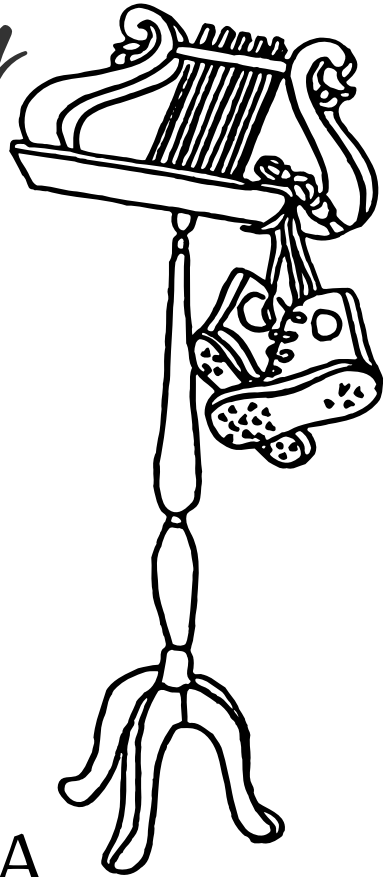


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Winter Concerts

Saturday, January 19, 2008

Sunday, January 20, 2008

2007-2008 SEASON

Christmas Tree Lighting at Strouds Moor, December 2, 2007
String-Along at Pocono Lutheran Village, December 11, 2007

Winter Concerts, January 19 & 20, 2008

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,
March 16, 2008

Spring Concerts, May 31 & June 1, 2008

2008-2009 Season Auditions, June 2, 2008

2008 AUDITIONS NOTICE

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 2, 2008, at Stroudsburg Area Junior High School. Openings are anticipated in the PYO for high school musicians playing violin, viola, cello, string bass, oboe, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, and percussion. All students through present high school juniors are eligible to apply. In the PJSO, performing opportunities exist for all accomplished young string instrumentalists in elementary and middle school. Minimum requirements are at least two years of private instruction and strong music reading ability.

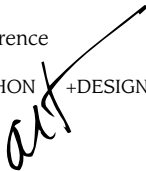
Auditions, which last about ten minutes, will be scheduled by appointment. Students will be asked to perform a prepared solo piece of their choice, and to sight read appropriate music for their instrument.

Both orchestras rehearse weekly throughout the school year on Monday evenings. They perform two formal concerts each year as well as a Christmas "String-Along," a school tour, and other performance opportunities. Each year orchestra members also attend a New York Youth Symphony concert at Carnegie Hall.

To schedule an audition or for more information, please call Anthony or Audrey Simons at (610) 965-0268 or visit our website at www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org.

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ANTHONY SIMONS, *MUSIC DIRECTOR*
AUDREY SIMONS, *STRINGS ASSISTANT*

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008

7:30 P.M.

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3:00 P.M.

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THE DIRECTORS

Anthony Simons, music director, maintains a career as an orchestral performer, chamber music musician, solo recitalist and music educator. Mr. Simons has been a member of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, the Pocono Pops Orchestra and the Chaminade Wind Quintet. In addition, he has served as the principal clarinetist of the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra and the Haff Chamber Music Series, and has performed with the Alexandria (VA) Symphony, Annapolis (MD) Symphony Orchestra, the Champaign-Urbana (IL) Symphony, Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra, Allentown Symphony, and Pottstown Symphony, as well as numerous theatre and opera orchestras. He received the Artist Diploma in clarinet from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, the Master of Music degree in clarinet performance and literature from the University of Illinois, and a music education degree from West Chester University. Mr. Simons is presently on the music faculty at Muhlenberg College, Cedar Crest College, the East Penn School District, and teaches a private studio of young clarinetists. In 2005, he was selected for inclusion in the 9th Edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Audrey Simons, assistant music director, is an active cellist and instructor. Mrs. Simons is a cellist in the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, and is a founding member of the Classical Attitude String Quartet and the Chestnut Hill Chamber Players. She received the Bachelor of Music degree in cello performance from Susquehanna University. She was subsequently awarded a teaching assistantship at the Temple University Esther Boyer College of Music, where she received the Master of Music degree in music history with summa cum laude honors. In 1996, while teaching music history at Montgomery County Community College, she received the Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. In 2002, she was selected for inclusion in the 23rd Edition of Who's Who of American Women. Currently, Mrs. Simons is a cello instructor on the music faculty and teaches a Cello Techniques class for music education majors at Moravian College.

