

## Good News Grams May 2010

### Four Rocky Hill High School Students Selected for New England Music Festival



Four members of the Rocky Hill High School Choir were selected to the 2010 New England Music Festival Chorus. They were selected through competitive auditions in December. The students were Kristin and Derrick (grade 10), Kevin and Pauline (Grade 12). The festival was held at Lewis Mills High School March 18-20, 2010 and involved approximately 450 students from throughout the New England States. The choir conductor was Dr. Paul Head from the University of Delaware.

### Rocky Hill High School Choir Performs at Carnegie Hall



The Rocky Hill High School Concert Choir took part in a performance of Morten Lauridsen's, *Lux Aeterna*, at Carnegie Hall on January 18, 2010. This was the fourth time that the choir had been invited to take part in the Mid-America Concert Series at Carnegie Hall. Choir members spent four months preparing to perform this very challenging work. The conductor was Bradley Almquist from Murray State University in Kentucky. Also taking part in the performance were the Murray State University Concert Choir, The Paducah Kentucky Symphony Chorus, Freudig Singers of Western New York, Vassar College Chamber Choir and the Sparta High School Select Choir (Sparta, New Jersey).

In addition to their performance at Carnegie the choir visited the East Side Tenement Museum, took the Movie and TV Tour of New York City and saw the Tony Award winning Broadway musical, *In the Heights*.

### **CT-All-State Music Festival**

Two Rocky Hill High School students were selected for the 2010 CT All-State Music Festival, Gianna Acca (grade 11) was selected to the Chorus for the second time, and Kristen Lauria (grade 10) was selected for the Band for the first time. This year's All-State Festival was held at the CT Convention Center. The conductors for the groups were Charlene Archibeque, San Jose State University and Dennis R. Glocke, Penn State University

### **Rocky Hill High School Choir Cabaret**

Rocky Hill High School Choir members presented an evening of food and entertainment entitled the Billboard Blast on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at West Hill School. The event was planned, produced and performed by the students. They selected the theme, repertoire, planned the program, sets, narration and directed the two and a half hour performance featuring songs from the Billboard Magazine's top 100 charts from the '60's through the '90's. Choir parents provided the food and decorations for this event. Special thanks go to Choir dad extraordinaire, Tom Barnes of Mitchell's on Main in Cromwell. Tom secured the food through donations from area vendors and prepared the meal for the 160 people who attended. It was a wonderful event and raised over \$1,500 for the Choir's trip fund.

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