



Fall 2022

Issue #1

Notes

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Music,

Welcome back! I am thrilled we are together for another year of beautiful music in Niskayuna. Friends of Music has been working behind the scenes to ensure music education has strong support in our district. In October, we were lucky enough to bring the Potsdam Brass Quintet to the High School for a workshop that reached over one hundred high school students.

In November, Niskayuna will welcome the Eastern Standard Trio ensemble from the University of Delaware. We are also very excited to continue to support our All-State students. We are very proud of their accomplishment! We are thrilled to announce that in March, we will host the String Festival for grades 6-12. In March 2020, we left off with the band festival, so we are very happy that this annual tradition is back.

We could not provide all of these incredible opportunities for our student musicians without your support. Please consider becoming a member. We will also continue with our annual pie sale fundraiser which will run October 31 through November 26 with a pick-up date on Tuesday, December 13. This year, Friends of Music is lucky enough to partner with a local restaurant, The Broken Inn. During the month of November, a portion of their sales will be donated to our organization. Along with their delicious food, drinks, and dessert, we are so appreciative of their generosity.

As we head into Thanksgiving, I want to take a minute to recognize how thankful I am for our music program. I am thankful for our music faculty who teach and inspire our children. I am thankful for our students who continue to develop into amazing musicians right before our eyes.

I wish you and your family the happiest holidays. May you spend it surrounded by friends, family, and the most beautiful music.

With warmest wishes,

Sarah Frank Spindler

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! The music department faculty is working hard to help students once again make music together in person and to bring live performances back to our community.

NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

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

Isabella Martinez, Vocal Jazz

Henry McCann, Tenor, Mixed Chorus

Emma Nobes, Soprano, Mixed Chorus

Eujeong Choi, Cello, Alternate

Kiemon Noel, Jazz Drum Set, Alternate

Mathena Rush, Alto, Alternate

Sophie Spindler, Soprano, Alternate

Special recognition goes to 8th grader, **Brian Sun** for being selected on piano for the Piano Showcase!

AREA ALL-STATE 2022

The following students are accepted into the 2022 Area All-State festival to be held in Saratoga Springs High School.

Band Manami Kerins, Daniel Kwon and Cristina Rojo

Orchestra/Orchestra Winds Aryeh Korevaar, Amelie Van Lanen and Andrew Watkins

Jazz Kiemon Noel, Lucia Vysohlid and Nathan Yan

Chorus Lily Graham, Charlotte Hull, Lauren McLearn, Emma Nobes, Mathena Rush and Aria Wetzel

NEW FACULTY

Alicia Bouteiller (General Music Faculty) earned her Bachelor of Music in Music Education at the Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam and holds a Master of Music degree in Music Education with a Kodaly Emphasis from the Hartt School of Music. She comes to us from the South Colonie Central School District. Mrs. Bouteiller previously taught at the Scott M. Ellis Elementary School in Greenville, NY. We are excited to welcome her to Rosendale where she teaches general music and conducts the 4/5 Chorus. We are thrilled to have Mrs. Bouteiller join us!

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

We're proud to announce our upcoming production of *A Chorus Line (Teen Edition)*, March 3 & 4, 2023. Auditions take place in November and ticket sales begin in January.

DISTRICT STRING FESTIVAL

We're excited about the return of our annual festivals – this year we'll feature our orchestra students, grades 6-12 with a concert on Wednesday, March 15 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center! Look for more details this winter.

~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 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_____

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Please check one:

- ☐ Individual/Family: \$150 per chair
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- ☐ 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 5/31/2023.

FOM PIE SALE



Niskayuna Friends of Music 2022 Pie Sale




Back by popular demand for your winter holiday celebrations!

Featuring Delicious Pies and Tea Breads from Mourningkill Farms Bakery

This **PRE-ORDER ONLY** sale supports music education through enrichment grants, scholarships and district festivals.

Choose from 12 varieties of freshly made, frozen pies, and 6 varieties of freshly made, frozen tea breads.
Perfect as gifts or for winter celebrations!

