

POCONO  
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ORCHESTRA

Spring Concerts

Saturday, May 30, 2009

Sunday, May 31, 2009

## **2008-2009 SEASON**

Christmas Tree Lighting at Stroudsmoor, December 7, 2008  
String-Along at Grace Park Retirement Community, December 16, 2008

### **Winter Concerts, January 10 & 11, 2009**

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,  
March 22, 2009

### **Spring Concerts, May 30 & 31, 2009**

2009-2010 Season Auditions, June 1, 2009

## **AUDITIONS NOTICE**

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 1, 2009, at Stroudsburg Area Junior High School. Openings are anticipated in the PYO for high school musicians playing violin, viola, cello, string bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, 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.

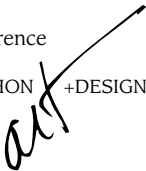
Auditions, which last about ten minutes, will be scheduled by appointment. Students will be asked to perform a prepared solo piece of their choice, and to sight read appropriate music for their instrument.

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," 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.poconoyouth-orchestra.org](http://www.poconoyouth-orchestra.org).

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# POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2009**

**7:30 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009**

**3:00 P.M.**

CECILIA S. COHEN RECITAL HALL  
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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

Hansel and Gretel The Man in the Woods Prayer Brother, Come and Dance with Me	Engelbert Humperdinck arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle
Cruising the Caribbean "Banana Boat Song" and "Tingalayo"	arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle
Themes from The Moldau	Bedrich Smetana arr. Robert S. Frost
Taiko!	William Windham
Ghosts of Brandenburg	Richard Meyer

## INTERMISSION

## Pocono Youth Orchestra

La Gazza Ladra Overture	Gioachino Rossini ed. Steven Rosenhaus
Irish Tune from County Derry Shepherd's Hey	Percy Grainger
Concerto in C major for Violincello and Orchestra I. Moderato	Franz Joseph Haydn
<i>Krysta Fogel, Cello Soloist</i>	
La Suerte De Los Tontos from "Cuban Fire Suite"	Johnny Richards arr. John Whitney
Academic Festival Overture	Johannes Brahms

*The music is partially funded through grants provided by the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts and the East Stroudsburg Savings Association Charitable Foundation.*

# POCONO JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA

## Violin

Augustin Cavalier  
Josh Charlton  
Amy Chryst  
Maura Dougherty  
Natalie Gilbert  
William Gold  
Alexandra Kozak  
Michael Kozak  
Abigail Lantz  
Anna Maroney  
Nicholas Park  
Brandon Ramos  
Olivia Reed  
Grace Sobrinski

Lily Sobrinski  
Rosie Sobrinski  
Sabrina Steed  
Eva Marie Swartout  
Bradley Swiatkowski  
Gabrielle Truncali

Sarah Tomlinson  
Sydney Warick  
Elizabeth Whidden  
**Bass**  
John Charlton  
Nicole Weaver

## Viola

Emily Geiger  
Marisa Pagan-Figueroa  
Miranda Powers

## Cello

Kristen Weaver  
Daniel Pagan-Figueroa  
Shawn Powers  
Sophia Rostock

\*seating rotates

# POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

## Violin

Chris Ballentine  
Aislinn Crank  
Enya Cunningham  
Kelsey Day  
Ashley Gyarmaty  
Antonia Harris+  
Holly Holmes  
Erica Jack  
Maddison Kendrick  
Elizabeth Korp+  
Rebecca Kuc  
Emily Lantz  
Anne Lloyd  
Dominic Macrini+  
Kyle Mahaney  
Cindy Mathiesen  
Lauren Noyes  
Karim Osman  
Nina Ramirez+  
Lanique Roberts  
Natasha Roberts  
Ella Vidal+  
Brianna Weaver

## Viola

Jordan Greenwood+  
Kaitlyn Lessard  
Alex Mikels  
Chandler Klein  
Maria Vecchio  
Danielle Wyckoff

## Cello

Krysta Fogel+  
Shelby Greenwood+  
Breanna Goldner  
Lauryn Calafiore+  
Kevin Dwyer+  
Kaitlin Tackels  
Joseph Chacra  
Nate Roseti  
Aidan Crank

