

DANVERS PARENTS FOR MUSIC EDUCATION



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A CAPPELLA PERFORMANCES BENEFITS MUSIC AT DANVERS HIGH SCHOOL **February 2 Concert Features DHS Grads in Groups from Mass. and New York**

DANVERS - The 2nd Annual A Cappella for the Arts, a concert featuring four colleges and two local high school singing groups, will be held in the DHS Michael N. Armento Auditorium, 60 Cabot Road, on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 7:00 pm. General admission tickets are \$15 and \$10 for students and seniors, and advance purchase is recommended. Tickets can be purchased by calling 978-750-4352 or 978-750-9917 or visit www.danversband.org. Refreshments and concert CD orders will be available for purchase.

The concert, which is presented by the Danvers Parents for Music Education (PME) to benefit the music programs at Danvers High School, will feature Danvers High School Chamber Singers; Swingtown from St. John's Preparatory School, Danvers; Distilled Harmony from Northeastern University, Boston; In A Chord from Boston University (BU); Cleftomaniacs from New York University (NYU), and The Ramifications from Suffolk University. The PME once again welcomes back DHS graduates Lauren Drapek, Michelle Drapek, and Sydney O'Connor who will return to the stage of their alma mater for the second year as members of the NYU, BU, and Northeastern groups, respectively. "It's great to have our alumni return and show us the new avenues they continue to pursue with their music," said Matthew Haynes, DHS Choral Director.

"A Cappella music (defined as choral singing without instrumental accompaniment), is becoming increasingly popular on the collegiate level," said Lorraine Drapek, one of the event coordinators and parent of both Lauren and Michelle Drapek. "We can certainly expect to see more groups developing and competing at the collegiate level," she added.

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CALENDAR LISTING

A CAPPELLA FOR THE ARTS - Concert featuring five A cappella groups to benefit Danvers High School music and programs. Saturday, February 2, 7 p.m. at Danvers High School, 60 Cabot Road, Danvers. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students and seniors; advanced purchase is recommended. Call 978-750-4352 or 978-750-9917 or visit www.danversband.org.