

'Sing-Off' group Sonos to headline a cappella concert

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The internationally acclaimed all-a cappella group Sonos will give a concert in Kettering Saturday, Nov. 12, as part of Fairmont High School's annual A Cappella Festival.



Sonos, which recently competed on NBC's "The Sing-Off," uses no musical instruments — only members' voices, often augmented with technological effects to produce the five-member group's signature sound and its diverse range of styles from sensual blues and pounding rock to smooth jazz and reverent praise. The effect is ... "well, sonorous," said Fairmont choir department director Brody McDonald, who founded and directs Fairmont's well-known a cappella group Eleventh Hour.



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"Sonos is a huge name in vocal music,"

McDonald said. "They've performed at Fairmont twice before to a full house each time, and they're great with the students at the festival. They're basically evangelists for this type of music, which has really taken off in popularity in the past five years."

The concert, which starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Fairmont auditorium, 3301 Shroyer Road, also will feature the return of the one-man vocal band Mister Tim, whose vocal instrumentation and comic interludes have gained a nationwide following.

"Last year, Mister Tim had the whole audience in stitches," McDonald said. "He's a talented singer, but he really wowed us with all the things he can do with his voice and his pedals and all this other technology. It was unforgettable."

Fairmont's award-winning a cappella groups Eleventh Hour and Fusion will open the concert.

Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling the Fairmont music office, 499-2647. All tickets are for reserve seating. A limited number of premium seats are available for \$20; otherwise, tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Doors open at 7 p.m. on the day of the concert.

The concert caps off a daylong series of workshops for 22 high school a cappella groups from throughout the Midwest. Sonos, Mister Tim and a panel of vocal teachers and coaches will provide skill development sessions, group critiques, and masterclasses for performers and directors.

Two other musical events are also on the FHS schedule.

Bay City Brassworks will perform Friday Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. at Fairmont High School.

Tickets are \$5 for students/seniors, \$10 for adults.

On Friday, Nov. 11, the Section Quartet will perform at 7 p.m.

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