

THE

# WINTER DANCE PARTY

## MUSICAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Remembering

Ritchie Valens, Buddy Holly and J P (The Big Bopper) Richardson

Also pilot Roger Peterson and former Surf Ballroom Manager Darrel Hein

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### - THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED -

*".....Three young singers who soared to the heights of show business on the current rock 'n' roll craze were killed today in the crash of a light plane in an Iowa snow flurry. The singers were identified as Ritchie Valens, 17, Buddy Holly, 22 and JP Richardson, known professionally as The Big Bopper. The pilot Roger Peterson of Clear Lake, Iowa was also killed. The three singers had appeared at The Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa last night and were on their way to Fargo, North Dakota. Their small chartered plane crashed in a lonely farmyard about 15 miles northwest of Mason City. Cause of the crash was due to inclement weather conditions....."*

**News bulletin on Radio Station KGLO, Mason City, Iowa on February 3, 1959.**

In 1998, a group of dedicated Rock n' Roll fans decided to commemorate the then forthcoming 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "The Day The Music Died" by raising sufficient money to establish musical scholarships and awards in memory of the four young men who were lost on February 3, 1959. As an initial fundraiser, a touring tribute show played all eleven cities in the same order and on the same dates as the 1959 Winter Dance Party tour. A non-profit corporation was established in the state of Iowa in 1999 to administer the scholarships and awards. Since then, fundraising has continued with a further tour and other events, and many musical scholarships and awards have been presented in the home towns of the three Rock n' Roll singers and their pilot. Further musical scholarships are awarded annually in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, these being the three states visited by the 1959 Winter Dance Party tour.

By mid 2008, nearly 50 High School students have graduated to universities and colleges to major or minor in music with the assistance of a Winter Dance Party Musical Scholarship.

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## ~ ROLL OF HONOR ~

### ~ THE WINTER DANCE PARTY MUSICAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ~

#### **The Winter Dance Party – BUDDY HOLLY - Musical Scholarship**

*Graduates from Lubbock High School, Lubbock, Texas, from where Buddy Holly graduated in 1955, and who intend to major or minor in music at university, are invited to apply for a musical scholarship.*

- 1999 **Josh Cowan**, Lubbock High School, Lubbock, Texas.  
Graduated to Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. Majoring in Music.
- 2000 **Yvette Lara**, Lubbock High School, Lubbock, Texas.  
Graduated to Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. Majoring in Music.
- 2001 **Maren Roberts**, Lubbock High School, Lubbock, Texas.  
Graduated to Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. Majoring in Vocal Music Performance.
- 2003 **Jessica Sudduth**, Lubbock High School, Lubbock, Texas.  
Graduated to University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2005 **Josh Gentry**, Lubbock High School, Lubbock, Texas.  
Graduated to Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. Majoring in Music.
- 2007 **Hannah Porter**, Lubbock High School, Lubbock, Texas.  
Graduated to Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2008 **Jordon Cunningham**, Lubbock High School, Lubbock, Texas.  
Graduated to Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas. Majoring in Sound Recording Technology / Music Performance.

#### **The Winter Dance Party – J P (THE BIG BOPPER) RICHARDSON – Musical Scholarship**

*Inaugarated in 2008, this scholarship is at Ozen High School, Beaumont, Texas. Graduates who intend to major or minor in music at university are invited to apply for a musical scholarship.*

*This new Scholarship replaced the Awards in memory of The Big Bopper*

- 2008 **Allen Espree**, Ozen High School, Beaumont, Texas.  
Graduated to Prairie View A & M University, Houston, Texas. Majoring in Music Education.

#### **The Winter Dance Party – ROGER PETERSON – Musical Scholarship**

*Honoring the pilot of the airplane, this scholarship is at Storm Lake High School, Storm Lake, Iowa. Graduates who intend to major or minor in music at university are invited to apply for a musical scholarship.*

- 1999 **Samantha Hoskins**, Storm Lake High School, Storm Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Majoring in Music.
- 2000 **Elizabeth Groher**, Storm Lake High School, Storm Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska. Majoring in Vocal Performance and Music.
- 2001 **Katy Argotsinger**, Storm Lake High School, Storm Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. Majoring in Vocal Music Performance.
- 2002 **Valerie McClure**, Storm Lake High School, Storm Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to Beuna Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2003 **Elizabeth Andrews**, Storm Lake High School, Storm Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to Wartburg College, Waverley, Iowa. Majoring in Music Education and Music Therapy.
- 2004 **Kathryn Jacobson**, Storm Lake High School, Iowa.  
Graduated to University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2005 **Benjamin Wells**, Storm Lake High School, Storm Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota. Majoring in Music education.
- 2006 **Kayla Christ**, Storm Lake High School, Storm Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa. Majoring in Music.
- 2008 **Marjie Halverson**, Storm Lake High School, Storm Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to Wartburg College, Waverley, Iowa. Majoring in Music Education / Music Therapy.



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#### **The Winter Dance Party – DARREL HEIN – Musical Scholarship**

*Honoring a former manager of the Surf Ballroom, Clear Lake where the 1959 Winter Dance Party gave it's final performance, this scholarship is at Clear Lake High School, Clear Lake, Iowa. Graduates who intend to major or minor in music at university are invited to apply for a musical scholarship.*

- 1999 **Carolyn Nicholas**, Clear Lake High School, Clear Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. Majoring in Music.
- 2000 **Somchai Phaiboun**, Clear Lake High School, Clear Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. Majoring in Biochemistry and Minor in Music.
- 2001 **Karisa Doughty**, Clear Lake High School, Clear Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee. Majoring in Music.
- 2002 **Alexis Hall**, Clear Lake High School, Clear Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2003 **Daniel Laaveg**, Clear Lake High School, Clear Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2005 **Kevin Taylor**, Clear Lake High School, Clear Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2007 **Christopher Phalen**, Clear Lake High School, Clear Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2008 **Geoffrey Delperdang**, Clear Lake High School, Clear Lake, Iowa.  
Graduated to St Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. Majoring in Music Composition.

