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2 Poland high school students selected to perform in Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade

Evan Stefancin will play snare drum and Grace Gorkos will dance in the Macy’s Great American Marching Band.

POLAND, Ohio (Nov. 16, 2022) – Poland Seminary High School students Grace Gorkos and Evan Stefancin have been selected to perform in the 96th annual Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Gorkos and Stefancin will be members of the Macy’s Great American Marching Band, a band honoring the finest high school musicians and dancers from the United States. Through a virtual audition process, the students earned their positions in the 185-member band.

“I always remember watching the parade when I was little... I was always like, ‘Ooh! I want to do that when I grow up!’” said Grace Gorkos, living in a dream come true. Gorkos will lead the dance line in a feature in Herald Square, the television viewing area during the parade route.

Evan Stefancin, who will be on the snare drum line, sees the opportunity as a “trophy” for practicing and preparing. “Hard work pays off! I feel like years of practice and lessons are validated!”

The parade will be aired on NBC at 9 a.m. EST on Thanksgiving Day.

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