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Darien Student Musicians Travel to Washington, New York City

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Musicians from Darien High School just returned home after the school's choruses sang at Washington, D.C., and the orchestra played in New York City, the school district's Music Department said.

— [an announcement](#) from the *Darien High School Music Department*

DHS Chorus in Washington

The Darien High School Choruses, directed by Christopher Andrade, performed in the Heritage Music Festival in Washington, D.C. from Thursday to Sunday, April 25 to 28, and were adjudicated by the professor of choirs at George Mason University.

The Concert Choir performed beautifully and placed second place in their category and division with a Silver (Excellent) rating.

How the Tudor Singers Are Getting to Carnegie Hall

The Tudor Singers earned a Gold (Superior) rating — and were awarded the Adjudicators' Award for Outstanding Choral Group, having been the highest-scoring vocal group in *any* category or division for the

entire festival.

Additionally, the Tudor Singers earned a spot at next year's invitation-only Festival of Gold at Carnegie Hall.

High School Orchestra in New York

The Darien High School Orchestra performing at the Heritage World Strides Music Festival in New York City on Saturday, April 27.

The orchestra, conducted by Jane Minnis, was awarded a Silver rating at the 2019 World Strides Heritage Music Festival. The Orchestra impressed the judges with their sound and balance and high level of orchestral literature.

Jeffrey Campbell from Eastman School of Music and composer Carl Strommen adjudicated the ensembles and provided the students with a helpful clinic following their performance.

The students were able to listen to other ensembles and meet music students from schools throughout the US and Canada. Their day ended with an awards ceremony aboard a Circle Line ship.