



Notes



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am writing in the dead of winter, as the temperatures dip below zero several times. However, spring is coming and I am in my 7th year involved in some role in Friends of Music! I am constantly surprised at the new programming that our faculty and staff put together and how excited I am to attend it. For example, I am looking forward to ending our Music in our Schools month of March with *"Schubertiade - a Special Celebration"* with our strings and choral students performing together. The format, selections and arena are perfect, though unusual, and yet again I am excited to see it come together.

All this is possible with the donations from our members. Thank you! We are a solely volunteer organization and without our membership we could not do all we do for our faculty and students. It's incredible to see year after year the performances and impact music has on our students. And it's due to our members' generosity.

We will have a few open positions if you are interested in joining us. Our Membership Chair is currently open; the Treasurer position will be open for next year. Our liaisons are wonderful and we always welcome more in our schools. Feel free to contact any of our board members if you have questions. And if you want to be a member, we are a click away on our webpage, niskyfom.org. Enjoy the concert!!!

~ Jodi Rossman, President, Friends of Music

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As we celebrate Music In Our Schools Month, there is so much to appreciate and take in!

Winter brings our annual musical to the high school. This year it was “**Disney’s The Little Mermaid.**” Congratulations to the cast, crew and orchestra on an outstanding run! The students’ dedication, hard work and love for performing always guarantee high-quality, memorable performances. Special thanks to the adult volunteers and others who make the musical such a great success.

We also find ourselves celebrating the **District Band Festival at Proctors Theatre.** Our Guest Artist, Dr. Cynthia Johnston-Turner is working with students in rehearsals and will conduct all of our ensembles on **March 11.** We are so grateful to the Friends of Music for underwriting such a meaningful event for our community. Thanks for your support!

We are excited to revive our **Name-a-Chair** Project. See the bulletin in this edition of NOTES to find out how you can support the performing arts at Niskayuna and leave a lasting impression in the auditorium.

The New York State Band Directors Association hosts its annual Symposium in Syracuse this month as well. Three high school students were selected for the Honors ensembles. They are: **Patrick Yang**, clarinet (Concert Band), **Risa Fromowitz**, trombone (Concert Band) and **Calvin Wetzel**, trombone (Jazz Ensemble). Middle school student, **Lucia Vysohlid**, tuba (Concert Band) will also represent Niskayuna. We know they will make us proud. Congratulations on your achievement!

Niskayuna High School hosted the **Suburban Council Music Festival** in January. Thank you to our faculty and the parent volunteers who helped make the festival a success. Congratulations to the following students who participated:

MS CHORUS

Soprano

Layla Agamy
Katherine Makrin
Lauren McLear
Stella Myers
Priscayah Singh
Sophie Spindler

Baritone

Sean Calhoun
Mihir Kulkarni
Alex LaFargue
Lincoln Merrill
Martin Mills

Alto

Lily Graham
Coumba N’Diaye
Lexi Tull



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Suburban Council (cont.)

HS ORCHESTRA

Carrie May-Watkins, *Viola*

Duncan Wall, *French horn*

Vidhu Bulumulla, *Violin*

HS BAND

Matthew Fromowitz, *Trumpet*

Risa Fromowitz, *Trombone*

Keller Wegtner-McNelly, *Bassoon*

Calvin Wetzel, *Trombone*

Melinda Wetzel, *Oboe*

Students were also selected to participate in the **Schenectady All-County Music Festival** in January hosted at Schenectady High School. They are:

HS CHORUS

Corrina Blood, Ellen Davis, Ava Fallone, Isabella Martinez, Ella McDonnell, Katarina Mills, Lillyian Nguyen, Emma Nobes, Makenna Pack, Faith Potter and Mathena Rush

MS ORCHESTRA

Moudgalya Bandaru, Sean Calhoun, Cece Christian, Landon Greene, Charlotte Hull, Reilin Lyu, Mazzy Russo, Sophie Spindler and Simran Utturkar

MS BAND

Regan Anderson, Melina Boretti, Nico DeFazio, Kirsten Felicitas, Mark Ferri, Nathaniel Froehlich, Grady Goldner, Ellie Grace, Manami Kerins, Aryeh Korevaar, Ella Lovegrove, Noah Martinez, Titilayo Oshinowo, Abigail Sandvik, Emily Shim, Lucia Vysohlid and Andrew Watkins

And since April is also Jazz Appreciation Month, we are happy to welcome trombonist **Alan Ferber** to work with our jazz students. This is one of our most popular concerts of the year. It features our Jazz Ensembles and Studio Singers. We hope to see you at the **District Jazz Fest** on **April 1** at the High School!

