

Sam Rocklin has been accepted to Cincinnati Junior Strings

Congratulations to Winton Woods Middle School eighth grader Sam Rocklin who has been accepted to Cincinnati Junior Strings (CJS). Sam has played bass for three years and is a member of the Winton Wood Middle School Orchestra. He studies with Debbie Taylor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

The Cincinnati Junior Strings is a performing orchestra for students in grades nine or below who play violin, viola, cello or string bass. It is organized and conducted by Dr. Gerald R. Doan, Professor Emeritus of Music Education at the College Conservatory of Music, along with Rachel Bierkan of Loveland Schools. CJS has 50 members ranging in age from 9 to 15 and rehearses every Sunday as part of the CCM Preparatory Department's broad offerings in music instruction. Since 1980, CJS has been invited to perform, inform, recruit and entertain in some 85 schools in southwest Ohio, northern Kentucky and eastern Indiana.

In addition to its annual school tours and concert schedule, the ensemble regularly appears by invitation at state and national conventions for music teachers. The young musicians have also performed on tours to Ireland, England, New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, China, Singapore and Malaysia. The group will again tour Australia at the end of the 2007-2008 season.