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## **The Lincoln Academy Music Scholars Set to Participate in District Solo & Ensemble Festival**

BELOIT - Musicians from area schools will participate in a Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) sanctioned District Solo & Ensemble Music Festival hosted at Lake Geneva Middle School on Saturday, March 7, 2026. The Lincoln Academy (TLA) Music Teacher, Melissa Grzonka indicates that TLA will have 14 singers going to the contest, with accompaniment provided by Jacob Schmidt. The festival is free to attend and open to the public. Participants will perform vocal and instrumental solos, duets, trios and small ensembles before an adjudicator.

WSMA Executive Director, Laurie Fellenz, states, "WSMA is proud to support music teachers as we work together to provide student access via educational opportunities through music. Our long-standing festival programs encourage well-rounded musicians who develop deeper understanding through performance preparation culminating in comprehensive feedback from a qualified adjudicator."

WSMA music festivals support school music programs as part of a comprehensive education by encouraging the study of quality music literature, motivating scholars to prepare and perform to the best of their abilities, and improving their understanding of music literature and concepts. WSMA music festivals also provide a performance assessment to improve individual and group achievement.

### **About Wisconsin School Music Association**

Founded in 1932, WSMA is a non-profit service organization with more than 1,000 member public and private schools. Students from member schools are eligible to participate in WSMA programs, such as District and State Music Festivals, Concert Festivals, State Honors Music Project, State Marching Band Championships and Student Composition Project. WSMA is governed by a board of directors made up of superintendents, principals and other officers from our state. WSMA provides statewide music programs and resources, offers leadership and support for school music education-based experiences, and advances music as an integral part of school and community life.

For more information on WSMA, go to [www.wsmamusic.org](http://www.wsmamusic.org).

### **About The Lincoln Academy**

The Lincoln Academy (TLA) is an innovative K4–12 public charter school in Beloit, Wisconsin, chartered through the

University of Wisconsin System's Office of Educational Opportunities. Since 2021, TLA has provided a free, high-quality education for Wisconsin families. Learn more at [www.thelincolnacademybeloit.com](http://www.thelincolnacademybeloit.com).

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