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

Dates have been set for FOM Summer Scholarship auditions. They are: April 24 & 25 at the high school. See your child's music teacher for more information. Students grades 6-11 are eligible.

SUMMER SONATA

Our popular two-week program, SUMMER SONATA will take place July 13-16 & 20-23. Information will be published soon!

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER LEARNING

We would like to add the following name for high school summer learning.

Hailey Auster

Saratoga Children's Theater production: *The Wedding Singer*

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 and businesses are invited to contribute to the Name-A-Chair Project. The names of those making a pledge will be engraved on the arms of the new auditorium seats.

Our Goal

We'd like to kick-off our campaign with 100 seats engraved! Contributions will support improvements in the auditorium to enhance the acoustics on stage, sound technology, and lighting for the audience.

They also make great graduation gifts or to recognize a special musician in your life.

What is the Cost?

Each plate is \$150 for individuals and families or \$250 for businesses. We are a 501(c)3 organization and your employer may match your contribution.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please check one:

- Individual/Family: \$150 per chair
- Business: \$250 per chair
- My contribution can be matched by my employer _____.

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:

There are 44 characters including letters, spaces and punctuation available per plate, divided into two 22-character rows. No messages please - only names of individuals or businesses will be engraved. Engraving can include graduation dates, such as "Mary Smith, 1999".

Please return by 5/31/2020.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

Friends of Music interviews Rebecca Farrell, General Music & Chorus teacher at Birchwood ES



Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Latham and attended North Colonie schools (Shaker).

How were you involved in music growing up?

I started playing the clarinet in 4th grade and sang in chorus in 5th and 6th grade, but I started to become extremely involved in music during junior high. I loved going to my older brother's concerts when he was in junior high. When I got to junior high, I auditioned for some of the afterschool music groups just for fun and suddenly I was staying after school for rehearsals almost every day! I decided in 7th grade that I wanted to become a music teacher, and that inspired me to start taking voice lessons, become involved in Suburban Council, Area All-State, All-State, Melodies of Christmas, etc.

Where did you go to college?

The Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam. I graduated with a Bachelors in Music Education with a concentration in Voice, General Music, and Chorus. I also received a Performance Certificate in Voice.

What are your current responsibilities with Niskayuna?

I teach General Music and 4th & 5th Grade Chorus at Birchwood Elementary. I've also really enjoyed working with my colleagues at the high school, as well as the students, as the Stage Manager of "The Little Mermaid."

What are your goals?

I'm very excited to begin my studies for my Master's Degree in Music Education so that I can continue to expand upon my knowledge and skills as a music teacher! I'd love to start some clubs at Birchwood, become more involved in the Nisky community, and see where this journey as a Nisky music teacher leads me!

What are your favorite things to do outside of school?

I *love* to travel. I've gone to Jamaica twice for study abroad trips, and they were both life changing experiences. One of my major life goals is to make it to all 50 states, explore Europe, and go to Australia! I love spending time with my friends & family and traveling so that I can be with them. Sitting down with a good book, learning how to play a new instrument, and researching all about classic rock are some of my favorite hobbies. Going to concerts is another one of my favorite things to do!

Do you have any advice to students studying music now?

Never give up. It can be hard when something that has always been your passion suddenly becomes "work," but it is *so* worth it in the end. The experiences that you are having, the music that you are creating with some of your best friends, and the memories that you are making are some things that you will never get back or be able to recreate. Breathe in the moment - it is the only moment. All of these moments will be worth it the second you step onto the stage or in the classroom. Trust me.

Do you have any advice to students who want to pursue music as their career?

