

November 18, 2014 – Staunton City Schools' Partnership with Heifetz Institute Continues

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On Wednesday, November 12, 2014 musicians representing the Heifetz International Music Institute performed for music students at Robert E. Lee High School and Shelburne Middle School. The performers were Madison Vest, violin; Zachary Mowitz, cello; and Carlos Avila, piano. Mr. Benjamin Roe spoke with students about the Heifetz Institute and about the musicians. During the performance, the musicians played a variety of solo and duet pieces and answered questions from the audience.

Nearly 200 students and teachers enjoyed the event. Students were especially intrigued with hearing and learning about string instruments. One student commented, "It was interesting to learn that some of the instruments were over 100 years old." Other students noted, "It was really cool to see and hear different instruments," and "I enjoyed watching the pianist's hands. He moved really quickly."

The Heifetz International Music Institute is a local organization dedicated to the artistic growth and career development of some of the most talented and promising musicians in the world. Founded by Daniel Heifetz, the Institute conducts an intensive six-week summer program for gifted musicians at Mary Baldwin College and partners throughout the year with local schools to provide visiting musicians.



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