

25th
Anniversary



POCONO
YOUTH
ORCHESTRA

Spring Concerts

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Sunday, June 2, 2013

2012-2013 SEASON

Christmas Tree Lighting at Stroudsmoor, December 2, 2012

String-Along at Grace Park Retirement Community, December 11, 2012

Winter Concerts, January 19 & 20, 2013

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,
March 24, 2013

Spring Concerts, June 1 & 2, 2013

2013-2014 Season Auditions, June 3, 2013

AUDITIONS NOTICE

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 3, 2013, 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 1, 2013

7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2013

3:00 P.M.

CECILIA S. COHEN RECITAL HALL
EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY

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 Chestnut Hill Chamber Players, based in the Lehigh Valley. She also performs with the Pennsylvania String Ensemble. 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

Water Music Suite

Air

Hornpipe

G.F. Handel

arr. Forest R. Etling

arr. Cleo Aufderhaar

Nia Esposito, Violin Soloist

Thunderbolt (Premiere Performance)

Ronald DeGrandis

Curse of the Rosin Eating Zombies

From Outer Space

Richard Meyer

Dance of the Tumblers

from *Snow Maiden*

Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov

arr. Sandra Dackow

Sing, Sing, Sing

Louis Prima

arr. Dean Marshall

Combined PJSO and PYO Strings

Adam Barth, Violin Soloist

INTERMISSION

Pocono Youth Orchestra

Zampa Overture

L.J. Ferdinand Herold

Silver Celebration (Premiere Performance)

Ronald DeGrandis

.Dedicated to the 25th Anniversary of the Pocono Youth Orchestra

Summon the Heroes

John Williams

arr. Calvin Custer

Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64

I. Allegro molto appassionato

Felix Mendelssohn

Amy Chryst, Violin Soloist

Danzas Cubanas

Conga, Son-Salsa, Mambo

Robert Sheldon

Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 64

IV. Finale: Andante maestoso - Allegro vivace

Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky

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

Ronald DeGrandis – Biography

Ronald W. DeGrandis, a native of Berwyn, Pennsylvania, received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Temple University. He received his Master of Music Education Degree, with concentration in viola, from West Chester University in 1978 with additional fifty-five graduate credits at Vandercook College and the University of the Arts.

Having taught one year in the Great Valley School District and five years in the Tower Hill School in Wilmington, Delaware, Mr. DeGrandis joined the Easton Area School District in 1980 to teach at the school formerly known as Shawnee Middle School. He retired in June 2011 from the school, called Easton Area Middle School 7/8, his teaching duties included the school's orchestra, concert and marching bands, jazz band, and instrumental music lessons. During his tenure at EAMS 7/8, the band and jazz band received numerous awards. His orchestra participated in four artist-in-residence programs with Michael J. Miles. Each concert featured nine custom arrangements done by Mr. DeGrandis. In addition to his school responsibilities, Mr. DeGrandis has been a violist in the Allentown Symphony for the past thirty-two years. He also plays in various musical theater orchestras on both viola and electric bass. Frequently he is a guest soloist in area churches and participates in a folk group at his home church. He has been guest conductor for eight PMEA District 10 Orchestra Festivals at the elementary level. Ron is an avid composer and has created commemorative marches for the 250th Anniversary of Northampton County, the one hundredth anniversary of the Crayola Crayon Company, finale march for the PMEA District 10 Elementary Band and Orchestra Festival, and for the PMEA Intermediate Band and Orchestra Festival. For the 2012 Allentown Symphony Young Musicians String Festival, Ron arranged three of the orchestral compositions. Additionally, Ron plays viola with the Lehigh Valley Pops Orchestra and orchestrates many arrangements for them.

Mr. DeGrandis is a member of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, the Music Educators National Conference, the American Federation of Musicians, the Train Collectors of America, and has been selected ten times to appear in the prestigious publication "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." He was also nominated for the prestigious award, Pennsylvania "Teacher of the Year" in 2005.

Ron resides in Bethlehem with his wife Janet, who was also an instrumental music teacher in the Easton Area School District. They both retired at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Ron gives private lessons, does guest conducting and continues to compose for schools in the Lehigh Valley. He was recently named assistant conductor of the Lehigh Valley Pops Orchestra.

