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Honor Choir to feature clinician Nathan Wubbena

Public invited to free concert Jan. 11

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Nathan Wubbena (Courtesy Photo)

The annual Northeast Colorado and Western Nebraska Honor Choir will be held in Haxtun this year on Monday, Jan. 11.

Auditioned students from Akron, Brush, Creek Valley, Neb., Fleming, Haxtun, Holyoke, Imperial, Neb., Julesburg, Sterling, Wiggins, Wray and Yuma will take part in the 62 voiced choir under the direction of conductor, teacher, composer and lyric baritone Nathan Wubbena from Longmont.

Students will spend the day putting the final touches on a program of songs that will be presented at a 6:30 p.m. concert at the Prairie Home Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend the free concert.

Wubbena graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Northern Colorado with a bachelor's degree in music education, specializing in vocal, piano and general music. During his time at UNC, he founded and directed UNC's top male a capella group, Renegade.

He has been and continues to be active in opera and choral programs throughout the state and has performed as a member and soloist with Opera Classica Europa, in Germany and France. His public school teaching includes both middle school and high school choirs.

Outside of his regular duties, Wubben performs with Defiance Community Players, in Glenwood Springs, most recently taking on the roles of Javert in "Les Miserables" and as Lumiere in "Beauty and the Beast." In addition, he performs as a guest soloist yearly with Symphony in the Valley.

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Wubben has also taught private guitar, trumpet and voice. Throughout his career and in his downtime, he enjoys composing a capella music.

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