PROGRAM

Pocono Junior String Orchestra

Overture to Alexander Balus	G.F. Handel arr. Philip Clark
Scheherazade	Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov arr. Carrie Land Gruselle Emiko Okamoto, Violin Soloist
Poor Wayfaring Stranger	Traditional Folk Song arr. Margaret A. Fenske
I Got Rhythm	George and Ira Gershwin arr. Bert Ligon
Fire Dance	Soon Hee Newbold

INTERMISSION

Pocono Youth Orchestra

Die Meistersinger <i>Prelude</i>	Richard Wagner ed. Tom Kennedy
Variations on a Korean Folk Song	John Barnes Chance arr. Robert Longfield
Piano Concerto No. 23 in A Major, K. 488 I. Allegro	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Grace Loudon, Piano
The Stars and Stripes Forever	John Philip Sousa arr. Keith Brion and Loras Schissel
March Slave, Op. 31	Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky

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Violin

Augustin Cavalier
Josh Charlton
Crystal Cho
Amy Chryst
Kelsey Day
Emily Geiger
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Abigail Lantz
Emily Lantz
Anne Lloyd
Kyle Mahaney
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Rosie Sobrinski
Sabrina Steed

Viola

Iris Rosario
Danielle Wyckoff
Marisa Pagan-Figueroa
Makrina Saras

Cello

Joseph Chacra
Nathan Roseti
Aidan Crank
Kristen Weaver
Daniel Pagan-Figueroa
Han Mi Na
Shawn Powers

Bass

John Charlton
Nicole Weaver

Piano

Lynda Chryst

*seating rotates

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Lucas Watson+
Julia Porte
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Madeleine Smyth+

Horn

Katie Daniels+
Kevin Donovan
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Eleanor Graham+

Percussion

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Weston Anderson
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+graduating seniors

About Our Seniors 2008

Augusta Anderson is a homeschooled senior. She has been attending Warren County Community College for two years and will continue going until she receives her Associate Degree. She has been playing violin in the PYO for the past four years and in the Stone Soup Symphony for about a year. She enjoys playing in both orchestras because both groups offer her an opportunity to learn different types of music and gain even more experience. She enjoys listening to and playing a wide range of musical styles. Her favorite type of music is Celtic fiddle music. She has participated in fiddle contests and quite a few jam sessions. In the future, she plans to transfer to a four-year music school to pursue a musical career that will allow her to play not only Celtic music, but also a variety of other types of music too.



Greetings! My name is **David Bishop**. Given that this year will be my last with the Pocono Youth Orchestra, I have been asked to write a short biography for you to peruse prior to the performance.

Incidentally, if you're reading this while we're performing, shame on you! Anyway, here's a little bit of information about me: I was born in New Jersey, but moved to Pennsylvania while I was still very young. Shortly after arriving I took up the violin. At this point I have been playing violin for about thirteen-and-a-half years, approximately ten of which were spent playing with the orchestras under the tutelage of Mr. and Mrs. Simons. Currently I study under Stacie Lyon, who I cannot recommend highly enough. In addition to the violin, I have, over the years, acquired some skill in other instruments, including the guitar, bass guitar, piano, harmonica, mandolin, djembe, and my personal favorite - the kazoo. Music is not my only passion however. I also study arts both literary and



visual, taking advantage of a variety of mediums and philosophies to create works of quality and forethought that I feel best represent whatever it is that I am attempting to express. My plans for the future are uncertain, but I am confident that they will contain equal amounts of hard work and creativity, and that the arts will be my primary focus.

