



Notes

Notes From The President

As we enter into the late fall and I write this, we are deep into the beginning of the school year and preparing for the holidays. I watch Facebook posts of fourth graders taking their first half size cello to begin their



Fifth Grade Pianist at Birchwood

or lost the paper (like I often do), you can log right onto our website, **Niskyfom.org** and become a member, as you sit and wait for the next act.

orchestral journey. Middle schoolers are heading early to choir and band practice, and high schoolers are already beginning to prepare for the upcoming **Choral Festival** and **Jazz Fest**. I can't wait to take in as many concerts as I can. I am excited to see all of you, and to hear our musicians perform. I just came from a national Leadership Conference and one of the points that was made there is the engagement of students in classrooms leads to increased success; you can certainly see the musical engagement as soon as our students perform. They are stunning.

Our membership is ongoing, and strong, we have been doing our pie sales, and are looking forward to the new opportunities that this year will afford us with the creativity of our faculty. It's an exciting time, full of possibility and joy as we start this journey together musically.

As president, I can't do any of this work without you and our volunteers working diligently. I am privileged to be able to support this program. Thank you if you are a member of Niskayuna Friends of Music, for without you, we would not be able to do our work. And if you have been too busy,

Most importantly, enjoy the show. Each time I see a performance, it's so moving. Have a wonderful fall and holiday season!

Jodi Rossman

From The Director

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. The music department faculty is working hard to deliver the best education possible to our students and build upon the wonderful success we've enjoyed over the years.

Many students spent their summer immersed in music activities. FOM scholarship winners and others took advantage of great opportunities including private study, our own Summer Sonata program, the Crane School of Music Youth Program, the School of the Performing Arts at Proctors, Glimmerglass Opera and many more. We look forward to the training and skills they bring with them this school year.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

High School Summer Learning

Verbier Festival, Switzerland: **Ross Englemeyer**
ESYO Tour to Hungary: **Matt & Risa Fromowitz,**
Kristina Handy, Aidan Hughes, Jessica Zhang
Excelsior Drum and Bugle Corps: **Emily Baker**
Guilderland Town Band: **Julia Dalakos, Grace Smith**

Bristol Hills Music Camp: **Mack Bisnett, Tim Burgess, Jacob Yanoff**

Local Churches: **Johanna Stevenson, Christopher Yang, Patrick Yang**

Alplaus July 4th Parade: **Alex Pilkey**

Local marching Bands: **Mack Bisnett**

"The Slacks": **Lucas Lynch**

Composing: **William Codd**

Amelia Allen – Hairspray with Consortium Actors at Siena College

Abigail Auster – American Academy of Ballet in NYC

Valerie Bennett – Siena Dance Camp

Alexandra Burgess - Bristol Hills Music Camp

Timothy Burgess – Bristol Hills Music Camp

William Codd – played piano at SCCC in a chamber music trio

Maya Dhinesh – helped young children learn dance through Skype

Gloria Doudoukjian – led church choir at Camp Nukar and St. Vartan Camp (Armenian Church)

Mia Etkin – Auditioned for Annie

Ava Fallone - Broadway Masterclass at Orlando School of Dance

Veronica Forth – "Acting for the Camera" Camp at Proctors

Ryce Hazard – Nisky Summer Sonata, drama kids play

A'yonna Hughes – sang in a church choir

Meaghan Kehoe – Broadway Masterclass at Orlando School of Dance

Ella McDonnell – Aida at Proctors Summer Broadway Camp (ensemble), auditioned for Newsies

Courtney Meola – Bristol Hills Music Camp

Madalyn Montgomery – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat with Consortium Actors at Siena College

Samantha Percy – Boston Ballet Summer Dance Program

Gabriella Pizzolo – Loch Ness the musical at Adirondack Theater Festival

James Potter - Bristol Hills Music Camp, in a folk/rock punk band, played gigs at local venues

Caroline Skrebutenas – St. Rose Pre-College Experience Camp in music production, finalist in PBS Celebration of Music talent search (WMHT)

Anna Taylor – music production at Proctors

Daniel Watson – Legally Blonde with Carpe Diem, taught music at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Vacation Bible School

Keller Weyter-McNelly – Boys Choir, Bristol Hills Music Camp

Kaylee Whelan – Aida at Proctors Summer Broadway Camp (Nehebeke), Assistant to assistant director In The Heights (Schenectady Light Opera Company)

Concert Series

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in concert to celebrate the many successes of our students and faculty this year. All concert event information may be found on our district website at www.niskyschools.org.

