee, Grace LaMendolo, Michael Nguyen, Hailey Wickstrom & Maddie Bouldin
- Plano West Senior High School – Adam Christa, Lucas Clayton, Hallie Cover, Ananya Desai, Arta Fan, Allie Moore & Hayden Ponder

### **2017 All-State Orchestra Members (43):**

- Jasper High School – Jacqueline Jia, Shawn Ha, Seung Han, Yenna Lee-Gannon, Samantha Liu, Kevin Meng, Caleb Park, Hanna Sung, Kihan Sung, Jett Wang, Eddie Xu & Eric Zhang
- Shepton High School – Albert Chen, Iris Lin & Andy Qiao
- Vines High School – Ella Goeckner-Wald
- Williams High School – Suzie Chang & Vincent Huynh
- Plano East Senior High School – Van Chung, Cela Patras, Davis Pierson, Lindia Tjuatja, Andy Truong & Edward Zhou
- Plano Senior High School – Alexandria Cui, Daniel Davidson, Patrick Hayes & Nisha Rajesh

- Plano West Senior High School – Navin Ahire, Blake Aldridge, Kevin Bai, Alan Bouda, Raymond Chen, Serena Cheng, Luke Fullington, Yue Lin (Cedric) Hu, Gahwon Lee, Kevin Lin, Mikey McNamara, Annette Tsong, Tim Wang, Alice Zhao & Matthew Zhao

***About the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA)***

TMEA is an organization of over 11,000 school music educators dedicated to promoting excellence in music education. TMEA comprises five divisions: Band, Orchestra, Vocal, Elementary and College. TMEA leaders carefully monitor the actions of all state decision-making bodies on issues affecting fine arts instruction.

***About Plano Independent School District***

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) ([www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu)) endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. The mission of Plano ISD is to provide an excellent education for each student. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas, and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs more than 6,500 staff members who serve more than 55,000 students in 72 schools and 11 service facilities. Plano ISD schools empower students to be able to adapt to new learning and career opportunities throughout their lives, collaborate with, and contribute to, the global community and to be disciplined and creative in their thinking.

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