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Spring Concerts

Saturday, June 2, 2012

Sunday, June 3, 2012

2011-2012 SEASON

Christmas Tree Lighting at Stroudsmoor, December 4, 2011
String-Along at Grace Park Retirement Community, December 13, 2011

Winter Concerts, January 7 & 8, 2012

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,
March 11, 2012

Spring Concerts, June 2 & 3, 2012

2012-2013 Season Auditions, June 4, 2012

AUDITIONS NOTICE

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 4, 2012, 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, and tuba. 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 2, 2012

7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2012

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

A Gaelic Overture	David O'Fallon
Rondo from the Incidental Music for <i>Abdelazer</i>	Henry Purcell arr. Douglas Stroud
Legend of the Phantom Pirates	Brian Balmages
Cincopations	Richard Meyer

INTERMISSION

Pocono Youth Orchestra

Fascinating Rhythm	George Gershwin arr. John Whitney
Capriccio Espagnol, Op. 34	Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov
Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Major, K. 219 I. Allegro aperto	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
<i>Cynthia Mathiesen, Violin Soloist</i>	
A Salute to Richard Rodgers	Richard Rodgers arr. Ted Ricketts
Symphony No. 9 "New World" IV. Allegro con fuoco	Antonin Dvorak

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

India Baker
Tristan Boheim
Augustin Cavalier
Cameron Dougherty
Luke Dougherty
Nia Esposito
Elias Fernandez
Leah Jardel
Christie Lee
Kariem Morssy
Adam Snyder
Grace Sobrinski
Lily Sobrinski
Kaiti Stylianides
Elise Tomaszewski
Alexa Vaghenas
Juliet Whidden

Viola

Maci Kendrick
Melissa Salvadeo
Antonios Stylianides
Brooke Givens

Cello

Abigail Arnold
Nell Kopytnik
Emma Kowzun
Tereya Edwards
Sienna Fernandez

*seating rotates

POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Violin

Adam Barth
Amanda Berwick
Josh Charlton
Amy Chryst
Kelsey Day+
Maura Dougherty
Natalie Gilbert
William Gold
Jennifer Jolivert
Maddison Kendrick+
Alexandra Kozak
Michael Kozak
Rebecca Kuc+
Abigail Lantz
Emily Lantz+
Jessie Liu
Anna Maroney
Cindy Mathiesen+
Sarah Osman
Evalyn Palmer
Nicholas Park
Olivia Reed
Richard Sarker
Joseph Snyder
Rosie Sobrinski
Eva Marie Swartout
Gabrielle Truncali

Viola

Danielle Wyckoff+
Iris Rosario+
Emily Geiger

Cello

Kristen Weaver
Aidan Crank+
Gabrielle Truncali
Sophia Rostock
Maria Biery
Elizabeth Whidden

Bass

John Charlton
Nicole Weaver
Max Ecke

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Ty Gable
Anna Long
Emily Lantz

Oboe

Nicole Weaver
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Devin Diaz+
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Luke Simons

Horn

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Tristan Flanagan
Jeremiah Boeman
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Aidan Crank+

Trombone

Eric Wolf
Dan Magan, Guest

Tuba

Josh Charlton

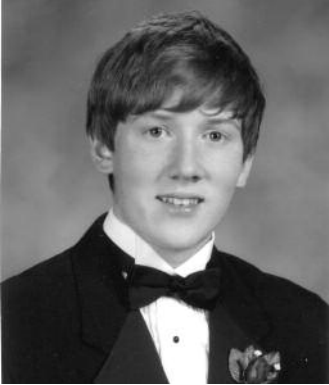
Percussion

Max Ecke
Nicholas Fleming
Liuba Miranosava
Joseph Visceglia

*string seating rotates

+graduating seniors

PYO Seniors



Aidan Crank is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. He plays the cello and trumpet and has been a member of the PJSO and PYO since fourth grade! In addition to orchestra, he also participates in several extracurricular activities. He has won regional and state medals in Future Business Leaders of America and Science Olympiad. He captained the Scholastic Scrimmage Team this year to a perfect championship and was selected as a PBS 39 Scholastic Scrimmage All-Star. He was the 2012 University of Scranton Brain Bee

winner and the 2012 USA National Brain Bee champion. He will spend his summer traveling to South Africa to represent the USA in the international competition and will be working at a neuroscience lab upon his return. He has been a member of National Honor Society, Chamber Orchestra, Tennis team, Soccer team, FBLA, and Model Congress throughout his years in high school. He is a recipient of National Merit and AP Scholar honors. After spending half of his senior year at Lehigh University, he will be attending Johns Hopkins University to pursue studies in neuroscience and applied mathematics.