<p>All Standard Pies are \$16.00 (10-inch) Made Without Gluten Pie is \$18.00 (8-inch)</p> <p>Tea Bread Loaves are \$8.00</p> <p>Online Ordering Only: https://niskyfom.org/ (Click on Pie Sale)</p> <p>Pre-Order Your Pies and Tea Breads Online October 31 - November 26, 2022</p> <p>Pick Up Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 Pick Up Time: 3:30 - 6:30 PM Pick Up Location: Niskayuna HS (Parking Lot off of Nott Street) **Pies/Breads Not Picked Up Will Be Donated**</p> <p>For questions, email niskyfompies@gmail.com or call Carey Merrill at 703-475-2436</p>	<p>12 scrumptious pie varieties to choose from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apple 2. Strawberry Rhubarb 3. Apple Crumb 4. Blueberry Crumb 5. Cherry Crumb 6. Strawberry Rhubarb Crumb 7. Very Berry Crumb (Raspberries, Blueberries and Blackberries) 8. Made Without Gluten Apple Crumb** 9. Pecan 10. Toll House (Cookie pie, Chocolate chips and Walnuts) 11. Deep Fudge (Rich Brownie Pie) 12. Coconut Supreme (Coconut, Chocolate chips and Pecans in a custardy base) <p>**New this year: Made Without Gluten (MWG) Apple Crumb Pie: The flour in the MWG pies is a mix of grains, starches, and nuts made by The Secret GF. The pies are made in a facility that also produces gluten containing products so the pies are NOT a registered "Gluten Free" product.</p>	<p>6 delicious tea bread options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chocolate Zucchini 2. Apple Cinnamon 3. Apple Cranberry 4. Ginger 5. Orange Poppy Seed 6. Banana Chocolate Chip <p>Scan to Order:</p> 
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SPOTLIGHT NEWS

Friends of Music interviews Alicia Bouteiller, General Music & 4/5 Chorus Teacher at Rosendale Elementary School



Where did you grow up?

I spent my youth in Saratoga Springs, a place famous for its horses, history and health!

How were you involved in music growing up?

I was very involved in music as a child, starting piano lessons when I was in 2nd grade, and trombone lessons in 5th grade. I continued to play both the piano and trombone throughout high school. My private piano teacher encouraged me to start teaching a small studio of piano students when I was a junior in high school and I believe this is what helped me to choose music as my career path.

Where did you go to college?

I completed my undergraduate degree at The Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam. After teaching for a few years, I completed my graduate degree at The Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford. I had the opportunity to study with John Feierabend, a leading voice in elementary music education, and that was the highlight of my higher education.

Do you have any favorite extracurricular activities that you want to share?

I was involved with Circle K in college and plan to join Kiwanis when the timing is right.

What are your current responsibilities with Niskayuna?

I teach K-5 general music and 4th and 5th grade choir at Rosendale Elementary.

What are your goals?

One of my goals is to help students to find a connection to music so that they can continue to pursue it as life-long learners.

What are your favorite things to do outside of school?

I enjoy baking, hiking, kayaking, and spending time with my family.

Do you have any advice to students studying music now?

Keep going! Find the joy in your studies so that it is something you wish to continue.

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

If you have the chance, learn how to play the piano along with the musical studies you are focusing on. Knowledge of music software and computer skills will help to make your involvement in music well rounded and allow for more opportunities in your career path.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOTES

Craig Elementary General Music News

The autumn air has Craig students crisp with enthusiasm as we explore all the great things that we have done in music so far this year!

Kindergarteners are learning new songs, games and dances. 1st graders are exploring the difference between singing and chanting and enjoying performing with class instruments. 2nd graders have been learning about piano and forte sounds with their voices, on *Boomwhackers* and creating their own dynamics to lyrics of songs. 3rd graders have been learning about wind instruments and learning to sing rounds. 4th graders have been learning to read music scores and enjoyed preparing for their very first concert this winter! Several 4th grade students have also volunteered for our “*Choirchime Club*” where we learn to perform songs together as a group. 5th graders are learning about musical genres and able to relate musical styles they know to ones not as familiar. Several 5th graders also volunteered to join “*Drum Circle*” and are having a great time learning world music!



