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The Western Illinois Horn Festival 2014

*Melanie Butcher—Choir Director—Macomb High School. Regarding the visit of Annie Bosler on the morning of April 4, 2014:

“Thanks again for arranging the speaker on [Friday](#). The kids really enjoyed it and received a lot of valuable information . ”

*Richard Ness—Film History Professor at WIU met with Annie, as well as Professors Blankenship and Faust on Friday—and attended several of the sessions. He noted that the narrator (John Burlingame) of Annie’s documentary film (*1M1 The Hollywood Horns of the Golden Years*) was a person with whom he corresponds. In addition, films referenced in her documentary are ones he uses in his classes. At the end of the concert on Sunday evening he said, “We should have a concert of Movie Music every year!”

*Mr. Ken Zahnle—Music Director Tri-States Public Radio –interviewed Annie Bosler on Friday afternoon, April 4, 2014. Annie Bosler’s research on the history of hornists performing on Movie Soundtracks –provided him with subject material for several of his musical selections for that day—as well as the next week.

*A number of the students found Annie’s clinic sessions very helpful. One student told me that the session on dealing with Performance Anxiety was “worth the price of admission” itself.

*One of our graduates—who has attended several of the International Symposia—said that she was depressed after hearing Annie and Dylan’s recital on Sunday. She was depressed that such young hornists could be so good—and that so many people did not REALLY understand JUST how good they were!

*In fact, after the final recital, WIU students crowded around Annie and Dylan asking them questions. If the stage crew person didn’t have to go home, they would have still been there!

In addition to the WIU students and alumni, Professor Lee Kessinger of Augustana College participated with some of her students. In addition, other students included a graduate student from Illinois State University, high school students from Macomb, Rushville, Springfield, and AC Central High School.

*Channel 7—KHQA Television from Quincy also covered the 1 PM recital and interviewed Annie Bosler and Dylan Hart.