

POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Spring Concerts

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Sunday, June 6, 2010

2009-2010 SEASON

Christmas Tree Lighting at Strouds Moor, December 6, 2009
String-Along at Grace Park Retirement Community, December 15, 2009

Winter Concerts, January 9 & 10, 2010

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,
March 7, 2010

Spring Concerts, June 5 & 6, 2010

2010-2011 Season Auditions, June 7, 2010

AUDITIONS NOTICE

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 7, 2010, at Stroudsburg Area Junior High School. Openings are anticipated in the PYO for high school musicians playing violin, viola, cello, string bass, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, 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.pocono-youth-orchestra.org.

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POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

ANTHONY SIMONS, MUSIC DIRECTOR
AUDREY SIMONS, STRINGS ASSISTANT

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010

7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2010

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, and 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

Papageno Suite (*Selections from The Magic Flute*) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

I. The Bird-Catcher's Aria

arr. Jamin Hoffman

II. "Whether Girlfriend or Sweet Wife"

III. "Pa-Pa-Pa-Pa-Pa-Pa Papagena"

Bossa Azul

Bert Ligon

Brandenburg Concerto, No. 5

Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Allegro moderato

arr. Merle J. Isaac

Lion City

Soon Hee Newbold

INTERMISSION

Pocono Youth Orchestra

Valdres March

Johannes Hanssen

arr. Kathy L. Fishburn

Espana Rhapsody

Emmanuel Chabrier

Bailes Para Orquesta

Richard Meyer

PYO Strings

Violin I soloists: Anne Lloyd, Lauren Noyes, Amy Chryst, Erica Jack

*Violin II soloists: Rebecca Kuc, Cindy Mathiesen, Brianna Weaver,
Enya Cunningham*

Concert Suite from Indiana Jones:

John Williams

Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

arr. Ralph Ford

Call of the Crystal - Russians - The Adventure of Mutt -

Journey to Akator - Ants! - Marion's Theme and Raiders March

Two Mexican Dances for Marimba

Gordon Stout

I. Allegro

Erica Jack, Marimba Soloist

Nabucco Overture

Giuseppe Verdi

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POCONO JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA

Violin

India Baker
Tristan Boheim
Augustin Cavalier
Josh Charlton
Maura Dougherty
Nia Esposito
Elias Fernandez
William Gold
Alexandra Kozak
Michael Kozak
Abigail Lantz
Kariem Morssy
Sarah Osman
Nicholas Park

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Joseph Snyder
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Lily Sobrinski
Rosie Sobrinski
Sabrina Steed
Eva Marie Swartout

Viola

Emily Geiger
Miranda Powers
Maci Kendrick
Lexi Meisse
Marissa Mesko

Cello

Sarah Tomlinson
Sophia Rostock
Elizabeth Whidden
Teveya Edwards

Bass

Adam DeSchriver

*seating rotates

POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Violin

Adam Barth
Brianna Brown
Amy Chryst
Aislinn Crank+
Enya Cunningham
Kelsey Day
Natalie Gilbert
Ashley Gyarmaty+
Holly Holmes+
Erica Jack+
Maddison Kendrick
Rebecca Kuc
Emily Lantz
Joan Little
Anne Lloyd
Kyle Mahaney
Anna Maroney
Cindy Mathiesen
Lauren Noyes+
Karim Osman
Lanique Roberts+
Natasha Roberts
Gabrielle Truncali
Brianna Weaver

Viola

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

Cello

Breanna Goldner+
Kaitlin Tackels
Joseph Chacra
Kristen Weaver
Aidan Crank

Bass

John Charlton
Nicole Weaver

Flute

Victoria Visceglia
Anna Long
Ty Gable

Oboe

Rachel Salmon
Nicole Weaver

Clarinet

Molly Maroney+
Cody Cannavo
Devin Diaz

Bassoon

Megan Hockman

Horn

Katie Battle+
Ana Cohen

Trumpet

Ryan McDermott
Kaitlyn Weiss
Mac Tasetano
Aidan Crank

Trombone

Greg Urbanski

Percussion

Matt Altemose+
Weston Anderson+
Eric Dwyer
Brennen Wede+

Piano

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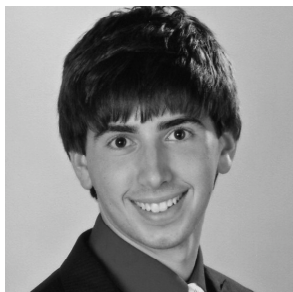
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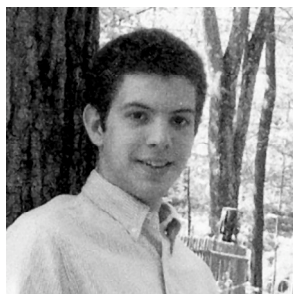
About Our Seniors

Matthew Altemose is a senior currently attending Pleasant Valley High School. Matt has been a member of the PYO percussion section for the past four years. He also participates in many activities such as Key Club, Tri-M Music Honors Society, National Honor Society, The Pleasant Valley Marching Band, and he is a math tutor. In his spare time, he enjoys exercising, spending time with Ashley Gyarmarty, drumming, snowboarding, playing numerous sports, and relaxing with his friends. He is going to be attending the Pennsylvania State University in the



fall of 2010. There, at University Park, he will be majoring in Engineering and will be keeping himself busy. He plans on joining a ballroom club along with multiple other interests that clubs offer at Penn State. After, Matthew plans on becoming a husband and father.