## Bass

Ben Potter+

## Flute

Kathleen Doherty+  
Sara Kongkatong+  
Anna Long

## Oboe

Nicole Weaver

## Clarinet

Julia Porte+  
Molly Maroney  
Cody Cannavo

## Horn

Kevin Donovan+  
Katie Battle

## Trumpet

Ryan McDermott  
Carolyn Wert  
Chris Ballentine  
Aidan Crank

## Percussion

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Eric Dwyer  
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# About Our Seniors

**Lauryn Calafiore** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her fourth year in PYO, following two years in the junior strings. She is an honor roll student. She has received two NFMC gold cups for her piano solo performances and also two gold cups for her cello solo performances. Lauryn is a member of her school's Key Club and Yearbook Club, as well as a member of her school's newspaper staff. Some of her hobbies include listening to music, reading, and photography. She will be attending Bloomsburg University in the fall to study secondary education.



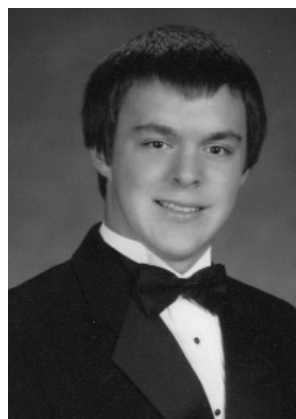
**Kathleen Doherty** is a senior at Notre Dame High School, where she participates in the school chorus and the school musical. She has been a flutist in the Pocono Youth Orchestra

for the past 5 years. Kathleen is a cantor and flutist at St. Matthew's Church, as well as a member of the bell choir. She also plays the piano and was a winner of the Youth in Music Excellence Award in 2008 and 2009. In addition to music, her hobbies include knitting, biking, running, skiing, and reading books written in French. She plans to study French in college. She has been admitted to Gettysburg College and is waiting



to hear back from Haverford, Amherst, Middlebury, and Vassar. Her future plans and goals include studying abroad in a French-speaking country and becoming totally free of dependence on non-renewable resources.

**Kevin Donovan** has played French horn with the PYO for four years and viola in the PJSO for 3 years. He is a senior at Stroudsburg High School where he is in the top 10% of his class, a participant in the PMEA District Band, a 4-time PIAA District XI Swimmer, a 6-time PennDel East District qualifier, 2-time All MVC Swim team mem-





ber, and a 3-time National Medalist in Science Olympiad. At school, he has also been a member of the Marching Band, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, and Scholastic Scrimmage. In addition to PYO, Kevin has been a member of the Boy Scouts, Pocono Family YMCA Swimming and St. Luke's Church Camera Crew. After graduation, Kevin will be employed at Akeland Cub Scout Resident Camp in Jonas, PA, for his fifth summer on staff. In the fall, he plans on attending the University of Delaware, located in Newark, to major in Earth Science Education and hopes to become a secondary Earth Science teacher upon college graduation. While at the University of Delaware, Kevin hopes to continue his musical experience by participating in both concerts groups and in marching band.



**Kevin Dwyer**, a cellist, is in his fifth year with PYO following two years in PJSO. He also plays the piano, accordion, and kazoo. Kevin has been a member of the Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association (PMEA) District (3 years) and Region (1 year) Choruses. He also sings with the Stroudsburg High School Show Choir and Chorale. His most recent musical challenge is coordinating and performing with seven fellow Show Choir male members in "Who Loves You." In March, the band played a benefit concert

