

Eleven students from the Wallace High School choir will be traveling to New York City to perform at the Lincoln Center with other students from around the country.

A free will donation pancake feed on Sunday, June 2, from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. at the legion hall will assist with expenses.

Manhattan Concert Productions sponsors many different musical experiences for students each year and the Wallace students will be participating in the Octavo Series for the third time.

The Octavo Series is the most popular event for high schools. Qualified choirs have the opportunity to take their place on a magnificent stage, collaborating with other high school choirs from across the United States to perform an exciting repertoire of music.

Some of the music in this series is quite different than the music that the Wallace students are used to singing which makes the adventure even more exciting and meaningful; the students will experience musical things that they wouldn't likely have the opportunity to experience in Wallace.

The students participating in this performance will be under the direction of Jerry Blackstone, a Grammy Award winning conductor that is the director of choirs and chair of the conducting department at the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance. Professor Blackstone is considered one of the country's leading conducting teachers and he has appeared as festival guest conductor and workshop presenter in 30 states and four different countries.

In addition to many hours of rehearsing with Dr. Blackstone, the Wallace students will get to attend a Broadway musical, visit Rockefeller Center and other sightseeing adventures. Following their performance, they will get to be a part of a celebration cruise that will allow them to see a lit up Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge and the Manhattan skyline.