



Rockin' the Strathmore

Siena students jam with the acclaimed band OAR

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, December 17, 2010 – The Siena Band played a prestigious gig at the Levine School of Music Strathmore Campus on December 17th, 2010. Siena's musicians were invited to participate in an elite Master Class with the internationally renowned rock band O.A.R.

One of four bands appearing at the event, Siena's band performed "Wild Thing" for an audience of fellow musicians and members of O.A.R. After the performance, O.A.R. members gave their critique.. O.A.R. saxophonist Jerry DePazzo commented that musicians are "there to entertain, to make people feel good and to put a smile on their face, and you guys definitely did that. Awesome job!"

In continuing to grow its creative partnership with Levine School of Music, The Siena School provides students with opportunities to develop their musical skills. The O.A.R. Master Class was a particular honor for Siena's band, the only group from outside Levine asked to perform. Siena band members, who work with Levine teachers weekly at Siena, enjoyed the opportunity to play for a group as





accomplished as O.A.R., and especially valued the specific input they were given, musician to musician.

Sixth grade student and bassist Chase Williams said, "It was a great experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. The band was awesome and so nice. I hope I will have the opportunity to meet them again."

Said Siena parent Grace Karmioli, "My son had the opportunity of a lifetime. The Siena School and Levine School of Music together really gave him a chance to feel good about himself and his music. He is now inspired to take his music to a whole new level and study and play music with even greater enthusiasm!"

About The Siena School

The Siena School in Silver Spring, Maryland serves bright, college-bound students with language-based learning differences, such as dyslexia. Siena's staff and board of advisors include distinguished national, state and local education leaders and professionals. The school was established in 2006 to serve students in grades 5 – 9, and currently serves grades 4 – 12. Siena's program is designed for students with mild to moderate learning needs who are experiencing a discrepancy between their academic achievement and intellectual abilities in one or more areas such as reading, writing, oral expression or math. Siena delivers an individualized educational program featuring small class sizes, research-based instructional methodologies, a highly trained staff and an educational environment specifically designed to meet the unique needs of our students. For further information, The Siena School can be contacted at (301) 592-0567 or on the web at www.thesienaschool.org.

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