Weston Anderson is a percussionist in his fourth year with the Pocono Youth Orchestra. He is a home-schooled student who graduated early and is currently enrolled at the County College of Morris (CCM) in New Jersey. Weston is a member of the Shio Karate Club, and holds the rank of first degree black belt (or "shodan"). His other hobbies include reading, walking, listening to music, video games, and researching mythology. Weston plans to earn a degree in international studies and to travel to other countries.



Katie Battle, a senior at Stroudsburg High School, has played French Horn for two years with the Pocono Youth Orchestra. Along with her participation in the PYO, she has been a member of the Stroudsburg High School Percussion Ensemble, Pit Orchestra and Jazz Band for three years. She has been a member of the Marching Band for five years. In addition, she has been selected for PMEA District Band and Orchestra in 2009 and 2010, and PMEA Region and All-State Festivals in 2010. For three years, Katie has also participated in track and field at SHS. Katie plans to continue her love of music at Susquehanna University by majoring in

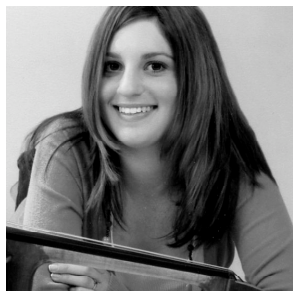


Music Education with hopes of pursuing a career as a Band Director. She would like to thank her parents and family for being so supportive and also thanks to her boyfriend for being crazy enough to attend all of her concerts!

Aislinn Crank is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. She has played the violin in the PJSO and PYO for a total of nine years. At school, she is the secretary for both the National Honor Society and Model Congress. She has won awards at the regional and state levels for both Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Science Olympiad. She also participates in Mock Trial and S.T.A.N.D. Aislinn is a National Merit Commended Scholar, a second place winner in the Rotary Essay contest, and volunteers at the local hospital. In the fall, Aislinn will attend Barnard College of Columbia University to major in biology and minor in history.

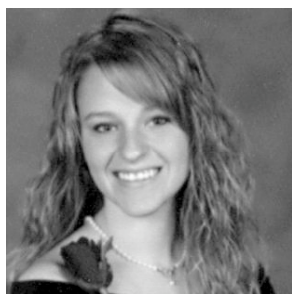


Breanna Goldner is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. She has played the cello for two years in the Pocono Junior String Orchestra and five years in the Pocono Youth Orchestra. Breanna is also in her school's Chamber and Pit Orchestras, has received six consecutive superior ratings at the PFMC Music Festival, and qualified for the PMEA District 10 Orchestra. Aside from music, she is treasurer of her school's National Honors Society, and participates in Future Business Leaders of America, Science Olympiad, cross country, and Pocono Medical Center's Medical Explorers. She has consistently been in the top five percent of her class, and has obtained over two hundred hours of volunteer work at both Pocono Medical Center and the VNA Hospice



House. Breanna has also traveled to Guatemala for the past three years to participate in a medical mission. In her free time, she loves to read, play with her dog, and be with friends. In the future, Breanna hopes to travel and continue her volunteer work. She is extremely excited to be attending Dickinson College in the fall to study neuroscience on the pre-medicine track.

Ashley Gyarmaty is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and has been a violinist with the Pocono Youth Orchestra for the past four years following two years with the Junior Strings. She has been involved in Stroudsburg's string program since fifth grade and the Chamber Orchestra since sixth grade. Ashley was the Concert mistress for both the Stroudsburg High School Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra. For her senior year, she was also elected President for the High School Orchestra. During the past two years, Ashley has been in the Pit Orchestra for the musicals *Crazy for You* and *Kiss Me Kate*. This past year, she, along with Breanna Goldner, Stephen Kozak, and Maria Vecchio, formed a string quartet to perform at weddings



and other special occasions. Aside from musical involvement, she has been Historian for the National Honor Society and has been involved in Key Club, Cross Country, Bowling Club, and FBLA. She has also enjoyed horseback riding for the past ten years and also has a passion for photography, her famous Chevy Tahoe, golfing, and the shooting range. In the fall, Ashley will be attending the University of Scranton to study Biology/Pre-Med. She hopes to be a successful student and plans to move on to medical school to pursue a career in cardiology.