~Marilyn Brown

Craig Elementary Band News



Craig Band students are off and running and sounding TERRIFIC after a great start to the school year! Almost 40 band students began lessons on September 21st and quickly those initial “sounds” have become music. Students are working very hard and having a blast learning their new instruments. We look forward to presenting our first Band concert on January 25th at the High School!

~Philip Pandori

Flute Players

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOTES

Hillside Elementary News



The Hillside Elementary School hallways are filled with sounds of music! Hillside students had the pleasure of attending an in-person *Hello, Hillside!* in October. At the *Hello, Hillside!*, students performed their school song, *Hillside Pride*, written by Mrs. Sanson. They performed beautifully!

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders have enjoyed singing and dancing to a variety of fun folk tunes. 3rd graders have had the pleasure of performing on xylophone, a fun percussion instrument. 4th graders enjoyed learning the tune, "*Sarasponda*." The students learned a rhythm stick routine they were able to perform with a partner while singing along. 5th graders have had the pleasure to perform on xylophone and accompany their singing. All 4th and 5th graders have the pleasure of performing in chorus where they are working hard to prepare for their upcoming concerts. A special thank you to

our Niskayuna Friends of Music! We appreciate your continued support throughout the years!

~Sarah Sanson

Rosendale Elementary News

As a teacher new to the district, I am excited to share a few things we have been doing in the music room. We started the 2022-2023 school year with lots of creative music making: playing scraping percussion instruments, writing rhythms, and ear training with rhythm decoding! I can't wait to see where the year takes us.



~Alicia Bouteiller

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOTES

Elementary Bands Begin Lesson

Our Fifth Grade Band students are off to a wonderful start this year! Ms. Kayla Freeden is the Fifth Grade Band teacher at Glencliff and Hillside Schools. Mrs. Kokernak teaches the bands at Birchwood and Rosendale. Mr. Pandori has moved back to Craig School this year!

Our 5th Grade Bands are learning from a new lesson book this year entitled “*Making Music Matter*” by Frank Ticheli and Gregory Rudgers. This band method allows students to play songs and exercises together as a full band.

We are excited to watch this new class of band students learn the steps to playing an instrument. 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! Success on an instrument begins at home. We look forward to our first concerts in January!



~Ms. Kayla Freeden, Glencliff and Hillside Bands
~Mrs. Susan Kokernak, Birchwood and Rosendale Bands
~Mr. Philip Pandori, Craig Band

General Music and Choir

Middle School music is off to a running start! 6th grade general music students are more than halfway through the quarter and are looking forward to the keyboarding unit. 7th grade students are looking forward to composing their own song using online software. 8th grade general music students are finishing up their unit on guitars, where they learned a melody and chords.

Middle School chorus started at the beginning of October. The chorus students are excited for a new year that allows them to sing without masks! Our first round of concerts is in December and we look forward to performing for a full, live audience!

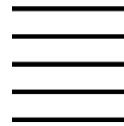
~Mrs. Holly Johnston, Mr. Thomas Loomis & Mrs. Julie Wilson
Middle School General Music Teachers

MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES

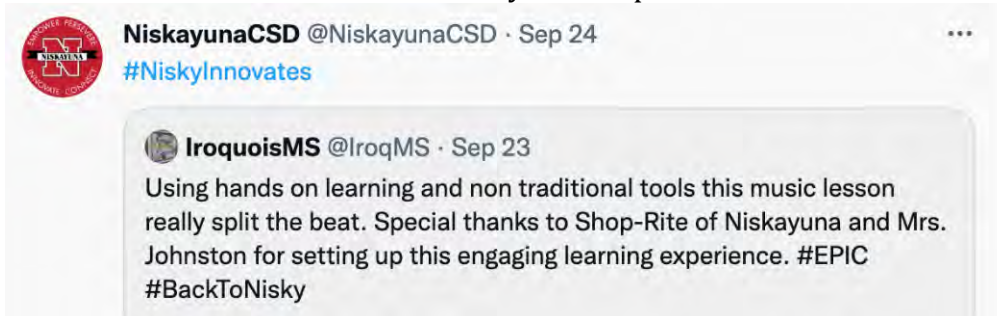
Seventh Grade General Music at Iroquois

Iroquois Middle School 7th graders have Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Johnston for general music every other day for one semester. Those students assigned to Mrs. Johnston are breaking her in! While review units are completed in preparation for composition and well-loved keyboard time, Mrs. Johnston's students are taking breaks and watching a musical. Our musical is *"Into the Woods"* by Stephen Sondheim and directed by James Lapine. Theater vocabulary includes score vs. soundtrack and set design.

Seventh graders have made oversized music staves for their table on poster board donated by art teacher Mr. Colby. Our new science teacher lent meter sticks and Mrs. Johnston purchased rolls of electrical tape. Five lines were measured out and covered with the black tape. ShopRite clear plastic cups placed in spaces or on lines allow students to have extra practice naming notes and to quiz each other.



Students in three 7th grade general music classes built a Rhythm Tree Pyramid showing division of the beat in 4/4 time. ShopRite has donated 1,200 Solo colored cups to show different note values. Six seventh grade classes will build pyramids this year as well as the Applied Music HS class. This was an attempt at offering a kinesthetic mode of learning as well as learning with Chromebooks and worksheets. Congratulations students on another project well done, and a huge thank you to the Human Resources of Niskayuna ShopRite.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES



~Holly Johnston

Eighth Grade Band

Eighth Grade band is off to a great start! We are working towards our December concert with the focus on 3 pieces ranging from a march *Crosswinds March* by James Swearingen to two concert pieces *Carpathia* by William Owens and *Prevailing Winds* by Robert W. Smith.

Carpathia by William Owens is a work that depicts the frantic voyage of the RMS *Carpathia* racing to the aid of the RMS *Titanic*. The whole band is involved in making the sounds of the ship, from the vibrating hull to the ship's bell to the hissing boilers, creating a truly lifelike effect. As *Carpathia* arrives on the terrible scene, the music turns into a slow, mournful hymn for those who have perished. The music intensifies once more as the rescue ship embarks on her triumphant yet tragic journey to safety.

Prevailing Winds is composed by Robert W. Smith. Energy and motion are present throughout as additional thematic material is introduced throughout the development and transition sections. The melodic themes are then combined in a powerful statement, bringing the piece to a very exciting conclusion.

We are looking forward to our first performance on December 15th!

~David Fisk

SUMMER SONATA



HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Choral Corner

Welcome back to all of the families of our hardworking and enthusiastic choral musicians. It's been an amazing start to the school year as students have been diligent and focused during ensemble rehearsals to prepare for the first concert series.

Studio Singers and Bel Canto Voices have already generously shared their progress having given a sneak peek performance on September 29 at Back-to-School Night (seven rehearsals...WOW). Members of these honors choral ensembles began preparing music on their own after receiving an assignment via mailing in late-August (yes...chorus homework).

Choral Uniforms

Students in A-Choired Taste, Choir, Concert Chorale will be following the Niskayuna HS Concert Attire Policy, where students dress in concert black (sent home via Parent Square and included in the course syllabus).

Studio Singers and Bel Canto Voices members received their uniform order sheets (black sparkly radiance dresses/vests for Studio Singers and red satin dresses/vests for Bel Canto Voices) in September and everyone should have a dress or vest for the first concert. Please note that the fabric for the Studio dresses and vests has been discontinued and we are still ordering from the same company but you will see variations in this outfit. There is no need for students who have the previously used outfit to buy a new one.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to seniors **Henry McCann** and **Emma Nobes** who have been selected for this year's All-State Mixed Chorus and to senior **Isabella Martinez** who has been selected for the All-State Jazz Chorus. We would also like to recognize senior **Mathena Rush** and junior **Sophie Spindler** who have been selected as alternates.

