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Group sings for school

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More than 600 students at Summit Township's Paragon Charter Academy clapped and swayed to the sounds of music without the help of piano, drums or guitar Wednesday.

"You could hear the music without the instruments," said fourth-grader Kyle Berry. "I thought it was cool."

The students listened to the music of The Compulsive Lyres, an a cappella singing group from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

A cappella means "without the accompaniment of instruments." The group demonstrated how to make sounds of instruments, such as a bass guitar, bells and drums, with just their voices.

"I'm hoping that the students take away a little more music appreciation," said 21-year-old Daniel Confer, who is the president of The Compulsive Lyres.

The group performed pop songs such as "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz, which was 9-year-old Brianna Jennett's favorite. "I thought it was awesome," she said.

Confer said he wanted the students to know that they can sing more than just classical music in a choir.

"We're not a formal choir," Confer said. "You can sing pop, you can have fun with it. You can enjoy what you're doing."

Fellow group member Julia Zhang, who is also the music director of the group, said she wanted the students to "just open their eyes to something they haven't been exposed to."

Jeff Waraska, music teacher at Paragon, is an alum from The Compulsive Lyres and sung the solo to "Say."

He said he was looking forward to the students "hearing mature voices and how these voices come together to create such a unique sound."

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