POCONO JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA

Violin

India Baker
Ashley Catarino
Keyanna Colon
Luke Dougherty
Nia Esposito
Elias Fernandez
Leah Jardel
Christie Lee
Adam Snyder
Grace Sobrinski
Elise Tomaszewski
Terease Tomaszewski
Juliet Whidden
Rebecca Xi

Viola

Melissa Salvadeo
Antonios Stylianides
Brooke Givens
Samantha Tsang
Kara Lawlor

Cello

Sienna Fernandez
Emma Kowzun
Anthony Wong

Bass

Timothy Geiger
Meredith Constable

*seating rotates

POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Violin

Adam Barth+
Amanda Berwick
Tristan Boehm
Augustin Cavalier
Josh Charlton
Amy Chryst+
Cameron Dougherty
Maura Dougherty
Emily Fleming
Natalie Gilbert+
William Gold+
Jennifer Jolivert
Alexandra Kozak
Michael Kozak+
Abigail Lantz
Meaghan Lawlor
Jessie Liu
Anna Maroney+
Kariem Morssy
Sarah Osman
Evalyn Palmer
Olivia Reed
Richard Sarker
Joseph Snyder
Rosie Sobrinski
Kaiti Stylianides
Eva Marie Swartout
Alexa Vaghenas

Viola

Emily Geiger
Maci Kendrick
Olivia Szablinski

Cello

Kristen Weaver
Gabrielle Truncali+
Sophia Rostock
Maria Biery
Elizabeth Whidden
Nell Kopytnik
Sarah Chesko
Tereya Edwards

Bass

John Charlton+
Nicole Weaver+

Flute

Ty Gable+
Anna Long+
Meghan Ertle

Oboe

Nicole Weaver+
Woodrow Battle

Clarinet

Luke Simons
Eric Papa
Jessica Ng
Steven Visceglia

Bassoon

Derrick Simms

Horn

Ana Cohen+
Tristan Flanagan
Jeremiah Boeman
Stephanie Fritz

Trumpet

Kaitlyn Weiss+
Barbara Martinez+

Trombone

Eric Wolf
Bryce Pandolfo
Dan Magan, Guest

Tuba

Josh Charlton
Ronald Bogart, Guest

Percussion

Nicholas Fleming
Eric Galante
Liuba Miranosava
Joseph Visceglia

Piano

Jessie Liu

*string seating rotates
+graduating seniors

Our Seniors in PYO



Adam Barth, a senior at Pocono Mountain East High School, has played violin with the PYO for four years. In addition to PYO, Adam is an active member of the Pocono Mountain East Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Band, Pit Orchestra, and Marching Band, where he served as the drum major. Adam has been a selected participant in the PMEA District 10 Band for 2 years on tenor saxophone. He is also the recipient of many musical awards including best jazz soloist and best drum major. He was selected out of 375 drum majors to lead

the 2012 Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia. During the summer, Adam performs on violin with his dad at venues in PA, NJ, and NY. Adam is also a private violin instructor with several young students who take lessons from him once a week. Academically, Adam is ranked in the top 5% of his senior class and is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. After graduation, Adam will attend the Esther Boyer College of Music at Temple University to study music composition and then go on to NYU to study film scoring.

This is **John Charlton's** fourth year with PYO, following four years with the PJSO. As a senior at Easton Area High School, John participates in the music program including the orchestra, marching band, jazz band, and several other performing ensembles. John has been a member of the PMEA District 10 Orchestra for the past two years, and was the bass player for the COTA Cats Jazz Band at last year's Celebration of the Arts in Delaware Water Gap. At Easton High School, John is also an editor for his school's literary magazine, and a member of the Scholastic Scrimmage team. John is an Eagle Scout, and would like to thank his friends, family, and role model Brandon McCartney for continued support and inspiration. John plans on attending Franklin and Marshall College to study geology, with hopes of pursuing research in the field of paleontology.



