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Soundmasters are on a roll!

The ACCHS Soundmasters have started off the holiday season in a big way. Numerous calls from individuals and corporations wanting entertainment for holiday parties have not been disappointed thus far. November 22 was the first of many performances for Soundmasters. They entertained at the Dooley Center in Atchison as the Benedictine Sisters celebrated Thanksgiving. Rave reviews were mailed by Activities Director Laurie Kloepper. "Stunning and Wonderful" are 2 of the words used to describe the performance and appearance of the students. Another nun said, "I did shed a tear when the young soprano sang 'Mary, did you know'..." Another said she couldn't believe they were high school students.

On December 9, Soundmasters traveled to Atchison to tour area nursing homes and senior centers. Again, the compliments received were positive and encouraging to our students. One person wrote, "what a gift your group brings to those in nursing homes. I saw people stay awake that would normally fall asleep. I saw people smile who normally have a blank look on their face. I saw people tapping their toes and swinging their hands to the music". Soundmasters sang at Dooley Center, Vintage Park, Medicalodge, and Project Concern.

Saturday, December 10, Soundmasters entertained a large crowd at the Bungee Milling Christmas party in Atchison at the Heritage Center. The manager was so impressed he plans to ask us back for other functions.

On December 14, Soundmasters will be part of the entertainment for the District's Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner and will finish off the evening as the finale of the ACCHS Music Department's Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m.

Soundmasters were asked to perform for the Kansas State Department of Education's Annual Holiday Luncheon in Topeka on December 16th at the Holiday Inn on Fairlawn. This is a huge honor to be asked to perform, not once, but twice! Thanks to Amanda Jeffrey (former Soundmaster) for inviting us back.

December 17 will find Soundmasters at Muscotah singing in their new City Hall and on December 20 we will travel to downtown Effingham to entertain the Town and Country Senior Citizens.

Thank you to all who have invited Soundmasters to share their gifts with you this holiday season. My grandmother always said when God gives you a gift, you should share it. And share it, we do!! Amy Eckert