Kelsey Day will be graduating from Stroudsburg High School. She has played the violin in the Pocono Youth Orchestra for the past four years, following three years with the Pocono Junior String Orchestra. Kelsey has also been involved in Stroudsburg's string program since the fifth grade. She plays the cello in the Stroudsburg High School Orchestra, of which she is also the President. Kelsey has also been part of the SHS Chamber Orchestra and Pit Orchestra. In addition to violin and cello, she also plays the viola and piano. Kelsey will be attending the University of Tampa in the fall to continue her education in music.



Devin Diaz is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and is in his third year with the PYO. He also plays the alto saxophone and the piano. Devin has played as principal clarinetist in the following pit orchestras: Stroudsburg High School's production of *The Wizard of Oz*, *Black Sheep*



Theater's productions of *Ragtime* and *Willy Wonka*, and Nazareth Community Theater's production of *Oliver*. He assisted as a crew member for a Black Sheep production of *Tiny Tim*, and is a cast member of this year's production of *13* at Stroudsburg High School. He has performed in the ESU Jazz Band, Stroudsburg Percussion Ensemble, SHS Concert Choir, SHS Chorale, SHS Show Choir, SHS Concert Band and Orchestra, SHS Marching Band, PMEA District 10 Band 2011-2012, and PMEA Region V Band

2012. He draws a lot of his inspiration for music from nature. So he likes to spend as much time outside as possible. He often goes camping around the Pocono area and hikes at numerous places. Devin also works at a summer camp where he helps children get the most out of their summer by teaching them how to appreciate nature and be resourceful through several recreational activities. In the fall, Devin plans to attend Moravian College with a double major in Clarinet Performance and Music Education. He hopes to someday make a career of performing with such pit orchestras as The Metropolitan Opera, and teach at a college level in the future.

Maddison Kendrick is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. She has been playing the violin in the Pocono Youth Orchestra for four years following a year in the PJSO. Her favorite hobbies include dancing, singing, reading and traveling. During her sophomore year, she was chosen to attend the Rockette Summer Intensive at Radio City Music Hall. She is also a member of her high school's orchestra, chorus and show choir and has participated in the school musicals since 8th grade. She is Treasurer of the National Honor Society and Secretary of Interact Club. Maddison would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Simons for giving her a wonderful opportunity to perform with talented young musicians, her present and former music teachers for encouraging her in all of her musical endeavors, and, of course, her parents and family who have driven her to every musical event, worked with her hectic schedule, and have supported her always. After graduation, she plans to attend West Chester University to major in history with a minor in French.





Rebecca Kuc is graduating in the top 5% of her class from the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts. At LVPA, Becky is an instrumental major with violin and is also learning clarinet and piano. She is Treasurer of National Honor Society and also the head of the Fundraising Committee. Recently, Becky was awarded the Cohen and Feeley Best of the Best Scholarship of the Lehigh Valley as well as the Donley Award for

Excellence. Aside from violin, Becky is an avid horseback competitor. She teaches lessons at Hidden Creek Equestrian Center and also trains and competes. She has won many year-end Champion titles through Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association and also traveled to San Diego this past December to be awarded with her National United Dressage Federation Bronze Medal and also a Reserve Champion Award. In the fall, Becky will be attending Wilkes University on scholarship where she will major in mathematics with a double minor in statistics and music. After playing in the Junior String Orchestra for four years, she is now in her fifth year in the Youth Orchestra. Although she is excited for college in the fall, she is sad to be leaving PYO after nine great years!

Emily Lantz is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and plays violin, flute and piano. Emily played violin with the PJSO for five years followed by four years in the PYO. She is in the top ten percent of her class and is a member of the National Honor Society. Emily currently plays violin and flute in the Pocono Youth Orchestra and is principal flutist with the Stroudsburg High School Concert Band. As an accomplished pianist, she plays in her school's jazz band and serves as the accompanist for Show Choir and for the school musical. Emily participated in the PFMC's Junior Music Festival for the past ten years and received gold cups for piano, flute, violin and vocal solo performances. In the fall of 2012, Emily will be attending Drexel University where she was awarded the A.J. Drexel scholarship. She will pursue a degree in entertainment and arts management with a focus on music.



Cynthia Mathiesen is currently a senior at Stroudsburg High School. She has studied the violin for the past eight years. She is actively involved in the National Honor Society, Chorale, Chamber Orchestra, Pit Orchestra, Stroudsburg High School Orchestra, and Stroudsburg High School



Concert Choir. She has enjoyed the opportunities to perform in PMEA District X Orchestra and Chorus as well as PMEA Region V Chorus. She holds the position of concertmistress in her school's orchestra, the SHS Chamber Orchestra, Pocono Youth Orchestra, and the Young People's Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley. Cynthia played in the PJSO for two years followed by five years in the Pocono Youth Orchestra. She has been in the top ten percent of her class, and has been on the high honor roll. She is also the recipient of the

2012 PMEA District X Orchestra Festival scholarship. Cynthia is sought out as a private instructor of the violin, cello, and viola and currently has five students. In her free time that she rarely has, she likes to canoe, bike and hike. In the future, Cynthia will attend a college or university to double major in music performance and music education to become a music teacher and performer.