Amy Chryst is a senior home school student in her fourth year of playing violin with the PYO following five years in the PJSO. She has been taking violin lessons for a little over ten years and is currently studying with Christopher Souza. She also thoroughly enjoys singing, refining her skills

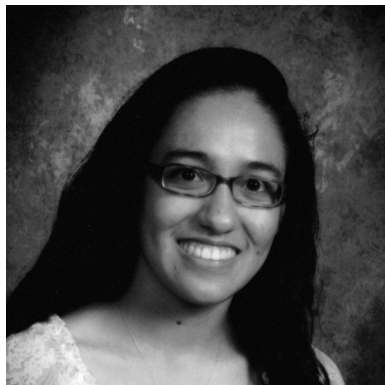


with voice lessons for the last five years, and now seeks to round out her studies with piano lessons. One of the organizations with which she is involved is the National Music Federation of Music Clubs, where she has earned six consecutive superior ratings for solo violin, two superior for concerto, and four superior for theory. Amy has won the Pocono Arts Council's 'Youth in Music Excellence Awards' competitions in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, and recently received the senior instrumental and senior vocal awards

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A member of PYO for four years, **Ana Natalia Cohen** leads a very jam-packed life at East Stroudsburg High School South. Having been very involved in PMEA festivals, she is very excited to be part of the State Wind Ensemble. Other than the horn, Ana plays mellophone in the school marching band, and she also sings. Aside from music, Ana is part of Scholastic Scrimmage and Science Olympiad. Ana has also been varsity manager for South's swim team the past four



years and is secretary in National Honor Society. Salutatorian of her graduating class, she is a National Merit Scholar and enjoys tutoring other students in math and science. While he may laugh out loud and deny it, Ty is Ana's reading buddy, whom she would like to thank for being willing to go through the torturous experience of driving her to every PYO practice (and deal with her during long van rides to PMEA festivals). Ana will be attending the University of Pennsylvania as part of the Vagelos Molecular Life Sciences Program to major in chemistry/physics. The question of Ana's plan for careers is currently being avoided, as she plans to create her own lovely graduate bubble in which to hide away from the real world for the next ten years or so.



Ty Gable is a twelfth-grade student at East Stroudsburg High School South where he performs on both flute and piccolo in his high school's Concert Band. Ty has also served as Flute/Piccolo Section Leader of the ESHSS Marching Band and as principal flute of the Pit Orchestra. He studies flute privately with Nancy Sanderson of Wilkes-Barre, PA and also receives additional study from Dr. Chris Vaneman, Elizabeth Landon, and Carol Wincenc. Throughout high school, Ty has been a member of the Varsity tennis team, a

member of the National Honor Society, a high honor roll student, and has remained in the top 5% of his graduating class. Outside of high school, Ty participates in various other musical activities. He is principal flute of the Pocono Youth Orchestra, East Stroudsburg University Orchestra, and the Pennsylvania Lyric Opera Theater Orchestra. Ty is also an active participant in the Performing Arts Institute of Wyoming Seminary, the Pocono Flute Society Flute Choir, the East Stroudsburg High School South Flute Quartet, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic Mentorship Program, as well as various PMEA band and orchestra festivals—most notably the 2013 All-State Orchestra. After high school, Ty will be attending the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University as a Woodruff Scholar to study flute with Dr. Andrée Martin. He will be attending on full scholarship for his Bachelor of Music degree in flute performance. In the future, Ty hopes to pursue a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree and eventually play professionally in an orchestra. Ty would like to thank all of his flute teachers, his band director Katye Clogg, and especially the Simons' for all of the wonderful opportunities and indispensable knowledge he has been shown and given. Looking forward to a great performance!

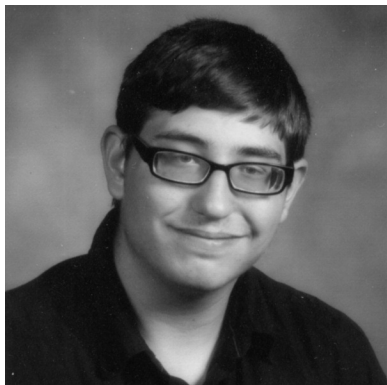
Natalie Gilbert is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and has played the violin for eight years having studied with Stacie Lyon and Christopher Souza. She has been a member of PJSO and PYO for a total of seven years. Music and theater have always been an important part of Natalie's life. She

began singing in musical theater productions at the age of 7 and has been performing ever since in both school productions and local community theater, appearing in more than 35 musicals to date. Some of her favorite shows include *Crazy for You*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Ragtime*. Last spring, Natalie was cast as Patrice in a student-run production of *13 – The Musical* where she also served as the vocal director. The Stroudsburg High School production received nominations in the Sherman



