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Capital High Winter Ensemble Extravaganza

Santa Fe, New Mexico – Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM at the Bryan Fant Theater of Capital High School, Capital High Jaguar Concert Band and Jaw-Droppin' Jags Choir deliver a winter concert to showcase extensive talent, teamwork, and musical achievements. The concert will be conducted by Steven Iliff, Director of Bands and Margaret Pettengill, Choral Director. Lydia Clark will accompany choral arrangements on piano.

Band selections include "Themes from the Nutcracker," arranged by James Swearingen, "Greensleeves," arranged by Paul Cook, and "Jingle Bell Rock," by Jim Boothe and arranged by Jerry Nowak. The choral performance will feature traditional favorites of the season.

Under the direction of Steve Iliff and Margaret Pettengill, both programs have grown in quality and are consistently in demand to perform at public events. The programs collaborate with the Dance, Theatre and Film Studies programs to continue the Capital Arts Production Academy (CAPA) tradition of creating a community of students who are passionate about excellence in Arts and Academics. In 2010 the Capital High School (CHS) band achieved an "Excellent" rating at the North Central New Mexico Music Educators Association Music Performance Assessment and has since performed in collaboration with the Denver School of the Arts Wind Ensemble and professional musicians Chief Sanchez and Dave Anderson. CHS Choral Programs perform in Albuquerque ShowFest each year and recently collaborated with Sangre de Cristo Chorale in an intergenerational choral project. CAPA students are often hailed as the nicest and brightest students at CHS.

For an interview or rehearsal photo opportunity, contact Margaret Pettengill at 467-1118 or mpettengill@sfps.info or Steven Iliff at 467-1121 or siliff@sfps.info.

Capital High music education programs continue to develop and grow as a culminating course of pre-college study for students graduating from Ortiz Middle School. Marching band, concert band, intermediate and advanced choral programs and show choir and music theatre are elements of this thriving program of study. String orchestra and scoring/arranging/composition are intended courses of study to begin in 2012-2013.

Student photo releases are intact.