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TLC's Katherine Thomas School Brings Holiday Cheer to Ingleside Residents, Friends and Families

Rockville, Md. —On December 16, [TLC-The Treatment and Learning Center's Katherine Thomas School](#) was invited to perform a special holiday concert for residents of [Ingleside at King Farm](#), a retirement community located in Rockville. KTS is a private school founded in 1995 for students in preschool through twelfth grade with moderate to severe language and learning disabilities and/or high-functioning autism.

The concert, led by **Amy Gardiner**, KTS Music Teacher, was followed by caroling with residents in the Assisted Living wing. This was the second time KTS has performed at Ingleside, where the residents again enjoyed a wonderful and energetic performance that featured a wide array of musical selections.

On December 21, KTS students performed a second time, treating staff, friends, and families to the annual winter concert, this year entitled "Bringing in the Holidays with a Little KTS Cheer." Said student **Dev Suprenant**, "I love the holiday concert. It feels like we get to celebrate everyday when we practice. I get so excited looking out and seeing everybody there to hear us!"

The program featured a rich collection of instrumental and vocal selections from all styles and genres, including John Lennon's "Merry X Mas," performed by the High School Instrumental Music Group, and Russian Dance from Nutcracker Ballet featuring Orchestral Marimba. Middle School drum groups demonstrated the students' skills in various rhythmic passages and ensemble play in "Everybody Loves Holiday Time," with soloists **Amanda McShane**, **Calvin Anderson**, and **Gillian Patterson**, and Jim Solomon's "Get Down and Play the Drum" with frame snares and tubanos.

The KTS Lower/Middle School Chorus performed the comedic "Have a Merry One", reminiscent of old English carols, "Family" from *Dreamgirls*, and "Esa Eynai", a traditional Hebrew piece accompanied by both Orff ensembles and sung in Hebrew. The KTS High School Chorus sang the humorous "No School Tomorrow If It Snows" and the traditional "Carol of the Bells." KTS alumni **Annabelle Hunter**, currently studying music at Shenandoah University, accompanied the show on piano, while **Robbie Nunez**, currently studying music at Marshall University, performed a beautiful *a cappella* rendition of "Ave Maria" and joined the student chorus for a few songs.

Gardiner adds, "The holiday concert is one of my favorite times of the year. It is a chance to see our students shine with pride and share all that they have learned in class. I love seeing them come out of their shells and perform."

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