Become involved in as many musical activities as you can. Every musical experience that you gain will improve your musicianship, expand your horizons, and provide you with experience, but I can also guarantee you that you will meet some of the best friends that you will ever have. Trust your gut. People may try and tell you that a career in the arts isn't stable, but trust your passion. The joy that you can bring to fellow musicians, audience members, students, family members, etc. through your gift is unlike any other. It is unique. It will connect you to people in ways that you would never imagine. This dream that you have of pursuing music is beyond rewarding and fulfilling. You have *so* many people to help you and support you along your journey. Go and achieve your dreams - you got this!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOTES

Hillside Elementary

Music is alive at Hillside Elementary School! Hillside students have learnt several songs for their monthly 'Hello, Hillside!' performances. Students performed **Together We Can Change the World** at the 'Hello, Hillside!' in February. Kindergarten students have performed on several percussion instruments and are enjoying using egg shakers and maracas! First graders continue to accompany some of their favorite songs on xylophone. Second graders are enjoying the **Peter and the Wolff** unit and busy preparing for their upcoming musical, **Sing Me A Story!** Third graders are eager and excited to perform on a new instrument, the recorder! Fourth graders continue to perform on their recorders, performing a variety of challenging yet engaging songs. Fourth graders will begin World Music Drumming in February. Fifth graders are continuing with World Music Drumming. Fourth and fifth graders are working hard to prepare for their May Chorus Concert!

Hillside Elementary School would like to thank the Niskayuna Friends of Music for their ongoing support to our music program!

~ Sarah Banker

Rosendale Elementary

Preschool Story Hour

The newest in the Rosendale music room is the arrival of the Preschool Story Hour children! An average of eight children have come each week from Ms. Thompson in the media center to Mrs. Johnston's music room. Preschool story hour gives these young friends thirty minutes of music time once a week from January 7 through March 24. They are having voice exploration, singing, singing with actions, movement with and without their movement ribbons, puppets for songs, musical instruments, imaginative play, and music games.



Preschool Story Hour: 4-year olds having 1st year of music being included in the program holding their ribbon hoops they love to use for movement

First graders playing a song with high and low pitches on a water xylophone for an integrated unit with Next Generation Science Standards



Kindergarten-Grade 2

Our **kindergarten** can do so much more this year! They have that second class a week now and they are on a roll. Our friends enjoy their new multicultural signs for their Do Re Mi musical scale demonstrating hands in different skin colors. They have made up the hand movements for a song in an upcoming K-5 assembly, a job I thought the 5th grade would do! Their teachers and I are so pleased to see them engaged and joyful at these school-wide events, really knowing all the words to the songs like their older schoolmates.

The **first graders** love their formal dance groups for a German polka. Yes, a polka. They are so pleased with themselves. They are showing amazing body awareness and rhythmic competency. Wow! They can also write four beat rhythm patterns of their own and clap and say them. Soon each child will see one favorite pattern she/he wrote for Valentine's Day up on the board for the class to try to clap and say. It's a proud moment and each child secretly hopes that his/hers is the trickiest one!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOTES

Rosendale Elementary (cont.)

In **second grade** they are putting together understanding of the three ways percussion instruments are played, how to form simple measures, how to tell if the instrument is pitched or non-pitched, and how to compose for it. Following a writing process similar to a classroom writing workshop, each student has narrowed down eleven choices to a favorite percussion instrument in the music room, drawn a picture of it, had pre-writing experience, is making a rough draft, will get mini-lessons and an opportunity to conference and edit with Mrs. Johnston. Finally, they will perform their one or two measure percussion piece and have a video uploaded to a music google classroom to watch each other.

Grade 3-5

Third grade has applied $\frac{3}{4}$ time and treble clef staff reading to learn to play the **Westminster Chime pattern** heard in London by Big Ben. Again, choice was offered among pitched percussion in the music room. These students also have a music google classroom and have finished uploading their video performances. Two other units are in their 3rd Grade Music Classroom: a hip-hop educational song about the Weather (a big unit of study in third grade) and their Singalong unit with links to songs for the assembly and the actual slide shows they'll see.