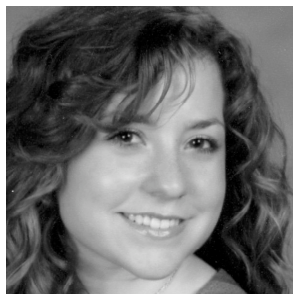
Holly Holmes is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. She has played violin since fifth grade and has been a member of the Pocono Youth Orchestra and Pocono Junior String Orchestra for the past seven years. Holly is also involved in Stroudsburg High School's Pit Orchestra and is the Vice President of the junior/senior orchestra. Broadening her musical knowledge, she plays violin once a week with her church's youth group worship team while other students play the drums, guitar, piano, and bass along with vocalists. They produce a more modern style of



worship. Holly has learned immensely about music overall and especially enjoys her freedom in creating music spontaneously. In addition to playing violin at church, Holly is a staff member of the youth group. Having limited free time between, school, work, church, and orchestra, Holly prefers to spend time with her friends and family. This fall, Holly will be attending Case Western Reserve University to study biomedical engineering. She plans to graduate from an accelerated program, earning her master's degree.

After having traveled to Zambia and Costa Rica during the past year and a half, she has found her passion and desire to continue to do missionary work. Holly hopes to one day bring her profession to the mission field in order to help others throughout the world.

Erica Jack is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and has been a member of the Pocono Youth Orchestra and the Pocono Junior String Orchestra violin section for eleven years. She also plays percussion, piano, french horn, accordion, mandolin, and sings and is a member of her school's Concert Band, Concert Orchestra, Concert Choir, Jazz Band, Sax Big Band, Percussion Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Chorale, and Pit Orchestra. For the past three years, Erica performed with the COTA Cats, a select Jazz ensemble, on drum set. Erica has participated in the PMEA District and Region Band, District and Region Orchestra, and District Chorus Festivals. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, and is ranked in the top ten percent of her class. She has played second singles for her high school tennis team, winning a gold medal in MVC, was a gold medalist in team



Districts, and was in quarter finals for States. Additionally, Erica received "Best in Show" in the District Art Showing as well as a First Place award. In the fall, Erica will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology with a major in New Media and Imaging Design and a minor in music in hopes to pursue a future in animation.



Chandler Klein has played the viola for four years in PYO following two years in PJSO. She is a senior at Stroudsburg High School where she is treasurer of the Student Council, as well as a member of the National Honor Society and Key Club. She has earned a varsity letter in track and field for the past four years. She has received various arts awards in

her high school career, most recently, she was awarded "Best in Show" at the Stroudsburg District Arts Show and first place at East Stroudsburg University Julianna Bolt Art Show. Chandler will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall, majoring in architecture.

Molly Maroney, who is completing her fourth year playing clarinet in PYO, is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. She is highly involved in her school's extracurricular musical activities. She has participated in the Marching Band for 5 years, and the Chorale, Percussion Ensemble and Pit Orchestra for 3 years. She had also been accepted into the PMEA Honors Band and Choirs. Between 2008 and 2010, she was selected for participation in PMEA District Chorus and District Band and PMEA Region Chorus and Region Band. In June of 2009, Molly was nominated to attend the National Young Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. She has also received the Pocono Arts Council Instrumental Solo Award, Small Ensemble Award, and Outstanding Senior Award. In her spare time, Molly enjoys reading, specifically the books by Terry Goodkind, Dan Brown, and Robert Jordan, spending time outside canoeing and camping, listening to music, cooking, and taking pictures as well as watching movies from the 30's and 40's. Over the summer, it is her goal to see all the movies made between 1927 and 2009 that won the Academy Award for Best Picture. In the fall, Molly will be attending Mansfield University to study Music Education with a concentration in clarinet. She hopes to become a music teacher and would eventually like to earn her Doctorate and teach at the college level.



Allie Mikels will be graduating from Stroudsburg High School this year as her class's valedictorian. She has been a violist in the Pocono Youth

Orchestra for four years following three years with the Pocono Junior Strings. In addition to her involvement with PYO, Allie has played viola in her school's Chamber Orchestra and both violin and viola in the Pit Orchestra. She is in Show Choir and Chorale and has attended both the PMEA District X and Region V Chorus Festivals. She is a member of the varsity tennis team, Model Congress, Future Business Leaders of America, and the National Honor Society. She is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and was recognized as the Exchange Club of the Pocono Mountains' Youth of the Month. After graduation, Allie will be attending Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee and plans to major in Economics and minor in Spanish.

