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# 'Star' Power At YHS

## 'Evening With The Stars' Embraces Game Show Format Monday

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There will be plenty of songs, trivia and fun — just no George DeWitt.

For this year's Yankton High School choir presentation of "Evening with the Stars," students will be presenting their version of the retro game show, "Name That Tune," at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at the YHS Theatre.

"We're going to have a host, and he'll kind of help lead us through the concert," said Angela Larson, YHS choir director. "And we're going to get some audience members to participate in guessing the songs the kids are singing."

The concert will feature approximately 20 songs from 160 students performing as solos, duets, small groups and full choirs. Audience members will be called to guess the title of each performance, with bonus points for naming the songs' performers. The winner of the event will receive a prize at the end of the night.

"It's going to be a fun night of entertainment that really showcases our school's talent," Larson said.

"Evening with the Stars" is the first concert performed by the YHS choir each school year, and it gives students the opportunity to audition for the performance and showcase their talents, Larson said.

A new theme is chosen each year. Last year's theme, "Hits Throughout the Decades," featured songs ranging from The Pretender's "I'll Stand by You" to Rihanna's "Take a Bow."

"The students really like this concert, because they get to sing a lot of pop songs," Larson said.

"Throughout the year, they'll usually sing more classical and traditional pieces, so this is always one of their favorites."

Because of this year's unusual theme, Larson said the concert has required extra planning and preparation. Since school began in August, students have been occupied with a variety of tasks, she said.

"One of my choirs is doing decorations to make it look like a game-show set, and another choir has been working on rules for the games," Larson said.

"Evening with the Stars" also

serves as a fundraiser for the YHS Choir Boosters. Money that is made from the event goes toward several funds, such as the purchase of uniforms or the choir's annual trip.

Also taking part in the fundraising effort will be Hebda Family Produce. The Mission Hill business will be selling various products at the concert, including apple pie, salsa, spaghetti sauce and jams, with part of the proceeds going to the YHS Choir Boosters.

Tickets for this year's "Evening with the Stars" can be

purchased from YHS choir students or at the door the night of the performance. Admission for children ages 5 and under is free of charge.

Larson encourages everyone in the area to attend the show and enjoy the entertainment provided by the students.

"It's also a fundraiser, so it supports the kids," she said. "And that's always a plus."

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Yankton's Acappella Choir will be among the featured performing ensembles and acts during Monday night's "Evening with the Stars" at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. Members of the Acappella ensemble include, front row from left: Carson Smith, Gretta Hans, Johanna Lippert, Lexi Fokken, Susanna Kinsley, Sarah Santos, Bre Schmidt, Erica Westerman and Kassie Ishmael; second row: Alanna Binder, Fiona Dahlberg, Brianna Kelly, Paden Schmidt, Ricky Culver, Brody Woehl, Garrett Adam and Matt Watt; third row: Madeleine Logue, John Iverson, Cody Geary, Jack Tramp and Jase Likness. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)

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VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota will celebrate "150 Years of Legacy" for Dakota Days, Oct. 1-6.

Homecoming activities at USD will recognize the university's 150th anniversary and celebrate USD's Pride, Service, Community, Innovation, Inspiration and Tradition each day of the week. The schedule of events includes the Royalty Reveal at AalFs Auditorium and a pep rally on the courtyard outside Slagle Hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2; the Al Neuharth Award for Excellence in the Media presentation to Marilyn Hagerty ('48) at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4 at AalFs Auditorium; and the dedication of "Legacy," the USD coyote statue, at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 on the campus mall east of the Muenster University Center.

Dakota Days events on Saturday, Oct. 6 begin with the 98th annual Dakota Days Parade ([www.usd.edu/campus-life/dakotadays/parade.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/campus-life/dakotadays/parade.cfm)) at 10 a.m. on Main Street with USD alums Tom ('64) and Meredith ('62) Brokaw serving as parade marshals. Following the parade, USD will host Western Illinois at 2 p.m. at the DakotaDome in a Missouri Valley Football Conference matchup.

Additional activities include comedian Anthony Jeselnik at 8 p.m. on Oct. 1 at AalFs Auditorium; the book launch of "Pride, Persistence and Progress," a 150-year pictorial history of USD, at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 5 at the Muenster University Center; an Alumni Dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 5 at the Muenster University Center Ballroom followed by the D-Days Downtown Bash at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Club; class reunions for 1952, 1962 and 1972 graduates at noon on Oct. 6 at the Al Neuharth Media Center and at Beacom Hall; and fraternity and sorority open houses (Oct. 6), campus tours (Oct. 5) and the annual meeting of the Alumni Association (Oct. 5) at the Muenster University Center.

For more information and a complete schedule of activities, including daily entertainment and additional sporting events during the week, visit [www.usd.edu/dakotadays](http://www.usd.edu/dakotadays) or go to the Alumni Association's website [www.usdalumni.com](http://www.usdalumni.com).



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