Luke: Metallophone player playing Big Ben's Westminster Chime Pattern; Lily and Jason: Pianists who performed Big Ben's Westminster Chime Pattern; Doug, Sophie, Zoya: 3rd grade groups performing Big Ben's Westminster Chime Pattern; Jasi: A proud rhythm writer

Fourth grade has mastered a piece called the **BAGE Blues**, demonstrating rhythm and note reading on several pitched instruments before switching the melody to their recorders. They played as a percussion/piano ensemble along to an iTunes accompaniment at quite a fast tempo. After this song, they were awarded their Green Ribbons (ala Tae Kwan Do). Members of the **Niskayuna Senior Center on Aqueduct Road** prepared red flannel fabric pieces for the students to use as new cleaning cloths for their recorders.

Fifth grade had a unique experience in January by being included in a NYU student's film project, **Benson's Playground**. Jad Jacob, a 2017 Niskayuna graduate, reached out to his choral teacher and musical director from **Phantom** Mrs. Catalano, and asked where he could find some elementary students to sing a song he wrote for his film. He also needed to record them doing a laugh track. Fortunately for us, she referred him to Rosendale. Our families signed legal media release forms, and now many of our fifth graders are listed in Jad's film credits. The students were true professionals, doing twenty minutes of takes for the song he needed recorded. The laugh track was fun as the kids provided him with all the effects of a studio audience at a sit-com.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOTES

Rosendale Chorus

Our winter concert went extremely well, and we received several comments that helped us feel our grade 4/5 chorus is on the right track for going to NYSSMA Festival in April. We started our last NYSSMA piece in Spanish as a Spanish Day with special guest instructor and parent, Mrs. Polishchuk from Hebrew Academy. We included some more fun to launch the challenging song, **Rapsodia Espanola No. 1**, by playing a Motion Leader game to Carlos Santana, having a Latin music playlist, inviting Spanish speaking Rosendale families, some board members, and serving coconut candy and Spanish Cinnamon cookies provided by our chorus families. Special thanks to 4th grade parent Koren Lazarou and 5th grade parent Amy Soule for serving and cleaning up at Spanish Day.

Thanks to Rosendale Friends of Music liaisons Rebecca Stashower & Gina Murray for their support and dedication.

~ Holly Johnston

Elementary School Band News



At the Hillside Ziti Dinner

We are all so very proud of all the Birchwood, Craig, Glencliff, Hillside and Rosendale band students who performed in our Elementary Winter Concerts. The students, who have only been playing their instruments for a few short months, shined bright on their woodwind and brass/percussion solis as well as their full band pieces.

We look forward to preparing three full band pieces for our Spring Concerts, taking place in the first three weeks in May. In addition to our pieces **Star Wars**, and **Mountain Hoe Down**, each band will be premiering a **Pop Rock Medley** (including sections of **Imagine Dragons "Believer"**, **Fitz and the Tantrums "HandClap"** and **The White Stripes "7 Nation Army"**) – you will not want to miss it!



Brass lesson at Craig



Winter Assembly at Craig

~ Sue Kokernak, Phil Pandori, Karen Scherer

MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES

General Music and Choir

There has been a big change in both middle school general music classrooms this year: the new keyboards! Students in 6th and 7th grade are able to learn how to play, experiment with sounds, compose, record themselves and upload assignments utilizing these wonderful new tools in conjunction with their district issued Chromebooks. One of the most noticeable differences is the 1:1 ratio of student to instrument. Students are benefitting from the excess space and added flexibility to push themselves further in their musical knowledge. They really enjoy the songs they are able to learn and play on the keys.



NYC Trip

On May 6th and May 13th, the 7/8 Choir students are headed down to NYC for the annual Broadway Show Trip!! This year IRMS is headed to see the poignant *“Come From Away”* and VAMS will be seeing the timeless *“Wicked”*. In addition, students will be touring Radio City Music Hall or Lincoln Center!!

~ Marilyn Brown, Jacob Purington, Julie Wilson

Middle School Instrumentalists Participate in All-County Festival

On January 24th and 25th, members of our Niskayuna Middle School Bands and Orchestras participated in the **Schenectady All-County Music Festival** at Schenectady High School. The Middle School Orchestra performed a beautiful program led by Conductor and Crane School of Music Faculty member, Jennifer Kessler. In a few short hours of rehearsal, Ms. Kessler was able to lead the students to perform with a fantastic blend and good dynamic range. The Niskayuna Orchestra students who participated were **Moudgalya Bandaru, Sean Calhoun, Cece Christian, Landon Greene, Charlotte Hull, Reilin Lyu, Mazzy Russo, Sophie Spindler** and **Simran Utturkar**.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES

All-County Festival (cont.)

