

Welcome to Festival Season!

On behalf of the Friends of Music, I'd like to welcome you to the third concert series of the year. This is a very busy time of year for Friends of Music. We are preparing for the District Choral Festival. For each of our yearly music festivals, Friends of Music is responsible for recruiting and organizing volunteers needed to keep things running smoothly so that our faculty can focus on helping our kids make beautiful

music. We also organize a small reception for our guest conductor and distinguished guests. Our music festivals allow our children a wonderful opportunity to work with musicians who are leaders in their field, and to perform at Proctors, which as you all know is a historic, beautiful and world class theater that we are so fortunate to have in our community. Thank you to everyone who has assisted with this endeavor.

Along with the Choral Festival, this series will bring several middle school/high school concerts, including our annual District Jazz Festival in April. With each concert, there will be a number of volunteer opportunities. If you are available to help, please contact **Barbara Burgess** at jburgess5@ nycap.rr.com or **Jodi Rossman** at jodir@nycap.rr.com.

Barbara Burgess, FOM President

Congratulations to everyone involved with "Joseph..."!

"Joseph" was performed on the NHS stage for four showings between February 25-27, 2016. "This is a very exiting show this year because it is basically like a rock concert," said Eric Hughes, the NHS band teacher and show's director. This show included many dance numbers, which kept it very up-beat for the audience as well as for the performers. In past years, the HS musical had cast cameo roles and even a star performance by younger students from around the district, but this is the first year an entire group of fifth graders had been included. When performed on Broadway, the show has traditionally featured a children's chorus, so this production was happy to make use of the very talented young people in the district to mirror that aspect of Broadway production. Mr. Hughes and the HS students really enjoyed the experience of working with their younger cast-mates.

While the story of Joseph takes place in Biblical times, the set and costumes were created with a vision for an urban contemporary feel to set the mood for the rock music atmosphere. It helped to make an old story new for a family-friendly experience appealing to the whole community.

As always, the cast, dancers, musicians, crew, costumers, make-up artists, and students in the E-commerce classes, have put an incredible amount of time and effort into the show and the hard work paid off! Read the "By the numbers" to get a feel for the number of participants who made it all happen: (see back cover)

Nicki Foley, High School Liaison



Photo by Paul Conti

Director's Desk

Here we are for Concert Series #3! It is hard to believe that over half of the year is behind us already. I am really looking forward to what this spring has in store for our musicians. As you may know, March is national "Music in Our Schools Month." As always, we want to thank you for all of your support of music in our schools. The opportunities in music offered to our students at Niskayuna will have immense benefits to their growth and personal development.

In this edition of NOTES you can read about our upcoming events including: NYSSMA, festivals, scholarship opportunities, as well as highlights of what has been happening in the music department.

Welcome to our third concert series and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Chad Shippee

Director of Music Education,

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District Choral Festival

We are very excited to present our 2016 District Choral Festival at the historic Proctors Theatre on March 9 at 7 p.m. The amount of planning and preparation for the upcoming festival spans many months and involves a number of people giving their time to make the event possible. The music department would like to thank Friends of Music for their help in making the festival a possibility through monetary backing, as well as volunteer and staffing support. Without FOM, this festival would not be so outstanding and would not allow our students the privilege of being able to perform at Proctors Theatre.



This year's festival will feature our 6 – 12 grade vocal students, including the following groups: Grade 6 Choirs, Grade 7/8 Choirs, Mezzo Voce, High School Choir, Concert Chorale, Ladies First, Bel Canto, and Studio Singers. These students have been working very hard to prepare for the festival and the sounds from the rehearsal rooms have been beautiful

to say the least. This year, the music department welcomes **Dr. Daniel Gordon** from **Southeastern University** in Lakeland, Florida (**see above**). **Dr. Gordon** is a professor of choral music education at the university. There, he directs both the Concert Choir and Chamber Choir and teaches Music Theory, Aural Theory, Conducting and various courses in music education. He comes to us sharing a wealth of choral knowledge and 35 years of experience with our student musicians.

In addition to conducting our choral ensembles in concert, **Dr. Gordon** will spend some time working with our ensembles in smaller group workshops and masterclasses. His three day residency is graciously sponsored by Friends of Music.