Featured this year will be:

All-District Choral Festival at Proctors Theatre –
March 13

Jazz Festival - April 10

High School Musical

We are proud to announce our upcoming production of **Little Women**, which will be held
February 28 – March 2

Auditions take place in November

Tickets go on sale in December

MORE FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

New York State School Music Association

10 students were selected as participants or alternates for this year's All-State Conference to be held in Rochester. Congratulations on this honor!

Lydia Liang, Violin, String Orchestra

Joanna Guo, Violin, String Orchestra

Christopher Yang, Bass clarinet, Symphonic Band

James Zilberman, Double bass, Symphony Orchestra

Chae-Eun Lim, Violin, Symphony Orchestra

Alternates are: **Christopher Yang**, Bb clarinet, **Benjamin Yao**, Percussion, **Benjamin Yao**, Jazz drum set, **Jennifer Kang**, Violin, **Jordan McCann**, Soprano II.

National Association For Music Education

Alexandra Burgess has been selected to the All-National Mixed Chorus. She will travel to Orlando, Florida in November to perform at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort.

Area All-State

20 students were accepted into the Zone 7 Area All-State Music Festival hosted at Saratoga Springs HS, Nov. 16-17.

Aurojit Chakraborty, Trombone, Band

Risa Fromowitz, Trombone, Band

Matthew Fromowitz, Trumpet, Band

Alyssa Hoogs, Clarinet, Band

Aidan Hughes, Tuba, Band

Kalin Kochnev, Flute, Band

Duncan Wall, French horn, Band

Christopher Yang, Clarinet, Band

Patrick Yang, Clarinet, Band

Noah Best, Bass, Chorus

Allison Duguid, Soprano, Chorus

Jordan McCann, Soprano, Chorus

Jack Szemansco, Tenor, Chorus

Mark Ian Talattad, Tenor, Chorus

Keller Wegter-McNelly, Tenor, Chorus

Sophia Barnes, String Bass, Orchestra

Jenny Kang, Violin, Orchestra

Kim-Le Tran, Violin, Orchestra

Calvin Wetzel, Trombone, Orchestra

James Zilberman, String Bass, Orchestra



MORE FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

New Faculty

Amanda Baker (String faculty) earned her Bachelor of Music in Music Education and Master of Music in Music Education from the State University of New York at Fredonia. She also received a Performing Arts-Music (A.S.) degree from Schenectady County Community College. Ms. Baker's primary instruments are the classical guitar and violin, but she enjoys playing all string instruments. During her studies, Ms. Baker became the graduate assistant for Fredonia's Music Education Department. She also enjoyed her time as Vice President of the Fredonia Guitar Society. Ms. Baker is thrilled to be part of Niskayuna's Music Department this year, and is enjoying getting to know all of her students at **Glenclyff** and **Hillside** elementary schools, as well as students in the **6th grade orchestra**!

Abigail Luther (General Music Faculty) received her Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Music Education from The College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY. She attended Saint Rose with a vocal concentration and studied with Miss Lucille Beer and Dr. Susan Boddie. She has toured in the US, Canada, Austria, China, and France with various singing ensembles. While she enjoyed performing, teaching is her passion. Ms. Luther is elated to be teaching for the Niskayuna Central School District at **Glenclyff Elementary School** and **Niskayuna High School**.

Matthew Martell (General Music Faculty) is a graduate of the Crane School of Music with a Bachelor of Music (B.M.) in music education. Matthew has taught music at numerous summer camps and programs for nine years. During his time teaching Matthew has worked with hundreds of students from a variety of backgrounds. Teaching music and promoting growth in his students has been his passion since he was a child. Mr. Martell wrote and implemented a music and movement program for the Saratoga Regional YMCA and also designed an instrumental music program for Camp Hillcroft in Lagrange, NY. Mr. Martell is excited to share his passion for music and development with the wonderful students of Niskayuna!

Music Enrichment

Our students have several festivals to look forward to this year including the Area All-State Music Festival, Schenectady All-County, Suburban Council, the New York State Band Directors Association, and our own Choral Festival at Proctors Theatre and Jazz Fest at the high school. Students are encouraged to look for applications and ask their directors for information.

