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April 19, 2010 - Centennial Collegiate students to shine at national musicfest

Seventy five students from Centennial Collegiate will attend Musicfest Canada in Ottawa this spring.

Not one, but two bands from Centennial Collegiate recently performed at the Regina Optimist Festival and received high enough marks to merit an invitation to the national festival in Ottawa. Every group at Musicfest Canada is there either by invitation or audition. “This is a great honour for the school and testament to the thriving music program at Centennial,” says music teacher Stacey Mortenson. “We are absolutely thrilled to be invited and the students are pumped about performing!”

Hosted by the National Arts Centre (NAC), Musicfest Canada takes place from May 17th to 22nd. The festival involves 300 ensembles including seven orchestras and 9,000 participants including directors and chaperones. Concert bands and orchestras perform at the National Arts Centre, Studio and Southam Hall. Students will be judged by 45 adjudicators and clinicians from all over North America. Up to \$100,000.00 in scholarships and awards including the Yamaha Kando Award and the NAC Scholarships for outstanding String and Brass performers will be awarded.

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