Congratulations to junior, **Tyler Montgomery** who received a scholarship from Thursday Musical Club. Tyler has been given this scholarship to study voice privately and will be taking lessons with local teacher Andrew Sudduth.

Outside Performances

Congratulations to the following students who sang at the American Italian Heritage Society in Albany on October 20:

- ***Lily Graham** - "*Sebben, crudele*" (Antonio Caldara)
- ***Isabella Martinez** - "*Lullaby*" from *The Consul* (Gian Carlo Menotti)
- ***Stella Myers** - "*Alma del core*" (Antonio Caldara)
- Emma Nobes** - "*Voi che sapete*" from *Le Nozze di Figaro* (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)
- ***Elizabeth Ogonowski** - "*Per la gloria d'adorarvi*" (Giovanni Bononcini)
- ***Mathena Rush** - "*The Black Swan*" from *The Medium* (Gian Carlo Menotti)
- ***Sophie Spindler** - "*Và godendo*" from *Serse* (Georg Frederic Handel)
- Alexis Tull** - "*Se tu m'ami*" (Giovannina Battista Pergolesi)

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

*This AIHS requested students to perform songs in the Italian language in addition to songs composed by Italians and Italian-Americans as part of a cultural presentation after their October meeting. Students were accompanied by Luanne Hawk. We would like to thank John Della Ratta of Della Ratta Law Office for sponsoring this event. We would also like to thank alumni parent Julie McDonnell for her help in organizing this opportunity.



Italian Baroque and Classical Melodies at the Italian American Museum–A concert of Arias & Art Songs by Selected Students of Niskayuna High School's Choral Ensemble

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

- WE ARE BRINGING BACK FOM'S ANNUAL CAROLING FOR CASH FUNDRAISER in its traditional fashion! Please mark your calendar for **Monday, December 5** (snow/cold date: December 12) as members of ***Studio Singers*** and ***Bel Canto Voices*** will stroll through Old Niskayuna in Victorian costumes while singing carols and collecting funds for FOM. The fundraiser will culminate with a group performance on Upper Union Street at 7:00 p.m.

**Any parents who would be willing to chaperone by providing a vehicle for students to stay warm in can contact Mrs. Catalano at cpizzino-catalano@niskyschools.org (timeslots range from 4:45-7:45 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)!*

***Mrs. Catalano is also in need of parents/guardians/students who would be willing to help with publicity for this event.*

- ***ALL H.S. CHORAL SINGERS*** are invited to share their voices on **Friday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m.** at the Niskayuna Town Hall for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Candy canes and hot chocolate will be served and this will be an extra credit/makeup opportunity!
- ***A-Choired Taste*** will be singing at the Niskayuna Community Center on **Thursday, December 8 at 12:45 pm** (snow date: Tuesday, December 13). Students will present a concert and join the members in a holiday sing-a-long. It has been a long tradition that this group also brings small gifts to the senior citizens in attendance.
- ***Concert Chorale, Bel Canto Voices, and Studio Singers*** along with ***Chamber Strings, Jazz Ensemble, and Symphonic Band*** will perform at the annual winter assemblies scheduled for **Wednesday, December 21** (snow date: Thursday, December 22). 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. Please bring your license to present to our campus security team.

WE ARE REINSTATING AN EVENING IN HISTORY on **Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm** (note that the time is earlier than HS concerts)!!! This year the social studies and music departments will come together to commemorate the 19th amendment, studying the historical period surrounding women's suffrage in the United States.

Please enjoy our first round of concerts and thank you for supporting our passion for singing and making music together.

C. M. Pizzino-Catalano
~Christina Pizzino-Catalano

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Applied Music Class

I am honored to teach a new assignment, Applied Music, this year at NHS. Students in this class recently completed a hands-on project using donated materials from the Niskayuna ShopRite store. They were successful learning the content by building and arranging the cups into rhythm pyramids. This hands-on approach replaced the use of worksheets. The students and I have rich support from their teacher assistants. Congratulations students on another project well done, and a huge thank you to the Human Resources of Niskayuna ShopRite.



