

POWERFUL PERFORMANCE

Hitting their high notes

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Joshua and Madison Reitter have both been waiting for this day.

Nerves wound tight, Joshua Reitter had to calm himself down, allowing him to give an amazing audition at district chorus.

“During auditions, I was really nervous. It was to the point where before I started singing I was physically shaking. I went through the music in my head, and I managed to calm myself down enough to have a good audition.”

Madison Reitter also did the prep work to guarantee her spot in the competition.

“I listened to the tracks that the directors prepared and worked with Mrs. Allard.”

When the students made it to auditions, it was better than expected.

“It wasn’t so much a competition as a big group project. I was only nervous for the auditions, but even then, the other girls were very supportive and helpful.”

Reitter learned many skills that helped her with her performance like “learn[ing] how to warm up better and more quickly. [and how to] support my breath better and feel more confident.”

She did a wide variety of different types of music all with different challenges that needed to be overcome to perform in the competition.

“We did a range: spirituals, Latin choral music, modern music.”

She also had a lot of fun with more experienced singers.

“It was really awesome because we were all there to make music and were all expected to know it and make it better.” ❖



After much preparation, junior Joshua Reitter and senior Madison Reitter pose for a photo before the district competition.

Source: Kathleen Allard

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