Other opportunities include NYSSMA, the Empire State Youth Orchestras and many others.

High School Musical

We're proud to announce our upcoming production of Little Women, February 28 - March 2, 2019. Auditions take place in November and ticket sales begin in December.

Name-A-Chair

I am happy to report that we've revived our Name-A-Chair project, which first began in the early 2000s. Everyone is invited to make a pledge and receive an engraved brass plate inset on a chair in the high school auditorium. Since all of the district's music performances happen in this space we want it to be as outstanding as possible and funds raised through this project will directly benefit the auditorium.

Have a great year!

Eric Hughes

MAKE A LASTING LEGACY



The Name-a-Chair-Project

In order to ensure the future success of the Niskayuna Performing Arts programs, the community members, parents, businesses are invited to donate to the Name-a-Chair campaign. The names of those making a pledge will be engraved on the arms of the new auditorium seats. The 1,000-plus seats in the auditorium will have engraved brass plates inset on the wooden arms. Your engraving will remain for the life of the auditorium.

What Is The Cost?

The minimum donation is \$150 per chair arm for individuals and families or a minimum of \$250 for businesses. This donation is tax deductible.

There are 44 letters including spaces and punctuation available per plate, divided into two rows. No messages please-only names of individuals or businesses will be engraved. Engraving can include graduation dates, such as "Mary Smith, 1999".

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Please check one:

- Individual/Family @ \$150 per chair plate
- Business @\$250 per chair plate

Please send this form with your check (made payable to Niskayuna Friends of Music) with "Name-a-Chair Project" written in the memo section to: Niskayuna Friends of Music, Niskayuna High School, 1626 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309

Line 1:

Line 2:

SPOTLIGHT NOTES

Spotlight on Brenda Hartman

The Niskayuna Friends of Music would like to give a very warm welcome to **Mrs. Brenda Hartman** (*see photo*) to the Niskayuna Music Department. Mrs. Hartman joined the Music Department Faculty in 2016. Mrs. Hartman is a native of the Capital District and a graduate of the Bethlehem Schools. Mrs. Hartman attended the Crane School of Music/State University of Potsdam where she studied Performance and Music Education and was principal violist of the Crane Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. Hartman also earned a Master's Degree in Liberal Studies (concentration in Music and Education) from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Mrs. Hartman returns to the Capital District after having taught music for nine years in the **Vestal Central School District**, near Binghamton. There she taught middle school string instruments and elementary music. Here at Niskayuna, Mrs. Hartman leads the orchestras at both the **Rosendale** and **Birchwood Elementary Schools** as well as the **8th grade orchestra**. Mrs. Hartman also conducts the **Middle School Chamber Strings** with **Mrs. McClenon**. In addition, Mrs. Hartman is responsible for teaching the instrument lessons at **Iroquois Middle School**.

Outside of the school day, Mrs. Hartman participates in the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra. During my chat with Mrs. Hartman, she commented that for her the orchestra experience has come full circle. As a Bethlehem student, Mrs. Hartman not only played in the **Empire State Youth Orchestra**, she was one of a select few students invited to perform with the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra. When she returned to the Capital Region, Mrs. Hartman's first concert with the **Schenectady Symphony Orchestra** included the experience of Niskayuna students who sang that performance with the Orchestra!

Mrs. Hartman had a great deal of performing experience while in college, having participated in the Crane Symphony orchestra, the ballet/opera orchestra, string quartets, a piano quintet, and concert choir all while at Crane School of Music.

In her work since college, Mrs. Hartman sought to expand her experiences to take on a new role as a judge in festival and performance competitions. Most recently Mrs. Hartman is hoping to increase her involvement with NYSSMA adjudication. In her free time, Mrs. Hartman enjoys a movie, reading, mini-golf and, bowling. Two of her favorite places are Maine and Disney World and music is such a part of her life that her cats are named Melody and Harmony!

Mrs. Hartman is very excited to be working here in the Niskayuna School District. The support she receives from fellow faculty members is "the best" according to Mrs. Hartman and she is very excited that music is such an integral part of the school district curriculum. Mrs. Hartman feels that music is so important to the human experience. In her opinion, music is a universal language affecting all aspects a person's life and creating connections everywhere. Mrs. Hartman's strongest piece of advice to her students is to "love music and PRACTICE! Make it a routine to build your skill and your love of music. You will never regret it!"