Theater's Spotlight Awards in several categories including "Best Chorus." Natalie's performance as Patrice was also nominated for "Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role." This past April, she appeared in the SHS production of Cole Porter's *Anything Goes* in the role of Hope Harcourt. Natalie sings in Chorus (3 years) and Show Choir (2 years) as well as Concert Choir, and represented Stroudsburg High School in the PMEA District 10 Chorus for the third year in a row. She also participated in the Regional 5 Chorus in 2012 and 2013. She is a voice student of Susan M. Jordan. In addition to her music activities, Natalie has earned 4 varsity letters as a member of the Girls Cross Country Team, representing the team in district championship meets for 4 years, and has been recognized this year as scholar-athlete. She participated in student government and is a member of National Honor Society. Natalie is also very active at Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church where she has been able to combine her love of music with her passion for creative writing. Natalie has scripted 2 children's cantatas which were performed by the youth choir. She also participates in teen choir, youth group, youth committee, church council, and has helped lead the music program for Vacation Bible School and also co-teaches 1st grade Sunday School. Natalie plans to attend West Chester University to pursue music education with a concentration in voice. After college, she hopes to have a successful music career and to write and publish fiction and poetry.

William Gold is a graduating senior at Pocono Mountain West High



School and has been a member of the Pocono Youth Orchestra and Pocono Junior String Orchestra for the past seven years. He plays violin in the orchestra and also plays trumpet. William has ranked 12th in a graduating class of 488 and participates in National Honor Society, Scholastic Scrimmage, Mock Trial, Speech and Debate, Chess Club, and Tennis. Before he became Temple material, he became an Eagle Scout of Venturing Crew 101, and has held numerous positions ranging from president to vice

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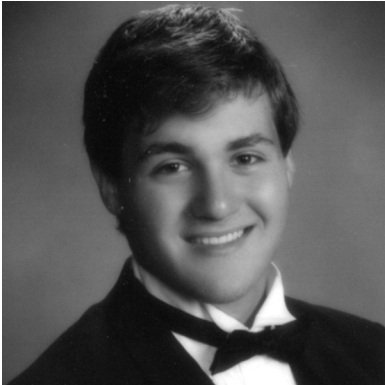
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This list includes all contributions received as of May 8, 2013

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Madelon Powers Gallery
immediately following today's concert*

president. He is NRA-certified (National Rifle Association) in pistol and rifle. In the fall, William will be attending the Fox Business School at Temple University.

Michael Kozak has been a violinist in the Pocono Youth Orchestra and Pocono Junior String Orchestra for the past five years. A graduating senior at Stroudsburg High School, Michael is an honor-roll student. He is involved in his school's Best Buddies program that helps handicap children and also participates in varsity football. He is a member of the Pocono Medical Explorers and also the ESU Community Orchestra. He enjoys being outdoors, skiing, swimming and fly fishing. In the fall, Michael will be attending East Stroudsburg University to major in economics. He plans to become an accountant and later further his education to become an actuary.



Anna Long is a senior at East Stroudsburg High School South. She has played the flute in the PYO for the past five years. She is president of the National Honor Society, captain of Varsity Softball and Varsity Tennis, a varsity member of Scholastic Scrimmage, and a participant in Reading Olympics and Science Olympiad. In addition to PYO, Anna plays flute for the East Stroudsburg University Orchestra and Notre Dame High School musicals. She enjoys being in her high school musicals, playing guitar, playing ukulele, and singing. Anna plans on attending the University of Virginia this fall to study Biochemistry and Global Public Health.

Anna Maroney is a graduating senior at Stroudsburg High School. She has been a violinist with PJSO for three years, and has been with the PYO for four years, making her very proud to say that this is her seventh year in the program. Anna also plays the piano, and sings. Anna is currently involved in her school's Honors Concert Choir, Chorale, Honors Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Pit Orchestra, Marching Band, and Show Choir, as well as the East Stroudsburg High School South Pit Orchestra. Anna is



also a member of the Youth Group at Stroudsburg United Methodist Church. In her spare time, Anna enjoys reading, writing, and composing, and is currently writing a book that has been getting some good reviews on an internet site called Wattpad. Anna will be attending Millersville University this fall as a Music Production and Technology Major. Her largest goal would be to one day become a recording technician for soundtracks and scores in the movie industry.