and donated over \$1,000 to the Sherman Theater Capital Campaign. Kevin's true passion is theatre. Since portraying James in *James and the Giant Peach* at age 11, Kevin has performed in more than 40 community and professional productions, including four of Stroudsburg High School's musicals. Some of his most beloved roles include Lank Hawkins, *Crazy for You*; Andy Hobart, *The Star Spangled Girl*; Singer, *Jason Robert Brown's Songs for a New World*; Beauregard 'Bo' Decker, *Bus Stop*; George Gibbs, *Our Town*; Ali Hakim (the Peddler), *Oklahoma!*; Al Deluca, *A Chorus Line*; Asher, *Joseph...Dreamcoat*; and Billy Ray, *On Golden Pond*. Most recently, he directed the Stroudsburg Drama II class production of *The Apple*. He has also traveled abroad for master classes and performances in London's West End. Kevin is an Eagle Scout with Troop 86 and has attended two high adventure camps: Sea Base in the Florida Keys and Philmont Scout Ranch in the New Mexican wilderness. A varsity Cross Country runner, Kevin was co-captain senior year and received the Coach's Award. A high honor roll student, his other activities range from Science



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Ginny Fogel

This list includes all contributions received as of May 15, 2008

Olympiad to Model Congress and Mock Trial; Future Business Leaders of America to National Honor Society. He delights in Broadway shows and hanging with friends, especially at Starbucks and over bonfires in his best friend's backyard. Next year, Kevin will attend Emerson College in the heart of Boston's theatre district, with a scholarship in the Honor's Program, to earn a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Stage/Production Management.



**Krysta Fogel**, a senior at Pen Argyl High School, has played cello with the Pocono Youth Orchestra for the past four years. In addition to the cello, she plays the oboe, French horn, mellophone, and alto, tenor and baritone saxophones. She is a member of the Pen Argyl High School concert band, jazz band, orchestra, chorus, and marching band. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and is a Moravian College Dean's Scholar. Krysta has also participated in PMEA District X, Region IV/V, and All-State Orchestra festivals throughout high

school. Next fall, Krysta will attend Shenandoah University and pursue a major in cello performance.

**Antonia Isis Harris** has finally reached her senior year at Stroudsburg High; she is happily graduating the class of 2009 with her friends and is excited to attend college at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. As far as college goes, she plans on getting her bachelors degree in Liberal Arts, then going back to school for her DC (Doctor of Chiropractic Degree). Free chiropractic sessions for everybody!! Back in Stroudsburg High School, Antonia has participated in several different activities at school including SADD an helping with after school tutoring. During the Christmas season in school, she has popped into the chorus room to help them go caroling around the school. She was also in the school orchestra all throughout high school and only did chorus for 1 year. Outside of school, she would have a private lesson on Monday then hopefully try to get to PYO on time (yay PYO!). Wednesday was Chamber Orchestra rehearsal after school then off to ESU community orchestra. (fun, fun, fun). Thursdays was the after school tutoring for people who needed help (good times =). Antonia will miss all



the friends that she has made, in PYO, old and new. She wants to thank the Simons for putting up with her for these 6 yrs. (^.^) Besides she can't get sad, that's why Facebook and all those other online sites exist and instant messaging! =)

**Sara Kongkatong** is currently a senior at Stroudsburg High School where she is the class of 2009 Valedictorian. Sara has been a flutist in the PYO for the two past years and has been a student of Jamie Long for 3 years and has studied with Barbara McMahon. She also plays in the Young People's Philharmonic. She was selected for PMEA District and Regional Band and PMEA District Orchestra. At school, Sara is a member of the musical pit orchestra, honors concert band, the National Honor Society and is the Co-Captain of the varsity field hockey team, where she was named defensive MVP. She also plays with the East Coast Club Field Hockey and the Mystic Club Field Hockey teams. Sara plans to attend Colgate University in the fall on a partial athletic scholarship to study biology or pre-med and to play col-

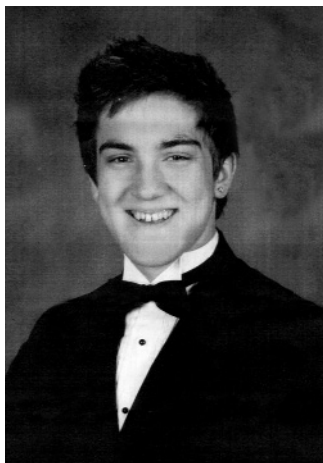


legiate division I field hockey.