The Middle School Band was led by Conductor, Dr. Keith Kaiser, a Professor at the Ithaca College School of Music. Dr. Kaiser spoke from the heart when he addressed the audience and the band about the incredible importance of the arts being a vital part of every child's education. The Niskayuna Band students who participated were **Regan Anderson, Melina Boretti, Nico DeFazio, Kirsten Felicitas, Mark Ferri, Nathaniel Froehlich, Grady Goldner, Ellie Grace, Manami Kerins, Aryeh Korevaar, Ella Lovegrove, Noah Martinez, Titilayo Oshinowo, Abigail Sandvik, Emily Shim, Lucia Vysohlid** and **Andrew Watkins**. The concert was extremely successful and all the students had an enriching, musical experience!



~ Dave Fisk, Sue Kokernak, Amanda Baker, Brenda Hartman, Stacey McClenon

Middle School Chamber Strings

Chamber strings had a great first semester! In rehearsals, we've worked on cuing music and responding to each other when performing without a conductor. We have also practiced being expressive when performing with dynamics. Chamber Strings recently performed their first concert this year, which included arrangements of **The Pink Panther**, **Mozart's Rondo Presto**, and **Palladio**. We are excited to continue working on leadership and musicality, and look forward to our next concert!



~ Amanda Baker

MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES

Middle School Stage Band Makes Their Performance Debut

The Middle School Stage Band (7th Grade Jazz) made their performance debut on Wednesday, January 29th in the High School Auditorium. The students are off to a strong start to the year in learning the complex rhythms, articulation, style and improvisational techniques of Jazz. The performance featured three tunes – **Aardvark Stomp!**, **One for the Mooch** and they finished off the night with an arrangement of **Michael Jackson's Thriller**. These musicians look forward to performing again at the Niskayuna Jazz Fest on Wednesday, April 1st!



~ Sue Kokernak



HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

HS Choral Corner

Happy 35th Anniversary to Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM®)! The rigorous Niskayuna performance schedule continues this month and high school singers are excited to support their fellow middle school singers at the upcoming combined concerts!

On **Wednesday, March 25**, Concert Chorale will be collaborating with Chamber Strings to present a **Schubertiade** to celebrate the music of Austrian Romantic composer, Franz Schubert. The evening will include repertoire such as German lieder (solo art songs) and movements of the **Mass in G**. Members of the upper level German classes will also join to read texts and present historical information about the concert program. You might even encounter a faculty member of the music department participating in the performance that evening!

****PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS PERFORMANCE WILL BE HELD AT THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SCHENECTADY, 1221 WENDELL AVE. AT 7:30 PM.**

Many thanks to the Niskayuna Friends of Music for providing the financial support to make this off-campus performance possible!

HS choral students are currently preparing for the NYSSMA Solo Festival at Voorheesville on April 3 and 4 (*NOTE: WE ARE GOING TO AN EARLY FESTIVAL THIS YEAR AND STUDENTS SHOULD BE DILIGENTLY PREPARING THEIR SOLOS!). Students are studying works in English, Italian, Latin, French, and German to present to judges from all over the state. During the month of March, there will be weekly timeslots available for students to receive extra help and coaching. There will be an opportunity to sing for peers in their large ensemble classes for feedback and to help shake any nervousness in anticipation of the performance.

Congratulations to the following students who sang with the **Schenectady All-County Select Treble Chorus** on January 24/25 at Schenectady HS: **Corrina Blood, Ellen Davis, Ava Fallone, Isabella Martinez, Ella McDonnell, Katarina Mills, Lillyian Nguyen, Emma Nobes, Makenna Pack, Faith Potter** and **Mathena Rush**.

Outside Performances:

- Nearly 90 (IMPRESSIVE!) **High School Choral** students joined together in song at Niskayuna Town Hall's **7th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** on December 8. They enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate donated by Shop Rite after a performance in the gazebo. The Daily Gazette featured a wonderful photo of some of the singers on the front page of the December 9 edition!
- **Studio Singers and Bel Canto Voices** raised **\$1500** during their Caroling for CA\$H fundraiser on December 9!!! Student quartets strolled through Old Niskayuna in Victorian costumes singing carols and collecting funds for the Niskayuna Friends of Music. The day culminated with a group performance at Union Café. *Many thanks to the parents who helped transport and chaperone students, to Jessica Hollenback at Union Café for providing the concert venue (along with cookies and hot cocoa!) and to FOM for providing lunch for the student volunteers.*

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

HS Choral Corner (cont.)