#### **The Winter Dance Party – IOWA STATEWIDE – Musical Scholarship**

*This has been set up with help from Iowa High School Music Association. Graduates from any High School in the state of Iowa who intend to major or minor in music are invited to apply for a musical scholarship.*

- 2000 **Katie Lorenzen**, Galva - Holstein High School, Holstein, Iowa.  
Graduated to University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota. Majoring in Music.
- 2001 **Greg Mazunik**, Des Moines Christian School, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Graduated to University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. Majoring in Music.
- 2002 **Nathan Proctor**, Carroll High School, Carroll, Iowa.  
Graduated to St Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2003 **Sarah Deutsch**, New Hampton High School, New Hampton, Iowa.  
Graduated to Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2004 **Alissa Coussens**, Central High School, Davenport, Iowa.  
Graduated to University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2005 **Erik Lehmann**, Waverly-Shell Rock High School, Waverly, Iowa.  
Graduated to Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Majoring in Music.
- 2006 **Cynthia Luzum**, Turkey Valley High School, Fort Atkinson, Iowa.  
Graduated to University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Majoring in Music.
- 2007 **Adam Haacke**, Riceville High School, Riceville, Iowa.  
Graduated to Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa. Majoring in Music.
- 2008 **Amy Stellmaker**, Roland - Story High School, Story City, Iowa.  
Graduated to University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Majoring in Vocal Music Education.



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#### **The Winter Dance Party – MINNESOTA STATEWIDE – Musical Scholarship**

*High School graduates from those cities visited by the 1959 Winter Dance Party, i.e. Mankato, Montevideo, St Paul and Duluth, and who intend to major or minor in music at university, are invited to apply for a musical scholarship.*

- 2000 **Amanda Ovre**, Montevideo Senior High School, Montevideo, Minnesota.  
Graduated to Moorhead State University, Moorhead, Minnesota. Majoring in Vocal Music Education.
- 2001 **Jillian Hiscock**, Mankato West Senior High School, Mankato, Minnesota.  
Graduated to Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter, Minnesota. Majoring in Music.
- 2002 **Amy Hagensen**, Duluth Central High School, Duluth, Minnesota.  
Graduated to University of Minnesota Duluth. Majoring in Music Education (Choral Directing).
- 2003 **Kathryn Saumweber**, North High School, St Paul, Minnesota.  
Graduated to Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York. Majoring in Vocal Music Performance.
- 2004 **Eric Johnson**, Montevideo Senior High School, Montevideo, Minnesota.  
Graduated to Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota. Majoring in Music Performance.
- 2005 **Mara Beier**, East High School, Duluth, Minnesota.  
Graduated to University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Majoring in Vocal Performance.
- 2006 **Eloise Kale**, Duluth Central High School, Duluth, Minnesota.  
Graduated to St Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. Majoring in Music Performance.
- 2007 **Megan Marshall**, Hermantown High School, Hermantown, Minnesota  
Graduated to University of Minnesota Duluth. Majoring in Music Performance.
- 2008 **Benjamin Buergel**, Johnson High School, St Paul, Minnesota  
Graduated to University of Denver Lamont School of Music, Denver Colorado. Majoring in Oboe Performance.

#### **The Winter Dance Party – WISCONSIN STATEWIDE – Musical Scholarship**

*High School graduates from those cities visited by the 1959 Winter Dance Party, i.e. Milwaukee, Kenosha, Eau Claire and Green Bay, and who intend to major or minor in music at university, are invited to apply for a musical scholarship.*

- 2003 **Nicole Krueger**, Ashwaubenon High School, Green Bay, Wisconsin.  
Graduated to University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2004 **Melanie Riley**, Preble High School, Green Bay, Wisconsin.  
Graduated to University of Wisconsin - Green Bay, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Majoring in Music Education and Music Performance.
- 2005 **Greta Larson**, Ashwaubenon High School, Green Bay, Wisconsin.  
Graduated to University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2006 **Jamie Utphall**, Memorial High School, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.  
Graduated to University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Majoring in Music Education.
- 2007 **Kristen Welke**, Ashwaubenon High School, Green Bay, Wisconsin.  
Graduated to University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. Majoring in Music Performance / Teaching.
- 2008 **Bradley Kemp**, Bay Port High School, Green Bay, Wisconsin.  
Graduated to Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois. Majoring in Music Composition and Studio Recording.

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#### **The Winter Dance Party – RITCHIE VALENS - Musical Awards**

*Donations to The Ritchie Valens Recreation Center in Pacoima, California help with it's music program.  
We support Pacoima Middle School's Orchestra Trust Fund and help with their music program.  
We also assist the 'Guitars Not Guns!' program in Watsonville, California.*

#### **The Winter Dance Party – JP (THE BIG BOPPER) RICHARDSON - Musical Awards**

*Donations to Winborn Elementary School, St Bartholomew Music Ministry and Calvin Nelms Charter School (all in Katy, Texas) assist their music programs.*