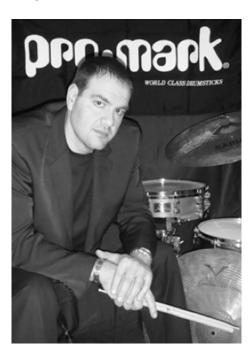
"I'm not the same person—right this moment—that I was before my choir rehearsal today. The music and the people changed me. They conspired to put me together in a new way—that happened today. How wonderful is that? You, my dear students...you make me better. The least I can do is to try to return the favor for you." **Dr. Gordon**

More from the Director's Desk

Jazz Fest 2016

The annual District Jazz Festival is right around the corner! This year's festival will be held on April 20 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium and will feature the MS Jazz Bands, HS Stage Band, Jazz Ensemble and Studio Singers. We hope you can join us for this great event.

This year, we are happy to welcome back **Mr. Matt Cremisio** as our guest artist **(see picture below)**. Mr. Cremisio is the immediate past director of music at Niskayuna and is an active jazz artist and drummer. He will spend time working and playing with our jazz ensembles in rehearsals and at our culminating concert. We look forward to having Mr. Cremisio back with us on stage one more time.



NYSBDA

Congratulations to the following students selected to represent Niskayuna in the annual New York State Band Director's Association Symposium in Syracuse, NY: Alex Dunne, Risa Fromowitz, Aiden Hughes, Calvin Wetzel, William Zheng, Johanne Friedman, Noah Wilkerson.

Suburban Council Music Festival

Congratulations to the following outstanding musicians selected to represent Niskayuna in the 2016 Suburban Council Music Festival: Noah Best, David Buhrmaster, Lauren Gabriele, Catie LeCours, Zoe Lynds, Mariah Mizbani, Delia Ofori, Santino Sementilli, Jack Newton, Olivia Canavan, Myung Joo Lee, Skylar Litz, Mackenzie Litz, Julia Dalakos, Johanne Friedman, Kristina Handy, Charlotte Kokernak, Saumya Mehta, Noah Wilkerson, Katy Aldous, Aurojit Chakraborty, Matthew Fromowitz, Risa Fromowitz, Joe Henson, Eileen King, Sarah Vernooy, Calvin Wetzel.

Schenectady County Music Festival

Congratulations to the following outstanding musicians selected to represent Niskayuna in the 2016 Schenectady County Music Festival: Amelia Pilato, Alex Dunne, Jacob Yanoff, Bianca Bless Cano, Ethan Conrad, Dylan Stella, Andrew Vickery, Eileen King, Katy Aldous, Blayze Chittenden, Suchi Mehta, Alise Hale, Aurojit Chakroborty, Aiden Hughes, Adelaide Leung, Lucas Lynch, Amelia Allen, Abby Auster, Corrina Blood, Adele Giovanniello, Courtney Meola, Anjalee Modasra, Alexandra Mravlja, Faith Potter, Ellie Zenner, Ethan Boehmer, Cyrus Irani, Will Karafanda, Kalin Kochnev, Trey LaVigne, James Zilberman, Anastasia Duffy, Ava Fallone, Lillian Hinostroza, Katarina Mills, Madalyn Montgomery, Lauren Moran, Mia Mousaw, Julia Pacheco, Makenna Pack, Celeste Whittam, Ellen Davis, Allison Malatesta, Daniel Malatesta, Matthew McClenon, Harini Prabaharan, Hannah Rossman, Chamyuktha Senthilkumar, Abigail Thomas, Sabrina Zhang, David Buhrmaster, Lauren Gabriele, Zoe Lynds, Santino Sementilli, Jack Szemancso, Paul Tan.

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More from the Director's Desk

ESYO Playathon

Congratulations to the many Niskayuna students who participate in an Empire State Youth Orchestra ensemble. ESYO conducted their annual playathon at Crossgates Mall on February 6. For more information about ESYO, including possible opportunities for your student musician, please visit www. esyo.org.

Elementary Winter Concert Series

Congratulations to our elementary choirs, bands, and orchestras on their outstanding winter concerts! This January, the high school was filled with incredible music, played and sung by our 4th and 5th graders. Thank you to our elementary music teachers, Teresa Broadwell, Joan Brown, Theresa Fitzmaurice, Holly Johnston, Sue Kokernak, Stacey McClenon, Phil Pandori, and Michelle Sausa-Gatta. Also, thank you to our accompanist, Maria Elmer. We would also like to thank the following middle and high school teachers who shared their select groups with the elementary students and families: Jake Purrington, Dee Steeley, Phil Pandori, and Brian Mooney.