Iris Kristina Rosario is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and has been a violist in PJSO for 3 years and PYO for 2 years. In school, she plays in the SHS Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Pit Orchestra, and has also played in a string quartet. This year, Iris was selected to play in the PMEA District X Orchestra Festival.



She is graduating in the top 7% of her class and is a member of the National Honor Society. Iris has been accepted into Temple University as a Biology major. She hopes to attend Temple's nursing school to become a midwife. She also plans to continue her musical career by participating in the Temple University Orchestra. She would like to thank her family for always supporting and motivating her. I love you guys!



Danielle Wyckoff is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and is in her fourth year playing viola with the PYO. She was a member of the PJSO for two years prior. In addition to the viola, she studies piano and vocals. During high school, Danielle was involved in Student Government and served as Historian for the National Honor Society and co-Vice

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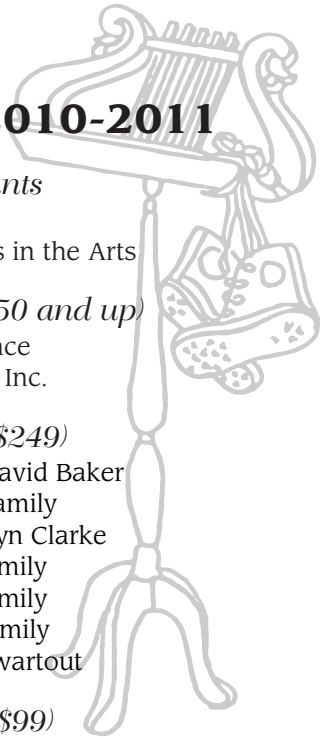
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President for the Interact Club. Danielle is a member of the SHS Show Choir and Chorale. She is also the Vice President for the SHS Orchestra. Danielle is in the top ten percent of her class and was honored to be chosen as the Pocono Exchange Club Student of the Month this past February. Danielle spent the last four winters working at Shawnee Mountain Ski Resort acting as ski patroller. She will continue her studies this fall at the University of Vermont, in the College of Arts and Sciences. She would like to thank her parents for all of their love and support and for all of the car rides that they have provided throughout the years!

About Our Soloist



Cynthia Mathiesen is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and has been playing the violin for eight years. She began her violin studies in the fourth grade with Wendy Wilson. During the past four years, she has been a student of Stephani Bell. In the summer of 2010, she attended the Strings International Camp, studying with Harold Klein and Lawrence Fisher. This past summer, she attended the Luzerne Music Center in upstate New York and studied with Elbert Tsai and Brett Deubner. She had the opportunity to participate in a master class by Philadelphia Orchestra violinist Amy Oshiro-Morales. She also had the opportunity to perform alongside Elizabeth Pitcairn and Sarah Chang in the Luzerne Symphony Orchestra.

At Stroudsburg High School, Cynthia has been a member of her school's Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra. This year, she served as concertmistress for the two ensembles. She has also sung with the Concert Choir and Chorale. She has performed in the pit orchestra for her school's production of *Kiss Me Kate* in 2010 and *The Wizard of Oz* in 2011. Cynthia was selected to represent Stroudsburg as a member of the PMEA District X Orchestra this year. She is the recipient of the 2012

District X Orchestra Festival scholarship. She also participated in the District X Chorus and Region V Chorus in 2011 and 2012. While in school, she has been a member of the National Honor Society, has been a regular on the honor roll and is in the top ten percent of her class.

Outside of school, she has performed with the Pocono Junior String Orchestra, the Junior String Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley, the Pocono Youth Orchestra and the Young People's Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley. While a member of the Junior String Philharmonic, she won the 2009 Vivaldi Concerto Competition and served as the principal second violinist. This year, she is the concertmistress of the Young People's Philharmonic. In addition, Cynthia has played in pit orchestras for area productions of *Ragtime* and *Oliver*, and in April 2012 played violin with the Lehigh University Choral Arts Society for a performance of Steven Sametz's work entitled *In Time Of*.

In her free time, Cynthia enjoys hiking, biking, running, swimming and spending time with family and friends. She treasures her practice time on her violin. She also plays a bit of cello for fun. Cynthia happily teaches five young students and takes pride in their becoming better musicians. In college, she would like to pursue a double major in music education and music performance. She would like to become a concert violinist and teacher in her own studio to inspire young musicians as all of her wonderful teachers have inspired her over the years.

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