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## Orchestra deserves media recognition

It was my pleasure to attend the premier performance of the East Tennessee Symphony Orchestra on Monday evening (July 3) in Collegedale celebrating the birthday of our nation.

My hats off to Richard Hickam, who had much to do with organizing this 74-piece orchestra, who are as good as it gets.

There are even two outstanding high school trumpet players, one of whom performed a solo.

We sat by their families, and their pride was very apparent, as it should be for that accomplishment.

This concert, followed by fireworks, was attended by thousands, and I was very disappointed that it was not covered by the media.

To attend the next concert go to [www.etsomusic.org](http://www.etsomusic.org) for their schedule for future events. It would be well worth your time.

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