Friends of Music Summer Music Study Scholarship

Niskayuna Friends of Music will award a number of scholarships for summer music study to students participating in middle school or high school ensembles next year. The word "study" in this scholarship program refers to a formal summer program of music instruction, lessons, training, or enrichment. Music study during the summer months helps students improve performance skills, increase general music knowledge, and create greater enthusiasm toward music.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to:

- Encourage students to participate in summer music study.
- Recognize students for outstanding music preparation and commitment.
- Enrich the district's music program through the returning students' growth in music ability and motivation.
- Provide financial assistance for summer formal training and enrichment.

Applications are available at the District Music Office as well as online at **niskyfom.org** or **niskayu-naschools.org**, and are **due to students' teachers by March 18**. Auditions will be held on May 13 and 14 in the High School Choral Room. A scheduled audition is required of each applicant. Applicants will be contacted with audition times the week of April 18. Scholarship winners and applicants will receive a letter in May. Awards will be announced during Concert IV Series. See FOM website for additional information.

Summer Sonata Music Program - July 18 to July 28

The Nisky Summer Sonata is a fun, two-week music program designed for upper elementary and middle school students who are already members of the NCSD Band, Choir, or Orchestra. Eligible students will be entering Grades 5 - 8 for Orchestra and Grades 6 - 8 for Band and Choir. This exciting opportunity is for students who enjoy music and wish to continue developing their musical skills during the summer with Nisky Music Faculty!

Students will further their musical aptitude and performing skills in both large ensemble and small group instruction. Classes and ensemble rehearsals will be conducted Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., beginning Monday, July 18. Upon completion of the two-week program, students will present a culminating afternoon showcase for their family, friends, and community on Thursday, July 28 at 12:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. All are invited to a light afternoon luncheon provided by Niskayuna Friends of Music immediately following the afternoon showcase. The program registration fee is \$225.

Every effort will be made to allow students to participate in multiple groups for those who are currently enrolled in more than one school ensemble. (ie: combination of band, choir, orchestra). In the event this is not possible, students involved in multiple ensembles should list their order of preference on the application.

Registration Form

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Program Participation Fee: \$225

Please make checks payable to Niskayuna Friends of Music.

Registration and check due no later than **June 10, 2016** to the District Music Office located at Niskayuna HS. Families will be contacted no later than July 1 with final details and assigned student lesson group.



NYSSMA Solo Festival - Levels 1 - 6, All-State & Jazz

This year's festival will be held May 20 & 21 at Columbia High School. Registration deadline is Friday, March 18, and specific details and a registration form may be found online at *www.niskayunaschools.org*. Please see your child's music teacher for more information. Students are highly encouraged to participate in this educationally rewarding endeavor!

Registration deadline is Friday, March 18.

What is a NYSSMA solo/ensemble festival?

A NYSSMA solo/ensemble festival is a performance venue that provides students with an opportunity to be assessed by a NYSSMA certified adjudicator on solo or ensemble music they have prepared. The purpose of this assessment is to provide the student(s) with positive feedback and constructive criticism in an effort to help improve performance.

What happens at a NYSSMA solo/ensemble festival?

The soloist or ensemble enters a specified room to perform for an individual adjudicator. In addition to the prepared literature, soloists performing for a grade will be asked to perform a specified number of major scales (see NYSSMA manual or speak to your teacher) and a short (approximately 8 measures) sight-reading example.

The Solo

With six levels of music, students are encouraged to perform appropriate literature for their individual ability and skill level. Students must prepare a solo listed in the NYSSMA manual. As part of this process, students in the 10th and 11th grade can audition for the NYSSMA All-State performing groups. Students must prepare a Level 6 piece of music and file an application for the All-State organization. Students auditioning at this level must have a piano accompanist.

The performer must provide original pieces of music for themselves and the adjudicator. Photocopied music is not permitted, except where needed to avoid difficult page turns.

Scales (Instrumentalists only)

In addition to the solo, students must also prepare major scales and/or rudiments (percussionists) as outlined in the NYSSMA manual, dependent upon the selected solo level.

Sight-Reading

In addition to the solo and scale/rudiment requirements, students will also be requested to sight-read a brief musical example as outlined in the NYSSMA manual, also dependent upon the selected solo level.