Lauren Noyes is currently a senior at Stroudsburg High School. She has been a violinist with the PYO for six years. In her school, she has been involved in National Honor Society, Varsity Volleyball, Diversity Club, and Key Club. Lauren is in the top ten percent of her class and has been honored with Science Olympiad and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Awards. Lauren plans on attending Queen's University next fall in Kingston, Ontario.

She plans to major in Biochemistry, and later attend medical school to become a Forensic Medical Examiner.



Lanique Roberts is an eighteen year old senior at Notre Dame High School. She has been a violinist in the Pocono Youth Orchestra for three years. Music has been a part of Lanique's life since the age of 5, when she first started playing the piano. Since then, she has been involved in various choirs, orchestras, music groups, and theatre. She is the senior class treasurer of Notre Dame, and with her involvement in PYO, Lanique is a mentor in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. Lanique also volunteers at her church and with numerous blood drives. In the summer of 2009, with the help of the American Red



Cross, she organized and coordinated a very successful blood drive. Awards that Lanique has received include National Honor Society induction, High Honor Roll, Pocono Exchange Club Student of the Month, and Certificates for Academic Excellence. In the fall, Lanique will attend the University of Pittsburgh Honors College, for which she has been awarded four years of full academic scholarship. She plans to study Broadcast Communications in her pursuit to become a Broadcast Journalist.

Maria Vecchio is eighteen years old, and will be graduating from Stroudsburg High School. She has been in both the Pocono Junior String Orchestra and Pocono Youth Orchestra for a total of seven years. Maria

has participated in Varsity Cross Country for three years, and has been involved in the Stroudsburg Orchestra program since fifth grade and the Stroudsburg Chamber Orchestra since sixth grade. She has been a member of the East Stroudsburg Community Orchestra for three years and has also played in the Pit Orchestra for the Stroudsburg High School Musicals for the past two years. Maria loves being outside! She enjoys kayaking, swimming, boating and fishing in the summer. During the winter months, she loves to snowboard and cross country ski. Maria will be attending East Stroudsburg University where she will major in Biochemistry. She has always dreamed of becoming a veterinarian, but may also ensue a job in the medical field. Last summer, Maria, Breanna Goldner, Ashley Gyarmaty, and Stephen Kozak formed the Son Amour String Quartet. Together they have played for many weddings and special events. It has been a great experience for all of us, and we hope to continue together as a group.



Brennen Wede is a homeschool senior. He is grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Simons for the opportunity to be a part of the PYO percussion section for

the past three years and has thoroughly enjoyed learning to play various percussion instruments. In addition to these instruments, Brennen also has played the piano for ten years and the guitar for four years. He was a member of the PCHEC Handbell Choir for three years, and he also participated in the PFMC Music Festival for several years in piano solo and music theory in which he earned two gold cups. Brennen is a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Stroudsburg, where he plays guitar for special music, and, along with other musicians of the church, plays piano for the children's choir, sings in the adult choir, and is part of the youth group. On a different note, he has performed in the following dramatic productions: *The Mystery at Shady Acres*, *Christmas By the Book*, *One Foot in Heaven*, *Cheaper By the Dozen*, *Puss in Boots*, and *A Man Called Peter*. Throughout his school years, Brennen has been involved in various sports which include West End Little League Baseball for eight years, Pleasant Valley Youth Association for four years, and Faith Christian School basketball and track teams for one year. He has been involved in the homeschool program at Quiet Valley providing demonstrations and tours to the elementary age children from local and out-of-state schools. In his free time, Brennen enjoys playing basketball, paintball, and running. Brennen would like to thank his parents, Steve and Carol Wede, his piano and guitar teacher, Jenni Poole, his handbell teacher, Tricia Phillips, and his drama teachers, Tricia Phillips Mary Dietze, for their support and encouragement. This fall, Brennen is attending Clearwater Christian College in Florida to pursue a career in Information Systems Management.



About Our Soloist

Erica Jack has been involved in music since the age of three. She first studied piano with Scott Besser and Eric Doney. She then migrated to the violin at the age of six, studying with Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke and joined the Pocono Junior String Orchestra in second grade at age seven. In fifth grade, Erica began playing in the percussion section of the Stroudsburg bands, eventually taking lessons with Sherrie Maricle. Throughout her high school career, she has played various percussion instruments with the Stroudsburg High School Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, PMEA Festivals, COTA Cats, and wherever else needed, while still playing violin in the Pocono Youth Orchestra. She plays numerous other instruments including the french horn, accordion, mandolin, and has also pursued vocal study. Erica's future plans involve a major in New Media and Imaging Design along with a minor in music at Rochester Institute of Technology and playing in as many music groups as she has time for . . . better hope she has a large dorm room for all those instruments. On a personal note, Erica wishes to thank the Simons for their years of dedication and the 8:25 cookie break.



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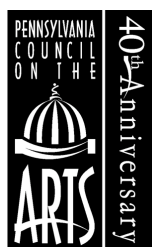
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