

Sixteen Harlan County High School Choir members recently participated in the 67th annual Southeastern Kentucky Music Association's All-Festival Choir in London.

Students auditioned earlier in the school year for the honor choirs. The First Baptist Church of London hosted the event.

There were two honor choirs- a women's choir and a mixed chorus. Harlan County High School was represented in both choirs.

The women's chorus was under the direction of Beth Wilson, professor at the University of Kentucky School of Music. She is a professor in the areas of conducting and choral music education and serves as supervisor of the UK Choir's Female A cappella Ensemble Pause and Listen.

The mixed choir was under the direction of John Stegner. He is an adjunct professor at Bluegrass Community and Technical College. He is minister of music, founder and conductor of Les Jonglures, a semi-professional ensemble in Lexington.

During the three-day event, HCHS senior Parker Eads accompanied the SATB Choir on percussion during the performance of "You Can't Stop the Beat" from the hit musical "Hair." He is the drummer for the local band Mandela.

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