Barbara Martinez has spent the past four years highly active as a trumpet player in her school's concert, jazz, and marching bands before joining PYO her senior year. She is the captain of her school's Mock Trial team and a Varsity player for Scholastic Scrimmage and Speech and Debate. Outside of school, Barbara volunteers at her parish, Bushkill Outreach, and Pocono Medical Center. She is a member of National Honor Society and in the top 10% of her class. Barbara will be attending American University in the fall to major in Public

Relations and hopes to become the White House Press Secretary or the new face of medication advertised on late-night cable television. In her free time, she enjoys listening to bands no one else has heard of and adventuring as far as \$20 of gas can take her. She would like to give a formal shoutout to her two favorite girlscouts (who she can't wait to visit in Philly and Charlottesville, respectively.) It's been a fun ride.

Gabrielle Truncali is a graduating senior from Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society and Liturgy Committee, and editor of the school yearbook. She has played violin and cello in the PYO for the past six years. Her involvements in school and community activities include participating in her school play as part of the cast and crew, serving as a volunteer at Pocono Medical Center, Notre Dame Elementary School extended daycare, and a mission trip in St. Lucia in the summer of 2012. She is a choir member at St.



Matthew's Parish and Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School chorus. Her awards and honors include the Daughters of the American Revolution "Good Citizen" Award where she represented the county at the state level, Pocono Mountain Exchange Club's "Youth of the Month", Saint Michael's College Book Award, and the Scranton Diocese Bishop's Youth Award. Her hobbies include reading, writing, traveling, singing, drawing and fitness. Future plans include attending Seton Hall University to study occupational therapy, pub-

lish a story, continue community service/mission work at home and abroad, and become a world traveler. Gabrielle would like to thank her family, friends and instructors for supporting her in all of her endeavors.



Nicole Weaver is graduating from Stroudsburg High School with High Honors. She has been in the top 10% of her class for the last two years. She is playing the oboe and bass in the PYO for the fifth year after three years in the PJSO. She also plays electric bass, stick bass, piano, organ and percussion. She likes classical music, especially Mozart and Beethoven and lists music classes as her favorites. At school, she participated in the Concert Band, Orchestra, Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pit Orchestra, percussion ensemble,

and the Chess Team. She played bass in the PMEA District 10 Orchestra and Band this year and was chosen to participate in the 2012 Silver tour of Europe with American Music Abroad for oboe. Nicole's favorite authors are John Green, Suzanne Collins and J.K. Rowling, making her favorite books the *Harry Potter* series and the *Hunger Games* trilogy. Her hobbies include photography, karate, music and scrapbooking. She arranged Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor that was performed by the Chamber Orchestra, which she also conducted. She plans to attend Moravian College to double major in music education and music performance with a concentration in oboe. Nicole aspires to be a performer because she likes being able to affect people through music, making people emotional or happy just by hearing the music.

Kaitlyn Weiss is a senior at Pocono Mountain West High School and has played the trumpet in the PYO for the past four years. At school, she has participated in the Jazz Band for six years, Marching Band for five years, and Pit Band for three years and serves as her school band's Vice President. Kaitlyn has been involved in the COTA Cats Jazz Band for four years, Girl Scouts, receiving Bronze and Silver Awards, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She would like to thank PYO and the Simons for providing this opportunity to play in an orchestra. In the fall, Kaitlyn will attend West Chester University to study music education and looks forward to becoming a high school band director.

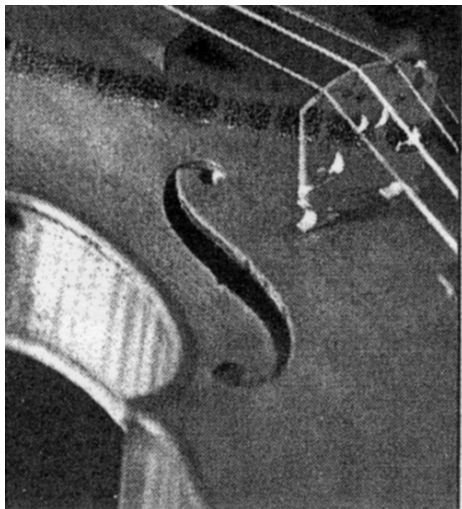




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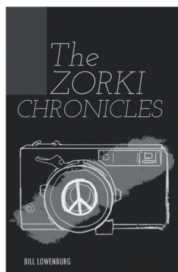
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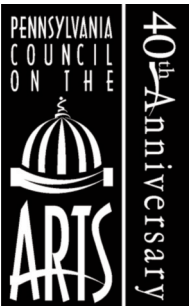
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