



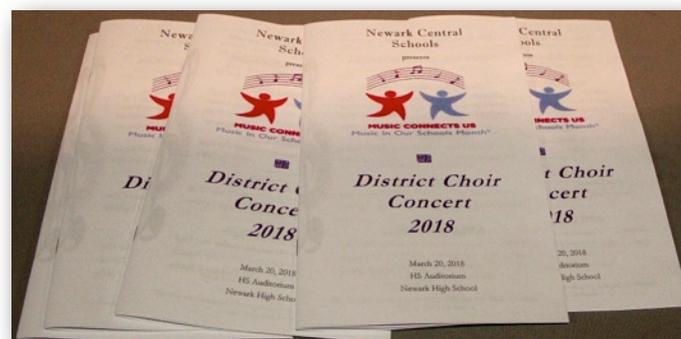
The NHS auditorium was nearly full several minutes before the concert began March 20th.

Standing Room Only At District Choir Concert

Newark Central School District 3rd through 12th grade vocal musicians sang their hearts out March 20th in the packed Newark High School auditorium where it was literally standing room only.

A half hour before the concert, packed parking lots outside told the story where inside seats were filling up fast.

There were so many audience members that there were even some people standing outside in the hallway watching the concert that lasted just over an hour.



More than 900 people attending were treated to music performed by:

- The combined Kelley School Grades 3-5 choruses directed by Libby Brozik who is the Kelley School vocal music teacher. The third grade chorus is brand new this year.



Members of the combined 3rd, 4th and 5th grade choruses at Kelley School opened the concert with *“A Million Dream.”*

- The Newark Middle School 6th, 7th and 8th grade choruses directed by NMS vocal music teacher Brooke Hartpence.
- The NHS Mixed Choir and the NHS Chamber Choir directed by NHS vocal music teacher Kate Flock.

After the concert Flock said she was really pleased about the size of the audience, attributing the overflow crowd to the fact this was the first year the Kelley School choruses had been included in the District Choir Concert.

“I think people really enjoy seeing the musical progression from the youngest chorus members at Kelley School to our seniors in Chamber Choir,” she said.

When they weren’t performing March 20th, the Kelley School and Middle School singers were in the NHS cafeteria and the Large Group Instruction Room watching the concert live on monitors.

Scott Diamond, the NSCD Broadcast TV/Social Media coordinator, was videotaping the event in the auditorium so it could be live streamed on the Newark High School You Tube channel and the NHS Facebook page.

Watch here at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7LVRwUpiRU&feature=youtu.be&a>

Since she is expecting the District Choir Concert to feature the three Kelley School choruses again next year, Flock said her Mixed Choir and Chamber Choir members, who were allowed to sit in the auditorium March 20th, will likely view the concert, when they aren’t performing, on a monitor inside her classroom next year.

The change would make more seating available in the auditorium.