

Harwich High Alumni Light Up Harwich High School

January 9, 2009 – Harwich – It may be over forty years old but Harwich High School can still rock the house. For the fifth consecutive year, Harwich High School alumni braved the January cold to perform in their Annual Alumni Show. Alumni from as far back as 1977 to last year's 2008 graduates showed up to perform, exhibit and contribute their enormous talents for the almost sold out house of friends, families and community members. The audience was enraptured and delighted from the first moment when the house lights were dimmed and the musical lighting design of HHS '06 graduate, Brian Boyle was revealed. Courtney Ellis '08 opened with a rousing rendition of Trouble by Elvis Presley. 2008 graduate Nicole Jaworski and future alum, Chad Wimberly followed with an original piece by Jaworski, You Just Forgot. You could Smile Again and be Strong Enough listening to Shannon Clouter-Chandler '03 and Kathleen Arregoces, Casey Keyes and Kelly Amber '07 sing their expressive songs. Casey Keyes also accompanied Emily Reed with her guitar and beautiful voice in singing One Fine Wire.

Just in time to bring down the house, Jackie Blute '06 entertained the crowd with Kristen Chenoweth's Taylor, the Latte Boy. Amanda Kosloski '04 and Chris Morris '96 wowed the crowd with their version of Home Away from Home and Kyle Chaplic '04 transported the audience with The Cloths of Heaven and King of the World. Tim Mason, Katie-Ann DiFilippo and Michael Raneo '06, accompanied by Erik Raneo, made sure no one took a snooze with a lively version of I'm Just a Girl by No Doubt. Kevin Haynes '99 brought on the smiles with his original composition, Four in the Morning. Joanna White '03 and her band entertained with more innovative and original work.

After the Handsome Pool Boys performed a number from the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Tim Mason '06 closed out the alumni portion of the concert conducting the Harwich High concert band in his original composition, French Suite. Mason, along with Michael Raneo '06, Jill Kelley '08, and Jimmy McLaughlin '06 are members of local favorites The Handsome Pool Boys. Other members of the band include future graduates Alyssa Whipple, Joe Malone, Erik Raneo and Tony Spaulding.

Next the alumni joined with the Harwich High School concert band and the Select Choir for five numbers highlighted by a tribute to the Doors and MLK. The full high school chorus and then the combined band and chorus finished the concert with Bridge Over Troubled Water and Chattanooga Choo Choo.

In addition, the main lobby of the high school was displayed with works of art by grads Brian Blackmore, Kristin Hark, Meghan Armstrong, Hannah Greenspan, "Doc" Howard, Emily Fietz, Gillian Smith and Jenn Lundell.

Harwich High School Arts teachers, Rose Richard, Liane Biron and Deb Donovan were delighted with the wonderful audience, their high school students and their devoted alumni for once again participating in this wonderful event. The concert proceeds benefit the Harwich High School Friends of the Arts, a local non-profit providing scholarship opportunities for Harwich High School students majoring in the Fine and Performing Arts.