For more detailed information about NYSSMA, please visit www.niskayunaschools.org, or www.nyssma.org.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

High School Students selected for NYSBDA

Congratulations to the students representing Niskayuna at the New York State Band Directors' Association Annual Symposium in Syracuse. After a competitive application process, **Johanna Friedman** and **Noah Wilkerson**, who both play the euphonium, were accepted into the Honors Concert Band. Congratulations also to **Elias Assimakopoulos** who will be playing trombone in the Honors Jazz Ensemble. They spent three days, March 4-6, rehearsing and performing with other gifted music students from around the state. Great job!

Eric Hughes

Choral Corner

As we "march" into spring and celebrate "Music in Our Schools Month," we welcome **Dr. Daniel Gordon**, as guest conductor for the Choral Festival at Proctors Theater on March 9. **Dr. Gordon** comes to Niskayuna from **Southeastern University** in Lakeland, Florida and will provide a wealth of choral knowledge for our students as they work with him the week of March 7.

High school choral students will begin to prepare for the NYSSMA Solo Festival at Columbia HS on May 20 and 21 (*NOTE: Anyone enrolled in Studio Singers who is participating in the NYSSMA Solo Festival should request a Friday afternoon or evening time, as Niska Day is also on May 21). Students are studying works in English, Italian, French, and German to present to judges from all over the state. After April break, there will be weekly time slots available for students to receive extra help both before and after school, during their free times, study halls, and lunch mods. Please note that Miss Elmer, our district accompanist and music aide, is available to accompany students for a very reasonable fee. Students should see her to obtain a contract or e-mail her at melmer@niskyschools.org.

In late March, members of Schenectady's own **Electric City Chorus** will be visiting Choir and Concert Chorale to perform, give a workshop on barbershop style music, and sit in and sing with the students. The students will be inviting a male who is a positive influence in their life to join us for a portion of class that day. Parents of Choir and Concert Chorale students should look for more information via mail in the coming weeks.

Outside Performances:

Look for Studio Singers on May 21 at Niska Day, first performing on a float in the parade and then kicking off the day in the entertainment tent on the Craig School grounds at noon.



We look forward to seeing you in May to close out the 2015-2016 school year with some fantastic concerts that will certainly showcase the growth that each of the high school choral groups has experienced over the past year!

C. M. Pizziro-Catalano
Christina Pizzino-Catalano

MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES

MS Band News

A number of Niskayuna middle school musicians participated in the Suburban Council Music Festival on January 15 and 16. The festival, drawing students from thirteen area schools, took place this year at Scotia-Glenville High School. Of particular note, the Niskayuna students represented a sizable part of one SC band. Eight Niskayuna jazz musicians from **Iroquois (I)** and **Van Antwerp (VA)** were selected for the twenty member Suburban Council MS Jazz Band. We are very proud of these middle school musicians! (Pictured left to right, Joe Henson (VA), Sara Vernooy (I), Risa Fromowitz (I), Calvin Wetzel (I), Aurojit Chakraborty (I), Eileen King (I), Katy Aldous (VA), and Matt Fromowitz (I)).



Congrats MS Jazz Musicians

Eighth Grade Band

The Eighth Grade Band is excited to perform a St. Patrick's Day Concert this year on March 17. The band will perform several Irish songs, including: "The Royal Irish Regiment March," "Under an Irish Sky" (a medley of two Irish folk songs, "Slane" and "Brian Boru's March"), and "Highlights from Brave." We hope to see you there!

MS Stage Band and Jazz Ensemble

The MS Stage Band and Jazz Ensemble will be participating at this year's Shenendehowa Jazz Festival on April 1. We are very excited to work with guest clinician and professional trombonist, Michael Dease, as well as with several other local jazz greats. Both groups will also get the chance to hear a number of jazz bands from around the Capital Region, including the Shenendehowa HS Jazz Band.

Mr. Pandori

"The mission of FOM is to support music education to benefit Niskayuna Central School District students."

