KUSD Hosts 49th Annual Choral Festival

KENOSHA, Wis. (Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015) – The Kenosha Unified School District’s 49th Annual Choral Festival will be presented on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Bradford High School field house. The event will showcase over 1,100 students from the elementary, middle, high and charter schools.

Tickets are available online at www.kusd.edu/finearts and include options for premium reserved floor seating ($7) or general admission bleacher seating ($6). This event has a history of selling out so there will most likely not be tickets available at the door.

This year's guest conductor is Dr. Henry Leck, associate professor and director of choral activities at Butler University in Indianapolis (http://www.butler.edu/music/bios-faculty-staff/henry-leck/).

Leck will visit KUSD secondary schools to rehearse with the choirs on Thursday, Feb. 19 and Friday, Feb. 20. The concert will feature performances by 18 school choirs. In addition, there will be combined performances featuring mass choirs from middle and high school, women’s choir, high school men’s choir and the All-City Elementary Choir. The program will conclude with all choirs performing together.

Participating directors and their schools are Bradley Mann, Bradford High School and Bullen Middle School; John Nepper, Harborside Academy and Paideia House; John Choi, Indian Trail Academy; Polly Amborn, Tremper High School; Shannon Robertson, Lance Middle School; Rita Gentile, Lincoln Middle School; Beth Herrendeen-Smith, Mahone Middle School; Anna Schmidt, Washington Middle School and Lisa Dittlof, Kenosha Technology Enhanced Curriculum.

Patricia Black and Jennifer Westover will serve as accompanists for the festival. Scott Plank, coordinator of fine arts, will serve as master of ceremonies.

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