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Standley Lake High School Band Program Presents Ataraxia

World Premiere of an Original Music Composition to Honor Student Jack Knight

When: Monday, February 19, 5:00 p.m. welcome, 6:30 p.m. concert

Where: The Omni Interlocken
500 Interlocken Boulevard
Broomfield, CO 80021

What: Standley Lake High School's Band Program will perform the original musical composition, Ataraxia, to honor student Jack Knight and the fight against Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Background:

Chase the Music is a nonprofit that finds people who are battling a critical condition and matches them with composers and performers to have an original song written and performed just for them. Standley Lake High School (SLHS) students met Chase the Music's founder, Clark Hodge, at the TriM Music Honor Society leadership conference in January 2017, and were inspired to action to honor fellow student Jack Knight.

Knight has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a genetic disorder characterized by muscle degeneration and weakness. It's a progressive, incurable, lethal condition. His genetic disorder put him into a wheelchair at the age of 14. However, that hasn't slowed him down. Knight is a Colorado kid; he loves many outdoor sports and activities, is an avid consumer of all things *Star Wars*, and is an active member of the SLHS music program, including the Gator Pride Marching Band. Knight is beloved by his band and the greater school community, and they wanted to capture him in an epic piece of music that demonstrates his own super hero power to rise above the challenges presented by Duchenne.

Ataraxia's composer, Dr. Garrett Hope, is a Jeffco graduate and a gifted musician. He has captured Knight's spirit and tenacity in a beautiful and skillful way. The title of the piece symbolizes Knight's equanimity in the face of Duchenne and the hope that the Knight family finds their peace.

Learn more about the event [here](#) and see the event program [here](#).

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