Coming Soon!
Ukulele News for NHS Applied Music Class

~Holly Johnston

Band News



Thanks to enrichment funds from our High School PTO, as well as Niskayuna Friends of Music, for giving students the opportunity to work with Brass Faculty from the Crane School of Music in October. **The Potsdam Brass Quintet** visited Niskayuna HS on October 17th and were able to work with over 130 Niskayuna High School Students. **Dr. Brianne Borden, Professor of Trumpet**, led Chorale students in a Yoga demonstration—Dr. Borden teaches Yoga for *Musicians and Musician Wellness classes* at The Crane School in addition to her Trumpet Courses. The PBQ also held an open rehearsal for the HS Jazz Ensemble, and performed a concert for many of the High School performing groups. Thanks again Nisky FOM and HS PTO!

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES



Concert Band News

The High School Concert Band has been working hard and sounds fantastic! Students have been working diligently since the beginning of September in anticipation of our November 17th Concert. We have an exciting program planned which will feature *Spit-Fire* by William Owens - written in honor of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, *The Bonsai Tree* by Julie Giroux, and *Quad City Stomp*, a class favorite, by Michael Sweeney. We look forward to our three regular evening concerts this year, as well as performances at Evening in History in March and the Memorial Day Assembly in May.

Stage Band News

The High School Stage Band has been diligently preparing to open the first HS Concert Series on November 3rd. The group sounds terrific and we look forward to performing some well-known jazz standards to open the year – pieces include *All of Me*, *Girl from Ipanema*, and *On Broadway*. In addition to our regular November and February Concerts, the group looks forward to performing at the Annual Niskayuna Jazz Fest in April and an Evening in History in March.

~Philip Pandori

Jazz Ensemble News

We have started this fall off strong with an excellent first "informal" performance at the High School Back to School Night! Our focus now is turned to learning new material for our November 11th program. We are currently working on an arrangement of Freddie Hubbard's tune *Red Clay* which is a newer jazz standard that is more on the Funky/ Rock side of Jazz.

We are also working on a Bret Zvacek (Guest at Nisky Jazz Fest 2017) piece, written in the Count Basie style, titled *Bacon Suite Blues*, which has a hidden anagram in its title... this tune is promising to show off our classic big band swing style!

We look forward to our next performance!

~David Fisk

Congratulations to the following Niskayuna 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 twelve 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.

Ratna Bandaru	Repertory Orchestra	Violin
Kevin Bao	String Orchestra	Violin
Ruchir Bollapragada	String Orchestra	Violin
Vidhu Bulumulla	Repertory Orchestra	Violin
Sean Calhoun	Symphony Orchestra	Violin
Micah Chen	Concertino Strings	Violin
Pallavi Datta	Symphony Orchestra	Violin
Gideon Goldberg	Repertory Jazz	Saxophone
Matthew Huang	Concertino Strings	Violin
Tarun Jacob	Repertory Orchestra	Violin
Cyrus Joo-Schwaber	Symphony Orchestra	French Horn
Bhavyanshu Kandlakunta	Concertino Strings	Violin
Aryeh Korevaar	Symphony Orchestra	Bassoon
Daniel Korevaar	Wind Orchestra	Trombone
Vincent Liu	String Orchestra	Violin
Kyle Markham	Symphony Orchestra	Cello
Kiemon Noel	Youth Jazz Orchestra	Jazz Drums
Kenton Pack	Concertino Strings	Violin
Emily Shim	Repertory Orchestra	Oboe
Simran Utturkar	String Orchestra	Viola
Kai Vernooy	Symphony Orchestra	Violin
Andrew Watkins	Symphony Orchestra	Oboe
Brendan Yan	Repertory Orchestra	Cello
Nathan Yan	Youth Jazz Orchestra	Tenor Sax
Xuning Ying	Symphony Orchestra	Violin
Joelene Zheng	String Orchestra	Violin
Max Zheng	Repertory Percussion	Percussion



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