- Look for **Studio Singers** on **Saturday, May 16** at **Niska Day**, performing on a float in the parade with the possibility of a performance at noon in the entertainment tent (on the Craig School grounds). The latter will be solidified pending the scheduling of the High School Musical Theatre Awards.

The National Association for Music Education has coined this year's MIOSM theme as "Music Changes Lives"! The interactions, dedication, friendships, social growth, musical development, teamwork, leadership and support that I see amongst the Niskayuna HS choral singers are certainly life-changing. See you in May as sing our way into summer!

C. M. Pizzino-Catalano

~ Christina Pizzino-Catalano



Photo Courtesy: Marc Schultz at The Daily Gazette



HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

HS Band News

The HS Concert Band looks forward to our District Band Festival performance on March 11th. We are very excited to share the stage with all the district band students from grades 6-12. We know the younger students will especially like our performance of **Avengers: End Game**. We are thrilled to be working with our guest Conductor Cynthia Johnston Turner from the University of Georgia - she will be conducting the classic band work **Prairie Dances** by David Holsinger. We will round out our program with Brian Balmages' **Marche Diabolique**. We hope to see you at Proctor's Theater on March 11th!

Congratulations to the following band students for being selected to perform at the **Suburban Council Music Festival**! These students were selected to the Suburban Council Band from students across the Capital Region: **Matt Fromowitz, Risa Fromowitz, Keller Wegter-McNelly, Calvin Wetzel, Melinda Wetzel**.

The HS Stage Band is thrilled for our upcoming Jazz Festival on April 1st. The Stage band has been working hard and sounds terrific! We are excited to perform with Grammy Nominated Jazz Trombonist Alan Ferber on our three tunes for the concert. We are especially excited to feature Mr. Ferber on Horace Silver's **Nutville**.



Three-time GRAMMY-nominated trombonist-composer-arranger Alan Ferber has been called “*one of the jazz world’s premier composers and arrangers for larger groups*” by **All About Jazz New York**. Jazz Times magazine describes Ferber’s compositions as “*inspired and meticulous*” and the L.A. Weekly deems him “*one of the premier modern jazz arrangers of our time.*” For the last seven years, he has been recognized as one of the leading trombonists of his generation in *Down Beat* magazine’s International Critics’ Poll and Readers’ Poll. Ferber was the recipient of a 2013 *New Jazz Works* grant from **Chamber Music America**, funded by the Doris Duke Foundation. Since 2011, he has been an Adjunct Professor of Jazz Studies at **New York University’s Steinhardt School**.

~ Phil Pandori

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A Recommendation for Young Music Lovers

This is a wonderful book for children introducing them to classical compositions inspired by birdsongs. The book also comes with an audio CD with a collection of twenty lovely excerpts by famous composers of the likes of Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Vivaldi.

Niskayuna Friends of Music is a wonderful organization of volunteers providing their time, energy, and funds for the Music Department. Would you consider joining at <https://niskyfom.org/>? You can also scan the following QR Code as a direct link to joining Friends of Music.



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FOM has joined the list of charitable institutions that are supported by the GE Foundation Matching Gifts Program. Through this program, individual contributions of \$25 or more from employees and/or retirees are matched dollar for dollar. Eligible gifts may be registered online on our *membership page* or by phone at 1-800-305-0669.

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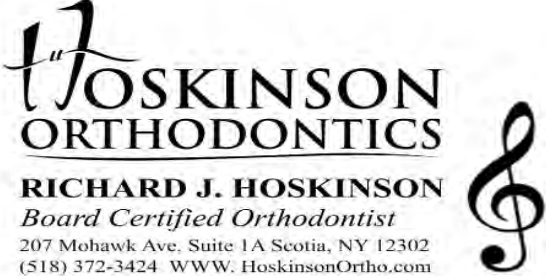


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