



# ULSTER COUNTY NEWS

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## **‘Music To The Legislature’**

Ulster County Legislature Chairman David B. Donaldson has initiated a new “Music to the Legislature” program that will feature performances by County high school musical groups in the lobby of the Ulster County Office Building an hour before the start of the regularly scheduled legislative meetings each month.

The public is encouraged to attend the free 6 PM concerts in the lobby of the County Office Building starting on March 12. Following a half-hour show in the lobby, the high school musical groups will be acknowledged prior to the start of the monthly legislature meetings at 7 PM in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Legislative Chambers of the County Office Building, 244 Fair Street in Kingston. The meetings are usually scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month.

“The idea is to showcase the musical talent that exists within the youth in our schools,” Donaldson said. “I think it’s a great way to make people more aware of our wonderfully talented musicians by expanding the program to include another performance that is open to the public. The music is always greatly appreciated by everyone in attendance and it presents the musicians and their teachers with an opportunity to be seen and heard by people from throughout the County, including the press. Participation has been a positive and rewarding experience for all involved.”

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A selection of songs from the production of “Les Miserables” staged by John A. Coleman Catholic High School has been scheduled for the first “Music to the Legislature” performance from 6 to 6:30 PM. on March 12 in the lobby of the Ulster County Office Building.

“We are very excited to have been asked to do this,” said Lise Hopson, Coleman’s music and theater director.

“Les Miserables,” the massive novel published in 1861 by French writer, politician and moralist Victor Hugo, exerted a tremendous influence over French society in its time, and quickly became universally popular and influential around the world.

“Les Miserables” was one of the longest-running and most successful productions on Broadway.

“The response we have received from local high schools has been overwhelming,” Donaldson said. “We’re hoping that this can be a big success and, hopefully, more people will come to the uptown area of Kingston where they can shop and enjoy dinner before or after the show.” Coleman High School’s production of this spectacular musical will take place April 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13.

If any other high school musical groups are interested in participating in the “Music to the Legislature” program, school officials can call (340-3900) or write Ulster County Legislature Clerk Kathleen Carey-Mihm at [kmih@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:kmih@co.ulster.ny.us) or contact her assistant Tammy Wilson at [twil@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:twil@co.ulster.ny.us).

