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During the Spring of 2009, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School String Orchestra, under the direction of Richard Slocum, participated in the April 24-27, 2009 Bahamas Cruise Festival onboard Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's "**Monarch of the Seas**". In addition to earning a Superior rating, the string orchestra was also entered into competition against other orchestras that participated in one of over 50 other Cruise Festivals, which took place from January to the end of May. After the conclusion of the final festival, all scores were combined to determine the overall highest scoring groups in each class and category from all of the Festivals.

On behalf of **MUSIC FESTIVALS**, the national sponsor of this event, it is a sincere pleasure to announce at this time that Our Lady of Good Counsel High School is the winner of the **2009 Cruise Festival Overall Grand Championship Award for String Orchestra**. This award signifies the highest score overall in this category from all of the 2009 Cruise Festivals. It is an honor to present this award at this time to Our Lady of Good Counsel High School and Richard Slocum, Director.

All of the staff at **MUSIC FESTIVALS** extends our congratulations to the director and all the members of this outstanding orchestra. The hard work and dedication that you displayed was exemplary and every member of your community, your parents, families and friends have every reason to be extremely proud of your accomplishments.

Congratulations on receiving this prestigious award.

