



Cecilia Wright, a Senior at Beaufort High School, was presented with a \$1000 check at the Lowcountry Wind Symphony's recent Spring Concert, '**European Treasures**' at Sea Island Presbyterian Church.

This gift, given by the LWS Board and Hamner Music Company, honors Miss Wright's two-year commitment to the French Horn section of LWS, and will go toward her college expenses as she begins a degree program in Music Education at Western Carolina University in September.

Cecilia is a musician with a diverse background. In addition to her skills as a French horn player, she served as pianist for the Beaufort High School musicals for the past three years.

Miss Wright's accomplishments are both academic and musical. She is an honor student, being selected for both the French National Honor Society and the National Honor Society at Beaufort High School. She plays in the Honor Band at BHS and served as Brass Section Captain of the Marching Band, and Concertmaster of the Honor Band. Her activities outside school include volunteering at a local homeless shelter and working at a local business.

Since January, Cecilia has studied music theory and harmony, and begun to explore conducting with LWS Music Director Donald F. Jemella. She will make her debut on the podium, directing 'American Flourish' at the *Lowcountry Youth Wind Symphony's* Concert on May 19th at 4:00 P. M. at Church of the Palms in Bluffton. She is also studying oboe and will perform one piece on that instrument at the concert.

One of the missions of the *Lowcountry Wind Symphony* is to support and encourage young musicians. LWS is finalizing plans for a Music Scholarship program that will allow Beaufort County district music students who are accepted at a school of music for their academic studies to apply for financial consideration.

Talented high school students and adults are welcome to join LWS, depending on the instrumentation needs of the percussion, brass or wind sections. For more information about LWS, or the *Lowcountry Youth Wind Symphony*, please contact Donald F. Jemella at 917-439-0244 or Bobbi Logan at 843-705-3289. You are also invited to visit our website at lowcountrywindsymphony.com