Time to Shine

URI concert features students from around New England



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While the Coventry High School band looked right at home last June at URI in the Ryan Center, where it performed at graduation ceremonies, tonight it will be joined by some of the area's top talent in URI's Southern New England Honors Band Festival. The free event is comprised of over 70 students from schools in R.I. and Massachusetts.

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KINGSTON — High school students from around the state will

gather tonight to showcase their talents at a concert at the University of Rhode Island (URI), and Coventry High School is including its band amongst the participants.

The concert, The Southern New

England Honors Band Festival, is free of charge. The event is comprised of over 70 students from schools in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

From Coventry High School, Re-

becca Chase will accompany the band on the flute. Exeter-West Greenwich, meanwhile, will have five students participating: Courtney Iava-Savage and Cara

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Woloohojian will play the flute, Eleni Giannopoulos on the clarinet, Joseph Muhitch on the baritone saxophone and Samuel Maldonado with percussion.

They will perform "Kirk-patrick Fanfare" by Andrew Boysen, Jr., "Homage: Three Tapestries" by David Holsinger, "Hymn of Brother-hood" by Egbert van Groningen, "Symphonic Dance #3— 'Fiesta'" by Clifton Williams and "Circus Days" by Karl King. The concert will be under the direction of guest conductor Richard Mayne from the University of Northern Colorado.

The public is welcome to attend the open rehearsals during the day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and at 8 p.m. when the concert officially starts.

According to Brian Cardany, the associate director of bands at URI, the group of students

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The winning numbers

was selected through an application and audition process. Students performed and recorded their scales and a few musical selections and then mailed the recordings to the university for review.

He explained that the concert is an opportunity for students to meet members of the music community as well as extend an outreach opportunity to the public. The university also has the chance to see some of southern New England's talent for future recruitment.

According to the university's news release, the first portion of the concert will be shared with The American Band, one of the oldest community bands in the country. They are a brass band that originated in 1837 and at this year's concert, will be led under the direction of Gene J. Pollart, a URI faculty member. Cardany will serve as the assistant conductor.

The concert will be held at the Fine Arts Center at 105 Upper College Road. Parking is available in the lot behind the center. For more information, contact the university at 874-2431.