**Elizabeth Korp** has spent the past 8 years of her life driving up to the Poconos from Easton, PA to play in the orchestras, and she will definitely miss it (along with all the friends she has made) next year. She spent 4 years in the PJSO and 4 1/2 years in the PYO. At Easton Area High School, Liz plays the violin in the symphony orchestra, chamber strings, and pit orchestra. She plays bass clarinet in concert band, plays mellophone in marching band, and sings soprano in concert choir. Other than musical groups, Liz is involved in the Pie Club and National Art Honor Society. Her hobbies include photography, art, music, and performing with the Country Gate Players. Liz will be attending West Chester University in the fall; she will be working towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Studio Arts with a concentration in Graphic Design, and a minor in Web Technology.



**Dominic Macrini** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and has been a violinist in the PYO for the past two years, following four years in the PJSO. He plans on attending Kutztown University to major in Music Education, and hopes to eventually move back to New York City. This summer he will be a counselor at a summer camp in the Adirondacks teaching windsurfing and music. In addition to violin, he plays guitar and piano, and is currently learning cello as well. He also likes to “try out” many different instruments given the opportunity. Dominic is president of his school orchestra, and is also a member of his school's chamber orchestra. A few of his interests include the Yankees, the New York Giants, and Saturday Night Live. He also partici-



pates in various Fight Clubs and loves apple juice. Whether it's listening to music, talking about music, composing, or performing, Dominic plans on surrounding himself with music and having it be a main focus throughout his life.

**Julia Porte** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and has been a member of the Pocono Youth Orchestra for the past 3 years. She plays clarinet in PYO and oboe in her school's concert band. She is also a member of marching band, the National Honors Society, Key Club, tennis team, and



acts as a manager for the track team. Julia also participated in the pit orchestra for her high school musical, Crazy for You. In the fall, she plans on attending the University of Wisconsin at River Falls, majoring in Elementary Education ESL.



**Benjamin Potter**, a senior at Stroudsburg High School, has been playing bass for five years in the PYO; he also played for a year in the PJSO. At school, he is involved in jazz band, marching band, concert band, school orchestra,

chamber orchestra, show choir, and pit orchestra for the school musical. Ben has participated in the PMEA District, Region, and All-State Orchestra festivals. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and his school's wrestling team; in addition, he enjoys boxing. Next year, he is going to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he will miss his friend, family, and his girlfriend, a lot.

**Nina Z. Ramirez** is currently a senior at Stroudsburg High School. She's been playing violin for the PYO for 4 years. Her favorite composers include Copland and Tchaikovsky and she listens to Indie, Pop and Classical music. Her favorite subject is biology and she enjoys reading books by Stephenie Meyer and Ellen Hopkins. Nina also belongs to the SHS Marching



Band, SADD, FBLA, Key Club, and Debate Team. Her hobbies include reading and writing. Nina's future plans include a medical degree in pathology and a bachelor's degree in Spanish.



**Ella Vidal** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her third year with the PYO following two years in the PJSO. Ella plays in her school's chamber orchestra and also plays the piano. She enjoys classical music composers Bach and Vivaldi. Ella's favorite subject in school is art. Her hobbies include making pottery, cheerleading, and reading! She likes being a member of

the PYO because "she likes playing with other musicians who also enjoy playing music ." She plans to attend East Stroudsburg University in the fall.



## About Our Soloist

**Krysta Fogel** is the daughter of Randy and Kathy Fogel. She has been playing the cello for nearly ten years, and she currently studies cello with Audrey Simons at the Moravian College Music Institute. Krysta attends Pen Argyl Area High School where she is involved in concert band, jazz band, orchestra, chorus, and marching band. She was selected to participate in PMEA District X Orchestra in 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009, and PMEA Region IV/V and All-State Orchestras in 2007 and 2008. In her spare time, Krysta enjoys playing the cello, volunteering at Pocono Medical Center, and making weekly trips to the Nazareth CVS. This fall, Krysta will be attending Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia, where she will study cello performance with Clyde Thomas Shaw.



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A warm *thank you* to all parents and friends who volunteered their time to help prepare for this concert. In particular, we thank: **Brian Donovan** for his presence at rehearsals and organizing the hall monitors.

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