Samuel Cassese is graduating from Pleasant Valley High School and has played trumpet in the PYO for the past two years. In his four-year career, he has involved himself in many activities, ranging from music ensembles to chess club and ministry in his church. Sam has enjoyed growing as a trumpet player and expanding his experiences while playing with many ensembles year around. The school year begins with marching band, and concert band, followed by



brass caroleers, jazz band, basketball pep band, pit orchestra, and wind ensemble. His school year finishes pleasantly with an annual spring trip to Disney, Hershey, or Virginia Beach, in which PV's concert band, jazz band, and wind ensemble have enjoyed award-winning success. "I enjoy being involved in something bigger than myself," Sam says about life-changing experiences with band. "It's something everyone should be a part of." In his senior year Sam has made the District 11 Band and the Region 5 Band. Sam has been able to fan his leadership abilities as Pleasant Valley's first sophomore marching band drum major, and has remained there for his junior and senior years as well. He has come in contact with many people while practicing leadership and responsibility as his Key Club's treasurer and PV's Varsity Track and Field captain. After four years of enjoying unique friendships and experiences, Sam will continue to pursue God's calling on his life at Zion Bible College, as a Biblical Studies major. Sam thanks all of the people who have had the deep and significant investments in his life, and thanks Jesus Christ his Savior, for the ultimate investment.

Kate Daniels is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. She has played french horn in PYO for the past 4 years. Kate is actively involved in many school activities including show choir, concert band, percussion ensemble, Art Club, Amnesty International, and the National Honor Society. Kate's main interests include studio art, music (piano and french horn) and journalism. Next year, she will be attending either Northeastern University in Boston or Richmond-The American International University in London. She has not yet decided on a major.



Eleanor Graham, trombonist, is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School. She is the Vice President of the Tri-M Music Honors Society, and is also a member of the National Honor Society. After school, Eleanor is a math tutor and is involved in concert band, marching band, pep band, jazz band, wind ensemble, and Christmas Brass Caroleers. This year,

she played "Miss Jones" in PV's musical production of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Eleanor has been a member of Carbon County Band, and attended Elementary and Middle School District Band Festivals. In the future, Eleanor plans to attend the Pennsylvania State University to major in Biology with hopes of becoming an orthopedic doctor. She also hopes to join the marching Blue Band at Penn State.



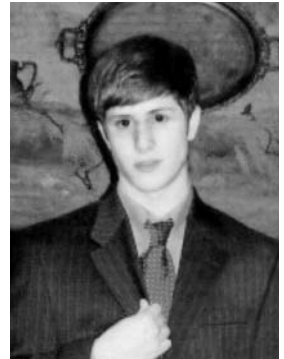
Stephen Kozak is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and has played violin with the PYO for the past year. He is involved in National Honor Society, Chamber Orchestra, Football and Track and Field. He volunteers at Pocono Medical Center and is the President of the Pocono Medical Explorers. He is in the top ten percent of his class and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. He later plans to attend Medical School

and other specialty school in order to become a trauma surgeon. He will be attending Moravian College in the fall with the Comenius Scholarship as well as a J.H. Clewell Science Scholarship.

Grace Loudon is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and is disheartened to be leaving PYO after five years of service in the viola section. In school, she is an officer of the Model Congress Club and a member of the National Honor Society and Show Choir as well as principal violist of the Chamber orchestra and Pit Orchestra. Most recently, Grace received the grand cup (5th gold cup=15 superior ratings) from the Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs after eleven years in junior festival for piano in both the solo and concerto events. In her free time, Grace enjoys reading about mutations of the mouth and teeth and making jewelry. Next year, she will be attending Bryn Mawr College to study Biology on the pre-med track.