Laura Graham

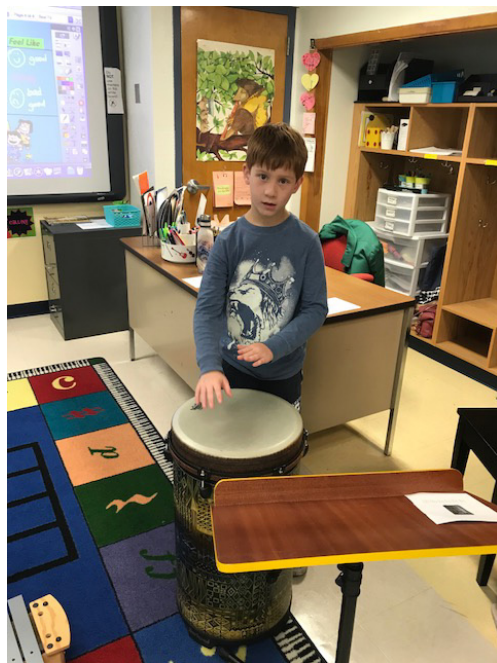
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOTES

Birchwood

Greetings family and friends! We're pleased to let you know that **Mrs. Johnston** is now the full-time K-5 Birchwood general music teacher. She will be with all **Birchwood** students every day and will travel each afternoon to **Iroquois Middle School** for some 6th grade general music classes. The staff, families, and students have been so welcoming. It's a pleasure to start each morning greeting the children as they come in and seeing some former Birchwood students over at the middle school.

Here are some of the fun activities our students are participating in this fall in our "Snoopy" music room. Kindergarten music meets once a week. The children love to learn songs and hear musical stories, play small instruments, and move safely around the room to Mrs. Johnston's iTunes playlist. They are quite impressive at taking turns! Ask your Kindergartener to tell you his/her four voices: speaking, singing, whispering, and one voice for outside, CALLING!

Grade 1 loves to show Mrs. Johnston that they can't be tricked! They are mastering beginning rhythm reading, dancing to Pete Seeger, and shaking maracas to number/counting songs in English and Spanish. **Grade 2** is in a big Percussion Family Unit. They are learning the names of every percussion instrument in the classroom and how to play them properly. The more they can identify, the quicker they clean up. It's a big help! Also, in this exploration stage, students get to try many world percussion instruments and narrow their choices down to their top three favorites. After this and some rhythm writing practice, they will create a final project consisting of a picture of their favorite instrument, a rhythm pattern for it, and a solo performance for the class of their pattern on the instrument. Watch for this assignment to come home late in October! Our third graders are like a huge moving crew! They name and can set up thousands of dollars worth of xylophones safely around the room. With mallets, they play folk song patterns and their treble clef space and line notes. Students also enjoy drawing notes of the treble clef staff using the stylus on the electronic board, software on the teacher's laptop and the old-fashioned way on regular staff paper. **Grade 4** is also working on naming the staff, writing patterns for the xylophone family, reading rhythm patterns and playing note games.



Third Grade Tubano Player at Birchwood

They will resume work on their recorders soon in the Green Ribbon Unit. It should also be said that they have already become very cooperative and skilled chorus singers! In **Grade 5**, we are reviewing instruments of the orchestra through many means. We have listened to, conducted, and watched a BBC performance of Aaron Copland's Ballet "Rodeo: Hoedown". Students have used and explored the Dallas Symphony Orchestra (mydso.com) website. Their interest in these instruments definitely has some roots in the fact that quite a few of them are string, percussion, and wind players themselves now. A fifth grade class session goes by so quickly when the students are so focused. In our 4th and 5th Chorus we are preparing for our first performance at the Veteran's Recognition Assembly. Our huge undertaking for the January concert includes an African song with complex instruments plus three other selections!

It is my pleasure to share these news items with you. If you want to know more, go to the **Niskayuna Friends of Music** website (niskyfom.org) and become a member! Their generosity of time and resources makes our music department the special program it is. Join today!

