

Concert will feature accomplished soloists

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Several dynamic singers will take center stage during "Oh! What a Wonderful Child!," a holiday concert by the Winston-Salem State University Choirs on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. at the school's K.R. Williams Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.



Hill

The concert is the creation of D' Walla Simmons Burke, director of Choral and Vocal Studies at Winston-Salem State University. It will feature the Winston-Salem State University Men, led by Dr. Roy L. Belfield Jr., the Winston-Salem State University Choir, the University Women and the Burke Singers.



Clemonts

Featured soloists will include LaShon R. Hill, who studied music education with a concentration in vocal performance at Winston-Salem State University under the tutelage and mentorship of Burke.

Hill, a mezzo soprano, has been afforded the opportunity to grace the stage on many occasions, most recently in the Open Space Café Theatre's "Dinah Was!" and the Stained

Glass Playhouse's "Mahalia." She's been featured as a headline artist in local coffee shops, jazz cafés and on WQMG 97.1's "Busta Brown's Talent Showcase."

Hill has been hand-picked to travel to Germany and tour with the internationally renowned gospel group, The Golden Gospel Singers.

Tenor Alfred Clemonts will also perform. He is a sixth grade Language Arts teacher at

Carter G. Woodson School, where he also plays an active role in the music department as the male chorus director. He was bestowed the prestigious honor of singing "I Believe I Can Fly" for the former Governor

Jim Hunt in 1995. He attended Winston-Salem State University, majoring in English and pursued political science. While at WSSU, he traveled with Burke to the Czech Republic to record a CD with the Dvorak Symphony.

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Hanes

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kids to contribute even more to the campaign, which ends Dec 20, when Winter Break begins. They barked like dogs, danced, sang and even "hollered," quite literally, much to the students' delight. The kids rewarded their instructors with ear splitting screams and cheers.

Eighth grade Teacher Emily Zeisenheim took a shaving cream "pie" in the face and performed "The Jerk" dance at the rally to reward the kids.

"I just adore them. They all worked so hard; they deserve this pep rally," she declared. "It's nice to give them something fun to send them away on break."

The students really pulled together in support of the campaign, Zeisenheim said. Some even took time out over the weekend to solicit canned good donations from the community.

"They encouraged each other," she said. "It kind of was the domino effect with the students; that was my favorite part."

Eighth grader Lisa Hauser said she enjoyed contributing to the campaign.

"It makes me feel like I'm helping my community," stated Hauser, 13. "Because we're helping people out, and one day, you could probably be in that same situation."

Matt Bohannon, food services manager for the Rescue Mission, said that the "89 barrels worth of food and monetary donations that Hanes has collected thus far will be enough to feed the residents at the homeless shelter for six months. The Rescue Mission, which serves roughly 100 local men daily through its array of services, has seen a 25 percent increase in its demand this year alone, Bohannon said.

"At the Rescue Mission, unfortunately, we see guys and girls everyday that don't have a meal that have to eat out of the trash can," he told the students. "The food that y'all have given has helped



Photos by Layla Farmer

Students show school spirit with wild hairwigs for Crazy Hair Day.



From left: Rescue Mission Food Services Manager Matt Bohannon; Hanes Teacher of the Year Yvonne James; and a Student Council Member directs the mayhem.

March for Homeless Children slated to take place on Saturday

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The Human Relations Department is sponsoring its 7th annual March for Homeless Children as part of the Winston-Salem Holiday Parade on Saturday, Dec. 5.

The march will raise awareness for the plight of homeless children.

Representatives of Project Hope (a program offered by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools that addresses

the needs of homeless children and their families) will be on hand to accept donations of clothing and school supplies.

Residents interested in participating in the march to show their support for homeless children should meet at 4:30 p.m. at the Center City West parking garage across from the Chamber of Commerce Building on Fourth Street.

For more information, call City Link at 336-727-8000.

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