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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **A MUSICAL WEEK AT GUERIN PREP**

Music lovers will have three chances to enjoy Guerin Prep musicians in concert this week at Guerin College Preparatory High School.

#### ***Piano & Choral Concert***

A piano recital is set for Tuesday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m., followed by a choral concert at 7 p.m. Both events will take place in the Guerin Prep auditorium and both are under the direction of Jordan Chua, the choral and piano studies teacher as well as the moderator of the Schola Cantorum. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Under the direction of Chua, Guerin Choral students participated in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest in March and brought home several prizes including a Division I Superior Rating for the performance of a 14<sup>th</sup> century English Madrigal by members of the Schola Cantorum.

Additional, two students each earned a Division I, Superior Rating—Edward Szkodzinski, baritone, performed an Irish folk song and Emilia Walasik, soprano, performed an Italian aria.

Recently the choral group provided concerts for students at St. Bartholomew, St. Eugene, St. Ladislaus, and St. Robert Bellarmine elementary schools.

#### ***Band in Concert***

On Friday, May 7 at 7 p.m., Guerin Prep bands—beginning, intermediate, symphonic and jazz bands—will present their annual spring concert in the school's Holy Cross gym, under the direction of John Springbrunn.

A highlight of the concert will be the performance of the William Tell Overture.

The band is also an award winner this year. They earned third place in the “A” division of 30<sup>th</sup> annual State of the Art Band competition for Chicago area Catholic High School bands held earlier this year at Marian Catholic High School. They also received the award for Best

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Woodwinds in their division, making it the second year in a row that we have won the Best Woodwinds award and the seventh consecutive year with a top three finish.

Guerin Prep's jazz band were also the featured guest artist at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual St. Giles Jazz Night. This was the twelfth year in a row that the band has participated in this event. The band also traveled to Branson, Mo, for the Music in the Parks Festival in April.

### ***Strings on Sunday***

On Sunday, May 9, at 3 p.m. the strings department, under the direction of Jeannette Hoyt, is combining the beginning violin recital with the string ensemble concert and planning quite an extravaganza in sight and sound. They are calling the whole experience: Whales!... A multimedia experience.

Beginning Violin and String Ensemble will play classical music linked to rock songs. For example Ravel's Pavane will segue into Eleanor Rigby, and other jazz selections. Video clips are planned for each of the songs to provide a YouTube experience... with video and music going at once. Even the refreshments provided will have a "whales" motif!

Synchronicity, a select group of Guerin Prep strings players, has had a busy performance schedule. They recently performed at the All-Star Orchestra Concert , at the Miss Polonia Pageant and at Guerin prep's Big Event.

Guerin Prep is providing a 13-week String Orchestra Summer program, under Ms. Hoyt's direction, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon until 1:30 p.m. It is open to all string players, ages fifth through ninth grade, for \$100. For more information, contact Hoyt at 708-717-3568 or email at [hoyt@guerinprep.org](mailto:hoyt@guerinprep.org).

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