Holly Johnston

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOTES

Hillside Elementary

Students are engaging in a wide variety of musical activities at **Hillside Elementary School**! Hillside students are learning several songs for their monthly Hello Hillside performances. Students performed Hello to All the Children of the World by Martin Kerr and Kate Millie for their opening Hello Hillside, learning to say and sing hello in several different languages! Kindergarten and first graders sing and dance to a wide variety of songs. Second graders accompany some of their favorite songs on xylophone and will begin preparing the musical, Sing Me A Story by Jill and Michael Gallina. Third graders are performing a rhythm stick routine to the William Tell Overture by Gioachino Antonio Rossini! Fourth and fifth graders are working hard to prepare for their January Chorus concert! Music is alive at Hillside Elementary School!

Fifth Grade Band Gets Off to a Great Start

Our Fifth Grade Band students are off to a wonderful start to the year with lessons that began the week of September 17th. **Mrs. Karen Scherer** is the **Fifth Grade Band** teacher at **Craig** and **Hillside** Schools. **Mrs. Kokernak** teaches the Fifth Grade Bands at **Birchwood** and **Rosendale**, and **Mr. Pandori** is welcomed back to teach the **Glencliff Band** this year.

Success on an instrument begins at home. Below are some great practice pointers for families:

- Find a quiet place for your child to practice at home – a place for concentration
- Students should strive to practice 5 days per week – 20 minutes per session
- Make sure your child is practicing with proper posture and holding position and make sure s/he is practicing with a music stand.

It is tremendously rewarding to see and hear the first sounds of a new class of band students. A big thank you goes out to the parents of this group for their assistance with practicing and their overall help with getting this program off and running! We look forward to our first concerts in January!

Mrs. Susan Kokernak, Elem Bands at Birchwood/Rosendale

Mr. Philip Pandori, Elementary Band at Glencliff

Mrs. Karen Scherer, Elementary Bands at Craig and Hillside



Jack Walker, Graham Cappiello and Sadie Stewart from Rosendale Fifth Grade Band

MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES

MS Jazz Ensemble

The **Middle School Jazz Ensemble** will be performing at the December 11th Board of Education Meeting at Niskayuna High School. This is our fourth year kicking off the December Board Meeting - a meeting that celebrates the accomplishments of the National Merit Scholarship Semi Finalists. We look forward to performing a couple of jazz standards as well as a New Orleans Second Line influenced piece called "Alligator Alley". We hope to see you there!

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Choral Corner

Greetings to all of the choral students along with your families! We are excited about delving into great choral repertoire as we excitedly anticipate many wonderful events including the 2019 Choral Festival featuring guest conductor **Paula Brinkman**! Mrs. Brinkman is no stranger to Niskayuna as she was a member of the music faculty for over 33 years, the founder of **Concert Chorale**, **Bel Canto Voices** and **Ladies First**, a community member/parent of three Niskayuna graduates (in addition, she was one of **Mrs. Pizzino-Catalano's** sponsor teachers during her student teaching placement in 2005). Now a resident of North Carolina, she is the founder/director of the Wilmington Choral Society which has grown from 43 to over 100 singers in ten years! We cannot wait to welcome back Mrs. Brinkman and learn from her vast knowledge and experience.

Studio Singers and **Bel Canto Voices** have already jumped into "performance mode" giving families a sneak peak of what has been going on in the classroom on September 27 at Back-to-School Night after only seven rehearsals. Members of these honors choral ensembles began preparing music on their own after receiving an assignment via mailing in mid-August!

Last year, after the written portion of their final examination, students took an online survey about their high school choral experience. General requests included a curiosity for listening examples and repertoire from the continent of Asia, more sight-reading examples to be done in class (yes, shocking!), opportunities to sing/perform more community service and that many students felt more confident after singing in a HS choral ensemble! Several students in **Concert Chorale** mentioned how much they enjoyed singing at the middle schools in addition to the "Warm-Up Assignment" where each person presents an original physical, vocal or solfege warm-up to their peers during the third quarter. **Ladies First** members mentioned how much they enjoyed singing at the Community Center in December and Choir members expressed an interest in more solo opportunities and repertoire in different languages. This important feedback shared by your children will certainly be taken into consideration as the curriculum of each ensemble continues to grow and develop. Many students across the vocal program mentioned how much they enjoy performance opportunities outside of the auditorium and in the community.