Derek Maloney is going to attend New York University in the fall of 2008 and major in the pre-medical field. He hopes to one day become a family practitioner. He plays the string bass, the mandolin, the piano, and drums. He's been playing the string bass since 5th grade, and is now involved in PYO, the Stroudsburg High School Chamber Orchestra, Concert Band, Pit Orchestra, and he qualified for and attended the PMEA District 10 Orchestra festival. He is the president of Student Government in Stroudsburg High School and the vice president of Model Congress. He is also involved in a myriad of school clubs and activities including the National Honor Society, and Polevaulting. Most importantly, he has four brothers, who keep him active, entertained, healthy, and involved in music.



Nicholas Migliacci is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. He has played violin in the PYO for three years, as well as two more years in the PJSO. In addition to this orchestra, he also performs in the Stroudsburg High School Chamber and Pit Orchestras. Aside from music, he is very involved in activities such as National Honor Society, Scholastic Scrimmage, Science Olympiad, and Key Club, where he is currently Vice President. Next year, Nick will be attending the University of Pennsylvania, where he plans to double major in biochemistry and microeconomics while continuing to play the violin and stay active in the community.



Emiko Okamoto started her education at Ramsey Elementary School, and continued on through the Stroudsburg School system. Her musical career began on the violin during the summer before kinder-

garten. She spent a few years with the cello and piano as well, however, the violin is her dominant instrument. Her interests also include dance, snowboarding, and tennis. She was also on the SHS Rifle team, track team, school musical, National Honor Society, and the school orchestra and chamber orchestra. Emiko is an honors student in the top ten percent of her class, and will be attending the State University of New York at Binghamton. She will focus on the math and the sciences that go along with pre-med, but does not plan to declare a major until her sophomore year.



Tyler Potts is seventeen and the third of five children. He has received his Eagle Scout award from the Boy Scouts of America. Tyler joined the PJSO in 3rd grade and the PYO at the age of 12, for a total of 9 years with the orchestras. Tyler plays the violin in the orchestra and also plays the piano for which he is studying jazz. Tyler enjoys skiing in the fall and swimming in the summer as well as driving all year round. Tyler has attended Northampton Community College for college credits while still in high school for the past year. Tyler hopes to attend the Brigham Young University in Utah for college. He has not yet decided upon his major.



Bridgette Saba is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School. She has been involved as a flutist in the Pocono Youth Orchestra for three years. She is also

involved in many instrumental organizations at her high school including concert band, marching band, wind ensemble, and pep band. Bridgette has been a member of the National Honor Society and the music honor society for three years. She is president of Leo Club and has conducted a variety of community service activities for the members. She has also been a ballet and modern dancer at Notara School of Dancing and Acting for thirteen years. At this school, Bridgette performed many major roles in the production of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker. Recently, Bridgette was the choreographer for her high school musical, How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying. She also joined poetry club, in which she played flute with other musicians. The musicians played different genres of music that related to the pieces of poetry that were being read on stage. Next year, Bridgette is attending Temple University to earn a double major in Biology and Dance. She is hoping to have a career in medicine while she choreographs productions.



Madeleine Smyth is a senior clarinet major at the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts. She has been a member of the clarinet section in PYO for this past year. In addition to the clarinet, she plays the



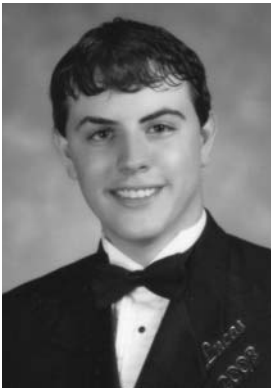
tenor saxophone and flute. She participates in the concert and jazz bands and the pit orchestra and is a member of the Fiber Arts and Rotary/Interactive clubs at school. Madeleine will be attending the University of Pittsburgh with a double major in Music Performance and Asian Studies with a concentration in China.

Matthew Steffens is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and has played cello in the Pocono Youth Orchestra for the past four years following two years in the PJSO. He also plays in the school chamber orchestra, has

been a member of the pit orchestra for three years, and has received six consecutive superior ratings in the PFMC Music Festival. Matt is a 2007 graduate of Pennsylvania Governor's School for International Studies and has received a medal on the state level for Science Olympiad. He is the President of the National Honor Society, a member of Key Club, and is Treasurer of his school's Model Congress/Model United Nations Club. In the fall, Matt will be attending Middlebury College to study International Studies and German.