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOTES

Hillside 5th Graders Perform at Ziti Dinner

Members of the **Hillside** Fifth Grade Orchestra and Band performed chamber music at the Hillside Ziti Dinner on February 11 in the school cafeteria. The proceeds from this year's Ziti Dinner will benefit research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in honor of **Gail Dietrich**, Hillside retiree and cancer survivor. We would like to thank the following students for volunteering to perform: **Lillian Bosco, Matt Choi, Laurea D'Arpino, Lindsay Geer, Madison Geer, Lucy Hart, Theo Lasher, Henry McCann, Maddie Mills, Ella Modan, Ella Nish, Kiemon Noel, Charlotte Quinn, Aiylin Rutnik, Owen Rutnik, Jack Swinton, and Anna Vinciguerra.** Congratulations to these young musicians who supported this wonderful cause and set the "ambience" with music for this special evening.



Mrs. Kokernak plays with band students at Ziti Dinner



Fifth Grade Band students playing clarinets

Mrs. McClenon and Mrs. Kokernak



Hillside Fifth Grade Orchestra students



More Elementary Notes

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Rosendale News

Musicians love to perform, and there have been no shortage of performance opportunities for students at **Rosendale** in recent months.

Fourth and fifth grade musicians from Orchestra, Fiddle Club, Band, and Chorus gave a successful winter concert for K-3 students at the school. More recently, these groups had the opportunity to perform at the high school in a concert program with the HS Orchestra. The four **Rosendale** music groups rose to the occasion with out-



Rosendale Chorus performs at high school

standing performances. Also during that evening, we had the opportunity to hear HS Orchestra play. The high school musicians showed us the wonderful possibilities of music talent that develops from several years of practice and persistence. Thank you to our FOM representatives and volunteers for their support that evening.



Also, Chorus recently had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at an evening RPI hockey game. Students performed beautifully from the home team bench to a huge crowd of hockey fans. We were very proud of them.

Finally, the whole school showed its spirit at the yearly K-5 "Winter Sing-along" assembly. **Mrs. John-ston** led everyone in winter tunes as well as in a favorite, "Together We

Can Change the World." Kindergarten joined in by shaking jingle bells. Thanks to our computer teacher for helping present the slideshow.

Mrs. Johnston

More Elementary Notes

Birchwood News

A "gig" is a term that professional musicians sometimes use in referring to a performance. Our **Birchwood** students have had many opportunities for gigs these last few weeks. The whole school (K-5) gathered for its third annual "Winter Sing-along" assembly. **Mrs. Johnston** led everyone with a selection of winter tunes and songs about world peace. A favorite amongst the group was called "Circle of Light," a song that was shared with us by **Mrs. Sausa-Gatta**. Kindergarten enhanced the music by shaking jingle bell wristlets. Also, thank you to **Mrs. Henery** for presenting the slideshow.

The fourth and fifth graders were stars of the show at our winter concert at **Niskayuna High School**. **Birchwood** Orchestra, Band, and Chorus members performed beautifully with spirit and skill! Following our groups, the MS Jazz Ensemble also played that evening. The music from the middle school group showed us the talent that can develop after a few years of practice and perseverance with their instruments. Thank you to our FOM volunteers for their help that evening.

Finally, Chorus had a wonderful night out with their families at a RPI hockey game. This is the second year the chorus has been asked to sing the National Anthem at a game. Students excitedly took their places on home bench and did an outstanding job. Special thanks to our FOM representative, **Tammy Apkarian**, for organizing volunteers to assist that night.

Mrs. Johnston

Glencliff News

General music class (grades K-3) has been very busy at **Glencliff** this fall and winter. Over the year, we have been exploring the connection between literacy and music. Using favorite classroom books, we are learning about various aspects of music education, including music concepts, symbols, instruments, rhythms, and dances.

For example, kindergarteners learned about dynamics in music through the book, <u>The Very Busy Spider</u> by Eric Carl. We also performed a version of Audrey Wood's <u>Napping House</u>, using unpitched percussion instruments.

First graders learned about rhythm, quarter notes, and eighth notes through the book, <u>Peanut Butter and Jelly</u>, by Nadine Bernard Westcott. We also performed a version of Robert Kalan's <u>Jump Frog, Jump</u>, using mallet instruments.

In second grade, we learned about quarter note and eighth note rhythms, as well as the concepts of crescendo and decrescendo while reading the book, <u>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day</u> by Judith Viorst. Second Graders also choreographed small group dances, inspired by Jim LaMarche's beautifully illustrated version of the folk tale, <u>The Shoemaker and the Elves</u>.

Our thanks to **Glencliff** librarian **Mrs. Erin Shoudy** for obtaining the books for these lessons.