Social Media

Any parent can sign up for text message reminders through the website www.remind.com (or via the smartphone app). Simply search for **Choir**, **Concert Chorale**, **Ladies First**, **Bel Canto Voices**, **Studio Singers** or your child's voice lesson group to receive information about concerts, voice lessons and other helpful reminders that will be sent directly to your phone or e-mail via the automated system.

For photos and videos, please follow **Mrs. Pizzino-Catalano's** school Instagram account, **Sing4ursupprrr**, for postings about what students are doing inside the classroom!

Choral Uniforms

Choir, **Concert Chorale** and **Ladies First** members will now be uniformed at the beginning of the school year. Any student who still owes payment for his/her uniform (past due on September 21) should submit a check made to Niskayuna Friends of Music to the music office. All clothing should be hemmed to the proper length and pressed for performances. Dark, closed-toe dress shoes should be worn with each outfit.

All-National

Congratulations to **Alexandra Burgess** who will be representing Niskayuna's choral program in the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) All-National Chorus in November. Alex will travel to Orlando, FL to participate in this very prestigious honor at Disney World.

MORE HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Choral Corner (cont.)

All-State

Congratulations to **Jordan McCann** who was named an alternate to the All-State Mixed Chorus.

Empire State Youth Chorale

Four students have been accepted into the Empire State Youth Chorale and will sing at the “Melodies of Christmas” performances at Proctors Theatre in December. Kudos to **Amelia Allen, Brendan Codd, Emma Edwards and Chris Caron Sunil!**

Upcoming Performances:

- **Ladies First, Choir, and Concert Band** will present a Thanksgiving concert on **Tuesday, November 20 at 12:15 p.m.** in the H.S. auditorium. All family, friends, and community members are invited and are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early to sign in at the front desk.
- Please mark your calendar for **Monday, December 3** (December 10 snow/cold date) as **Studio Singers and Bel Canto Voices** will be participating in FOM’s annual Caroling for CASH fundraiser. Student quartets will stroll through Old Niskayuna in Victorian costumes singing carols and collecting funds for FOM. The day will culminate with a group performance on Upper Union Street at 7:00 p.m. ***We are in need of battery powered candles and/or lanterns. Any parents who would be willing to chaperone by providing a vehicle for students to stay warm in can contact Mrs. Pizzino-Catalano at cpizzino-catalano@niskyschools.org (timeslots range from 4:45-8:00 p.m.). Any parent or student who would be willing to donate or sew/make an article of clothing for the event would be welcome to do so (we are especially in need of cloaks)!***
- **ALL H.S. CHORAL SINGERS** are invited to share their voices on **Sunday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Niskayuna Town Hall for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served and this will be an extra credit/makeup opportunity!
- **Concert Chorale, Bel Canto Voices**, and Studio Singers along with Chamber Strings, Jazz Ensemble, and Symphonic Band will perform at the annual holiday assemblies scheduled for Wednesday, December 19 (Thursday, December 20 snow date). The performances begin at 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. Any family members or friends who would like to attend are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early to sign in at the front desk.
- An Evening in History will be presented collaboratively between the Social Studies and Music Departments on **Monday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m.** in the H.S. auditorium. This year’s program will commemorate 1988-1989 through historical speech and song. Attendance is mandatory for all students in **Choir, Ladies First, and Concert Chorale**. Stage Band and Concert Band will also be joining in this year’s collaboration!

In continuing with the tradition started in 2008, Ladies First will sponsor a reception after their first concert on November 1. This year the students will offer foods of the Middle East in conjunction with their folk song “Tzena, Tzena, Tzena, Tzena” sung in English, Hebrew and Arabic. Please join us in celebrating the kick off of our first concert series and a connection between music and culture!



C. M. Pizzino-Catalano
Christina Pizzino-Catalano

MORE HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

HS Concert Band

I am very excited for my third year with the High School Concert Band. The band sounds fantastic and has been working diligently since the beginning of September. We have an exciting program planned for November 8th which will feature "Into the Clouds" by Richard Saucedo, an exciting programmatic work called "Fate of the Gods", "Glory" from the movie Selma which will feature senior trumpet soloist, **Keenan Duggal**, and a classic Karl King concert march. We look forward to our three regular evening concerts this year, as well as performances at the Thanksgiving assembly on November 20th and the Evening in History on January 7th.