Lucas Watson, a senior at Stroudsburg High School, has been a clarinetist in the PYO for two years. In school, he is a four-year member of the marching



band, as well as a three-year member of the pit orchestra and district band. He doesn't like writing biographies because he really doesn't do many other things because he is so heavily involved in playing/writing/arranging music, which probably makes him sound like a complete and total music nerd; in fact, he doesn't have too many other interests, outside of other school-related activities, such as neglecting homework and trying to figure out how not to get to Senior Sociology on any given day. He plans on attending Temple University, who decided to admit him on-the-spot academically (though, his grades were not so hot in 9th and 10th grades, probably because he was trying to figure out how to miss class without flat-out skipping them). Lucas will major in

music education and probably immediately follow with graduate work.

Brielle Wede was a homeschool senior—but as of May 24, 2008, she's a homeschool graduate! This is Brielle's second year playing violin in PYO following one year in PJSO. She loves orchestra because of the musical challenge and the amazing people she has met - and she enjoys being under the directions of Mr. and Mrs. Simons. She has played the piano for 12 years, the violin for 4 years, and is currently teaching herself the flute. In addition, Brielle has a small piano studio, Joyful Keys, and is tremendously enjoying her 6 students. She was a member of the PCHEC Handbell Choir for 4 years

and was the accompanist for the PCHC Girl's Choir for 3 years. Brielle has performed in several dramatic productions including Little Women, A Little Princess, One Foot in Heaven, and Emma. She has participated in the PFMC Music Festival for several years in the piano solo, piano duet, violin solo, musical theater, sight-reading, accompanying, theory, and hymn-playing events, and has won six gold cups. Brielle is a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Stroudsburg, where she plays for the choir and music groups, sings, and serves in the teen group and children's ministries. She attributes her success "first and foremost to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Who has graciously allowed me to serve Him with music." She is also grateful for the support of her parents, Steve and Carol Wede, her piano teacher, Jenni Poole, and her violin teacher, Stacie Lyon. In the fall, Brielle plans to attend Bob Jones University and major in pre-med, become a physician assistant, and possibly serve in a mission field overseas.



About Our Soloist

Grace Loudon is currently a 17-year old senior at Stroudsburg High School in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania and has been a member of the PYO for the past five years.. Grace has studied piano for twelve and a half years with Marti Lantz of the Lantz Music Studio in Sciota, PA. Through the years, Grace has won the Youth in Music Excellence Award in 2004 in the junior category and again in 2007 in the senior category; 1st place in the Philadelphia Region of the Aikens-Cadman Award in 2006; and 1st place in the state for the Stillman-Kelley Award in 2006. Grace has participated in the Pennsylvania Federation of Music Club's Festival since 1997 in the piano solo event, and since 2005 in the piano concerto event. This year, Grace received the PFMC's 5th gold cup; the Grand Cup. In addition to the piano, Grace has played the viola for eight years. She is currently principal violist of the Pocono Youth Orchestra, the Stroudsburg High School Chamber Orchestra, the Pit Orchestra, and the Monroe Pike Orchestra. Throughout the years, Grace has dabbled with the violin, and plays it occasionally in chamber or



pit orchestra when needed. She also accompanies the Stroudsburg High School Show Choir on piano. Outside of music, Grace is an active officer of the Stroudsburg Model Congress Club and a member of the National Honor Society. In her free time, Grace enjoys reading anything non-fiction (especially anything about teeth and/or the mouth), listening to most kinds of music, and making jewelry. Grace also enjoys spending time with her friends and family and pets; Tigger, Rosie, and her blue lobster Françoise Benedict IV. Next year she will be attending Bryn Mawr College where she will major in biology (on the pre-med track). In the future, she hopes to attend medical or dental school to practice Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery.



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