Third graders at Glencliff were thrilled to perform at the November "Good Morning Glencliff" assembly. The third graders helped to create lyrics to a song titled, "Good Morning Glencliff." Each class contributed a verse to the song, which was then performed for the entire school at the assembly!

Mrs. LeRoy

More Elementary Notes

Elementary Bands Have Successful 1st Concert

The Fifth Grade Bands from each of the five elementary schools performed very successful "first" concerts throughout the month of January. Student lessons began in September. This year, the bands worked on



Fifth Grade Band students from Rosendale

famous "movie" melodies as the themes of the section solos. With familiar mainstream tunes, the students not only had fun learning their section solo, but also listening to the other sections in the band. As we listened to the young musicians play at the January concerts, we heard them come a long way since the initial sounds at their first lessons. **Mr. Pandori** and **Mrs. Kokernak** look forward to creating more great music with this strong class of Fifth Grade Band students! (**See picture left**)

Mrs. Kokernak and Mr. Pandori

Thank You, Volunteers!

Friends of Music thanks our many parent and NHS student volunteers who helped out at the school concerts in December and January. These volunteers offer additional guidance, supervision, and hospitality to both our young performers and audience members. Each volunteer enables FOM to fulfill its mission of supporting a strong music education program for our students.

Thanks to the following volunteers: Marija Amirbekian, Tammy Apkarian, Laura Biaglow, Michele Boretti, Marilyn Brown, Elissa Fromowitz, Janette King, Mary Ann Lasher, Sue Learner, Ron Marzitelli, Kate Pacheco, Jodi Rossman, and Nancie Stella. Thank you also to the following NHS students who helped usher: Elias Assimakopoulos (Student Volunteer Coordinator), Abby Apkarian, Tyler Bobbit, Rachel Darsinos, Johanne Friedman, Kristina Handy, Maddie Harland, Maddie McCarthy, and Casey McCurty.

"The cast, crew and musicians of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat would like to thank Chris Feeney for her generous donation of a cake for the cast party."

Niska-Day FOM Volunteer Wanted!

Here's your chance to be a part of the biggest day in Niskayuna all year - Niska-Day 35: Let's Have a Fiesta! on May 21. The job only takes a few hours and includes training. Help share the great mission of FOM with Niska-Day goers!

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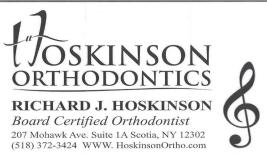


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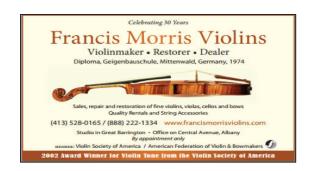
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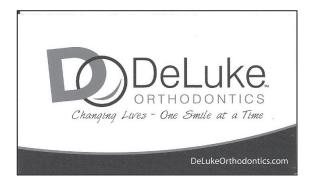


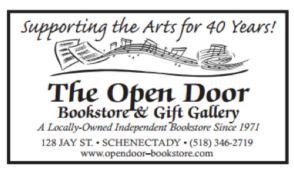














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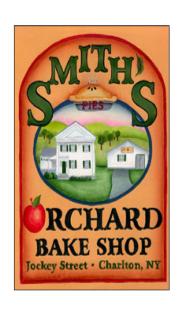
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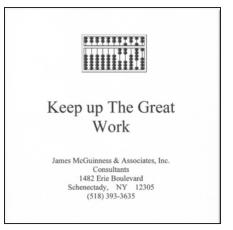


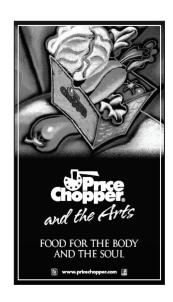
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5 HS dancers

9 Fifth graders in the children's choir

24 musicians in the orchestra

12 behind the scenes NCSD staff members and adults including: director, musical director, orchestra director, stage manager, make up, costumes, props, lighting, sound, set design, 2 choreographers

11 students in the stage crew

1 student director

5 students working on costumes

about 20 student make-up artists

several dozens of reservations for Matinee Magic -

(The behind the scenes tour for young students to get to know the cast, crew)

17 shekels for Potiphar to count

1 camel named Esh (after **Eric Scott Hughes** of course)

1 stuffed goat

4 High Cs were sung

3 months of rehearsals

countless memories among new and old friends.

List by Nicki and Shannon Foley





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