Phil Pandori

High School Chamber Strings

On November 7th the High School Chamber Strings will be performing J.S. Bach's "Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor", popularly known as the Bach Double. The piece contains three movements, two fast and one slow. The solo parts will be shared by three of our violin players- seniors **Lydia Liang, Joanna Guo**, and freshman **Faith Borkowski**. Come and listen to one of the most beautifully written works from the Baroque era.

Brian Mooney

FOM Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our twenty FOM Summer Scholarship winners who used their award for enhanced music study during the months of July and August

Sophia Barnes	Grade 8	String Bass
Timothy Burgess	Grade 9	Drums
Pallavi Datta	Grade 7	Piano/Violin
Matthew Esposito	Grade 7	Snare Drum
Mark Ferri	Grade 6	Piano
Matt Fromowitz	Grade 8	Trumpet
Aidan Hughes	Grade 10	Tuba
Tarun Jacob	Grade 6	Piano
Arin Khare	Grade 6	Trumpet
Amelie Knox	Grade 6	Viola
Daniel Kwon	Grade 6	Clarinet
Arthur Leung	Grade 6	Violin
Madalyn Montgomery	Grade 10	Voice
Silvanah Singh	Grade 6	Voice
Wei Ting Teo	Grade 11	Piano
Sofia Trimarchi	Grade 6	Voice
Christopher Yang	Grade 11	Clarinet
Patrick Yang	Grade 8	Clarinet
Sabrina Zhang	Grade 8	Violin
Yochen Zhong	Grade 6	Piano/Cello

Congratulations to the following Nisky students who were selected to join the Empire State Youth Orchestra.

As a regional organization, ESYO attracts students from over 75 public and private schools throughout eastern New York State and western New England. Returning and potential members must pass a competitive audition for their positions. ESYO students range from 4th through 12th grade. The nine performing ensembles rehearse weekly with professional musicians as conductors and coaches. A season's schedule includes over 30 concerts, requiring over 600 hours of rehearsal time.

Risa Fromowitz Niskayuna H.S.

Aurojit Chakraborty Niskayuna High School

Aidan Hughes Niskayuna High School

Christine Lee Niskayuna High school

Derek Liu Niskayuna High School

Yejin (Rachel) Mun Niskayuna High School

Josh Tso Niskayuna High School

Annika Waskiewicz Niskayuna high school

William Zheng Niskayuna High School

Olivia Reeves Niskayuna High School

Kristina Handy Niskayuna High School

Caren (Kairui) Liu Niskayuna High School

Jessica Zhang Niskayuna High School

Providence Kang Niskayuna high school

Calvin Wetzel Niskayuna High School

Sophia Barnes Niskayuna High School

Samuel Calos Niskayuna High School

Claire Choi Niskayuna High School

Joanna Guo Niskayuna High School

Jenny Kang Niskayuna High School

Lydia Liang Niskayuna High School

Bryan Liu Niskayuna High School

Victor Schingo Niskayuna High School

Aidan Singh Niskayuna High School

Wei Ting Teo Niskayuna High School

Joshua Wang Niskayuna High School

Christopher Yang Niskayuna High School

Benjamin Yao Niskayuna High School

Caleb Gascoyne Van Antwerp Middle School

Aryeh Lichtenfeld Iroquois Middle School

Tim Chen Iroquois Middle School

Arthur Leung Iroquois Middle School

Patrick Yang Iroquois Middle School

Ratna Bandaru Iroquois Middle School

Henry Wang Iroquois Middle School

Faith Borkowski Iroquois Middle School

Duncan Wall Iroquois Middle School (this year)/Niskayuna High School (next year)

Josie Calareso Iroquois M.S./Niskayuna H.S.

Vidhu Bulumulla Iroquois M. S. Niskayuna H.S.

ESYO (CONTINUED)

Pallavi Datta Iroquois MS
Sydney Markham Rosendale Elementary
Simran Utturkar Rosendale Elementary School
Reilin Lyu Rosendale Elementary School
April Zhang Rosendale Elementary School
Caroline Adams Hillside Elementary - Niskayuna

Thank you to all who participated in the Friends of Music Pie Sale!

It is your tremendous support that allows the Niskayuna Friends of Music (FOM) to sponsor quality education, enrichment and scholarship programs.

We hope you enjoy your home-baked pies throughout the rest of the Fall Season and have a lovely Thanksgiving Holiday!

2018-19 Friends of Music Board & Committees

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