

POCONO
YOUTH
ORCHESTRA

Spring Concerts

Saturday, May 31, 2014

Sunday, June 1, 2014

2013-2014 SEASON

Christmas Tree Lighting at Stroudsmoor, December 8, 2013
String-Along at Grace Park Retirement Community, December 17, 2013

Winter Concerts, January 18 & 19, 2014

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,
March 2, 2014

Spring Concerts, May 31 & June 1, 2014

2014-2015 Season Auditions, June 2, 2014

AUDITIONS NOTICE

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 2, 2014, 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.pocono-youth-orchestra.org or follow us on facebook.

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POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

ANTHONY SIMONS, MUSIC DIRECTOR
AUDREY SIMONS, STRINGS ASSISTANT

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2014

7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2014

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

Toccata	Girolamo Frescobaldi arr. James Higgins
Ridin' the Rails	Richard Meyer
MacPherson's Lament <i>A Scottish Air</i>	arr. Dean Marshall & Bob Phillips
Maharaja	Doug Sparta
Russian Sailor's Dance	Reinhold Gliere arr. Jamin Hoffman

INTERMISSION

Pocono Youth Orchestra

Summer Dances	Brian Balmages
Prelude to <i>Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg</i>	Richard Wagner
Be More Awesome	Singer/Songwriter Christina Lenway <i>Accompanied by the Pocono Youth Orchestra</i>
Cello Concerto No. 1 in A Minor, Op. 33 Allegro non troppo - Allegretto con moto - Allegro non troppo	Camille Saint-Saens <i>Kristen Weaver, Violoncello Soloist</i>
Four Dance Episodes from <i>Rodeo</i> III. Saturday Night Waltz IV. Hoe-Down	Aaron Copland
Suite from <i>Video Games Live</i> (Halo, Civilization IV, Bounty Hunter, and Kingdom Hearts)	arr. Ralph Ford
Symphonie Fantastique IV. March to the Scaffold	Hector Berlioz

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

Vasilias Briegel
Olivia DeRosa
Luke Dougherty
Nia Esposito
Elias Fernandez
Leah Jardel
Amy Kadonoff
Christie Lee
Rebekah Livermore
Olivia O'Grady
Hannah Persaud
Isabel Rivera
Victoria Robles
Cameron Rothstein
Nicole Sekol

Adam Snyder

Elise Tomaszewski
Terease Tomaszewski
Claire Weitzmann
Juliet Whidden
Rebecca Xi

Viola

Melissa Salvadeo
Antonios Stylianides
Brooke Givens
Samantha Tsang
Kara Lawlor
Chelsea Cirillo
Madelyne Gasper
Jack O'Brien

Cello

Emma Kowzun
Elizabeth Mathiesen
Niamh McCabe
Rweza Rugabandana

Bass

Timothy Geiger
Meredith Constable

*seating rotates

POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Violin

India Baker
Amanda Berwick+
Tristan Boheim
Josh Charlton
Cameron Dougherty
Maura Dougherty
Emily Fleming
Jennifer Jolivert+
Alexandra Kozak+
Abigail Lantz
Meaghan Lawlor
Jessie Liu+
Kariem Morssy
Charles Nutaitis
Sarah Osman
Evalyn Palmer+
Olivia Reed
Sarah Reinhardt
Richard Sarker
Joseph Snyder
Rosie Sobrinski+
Justin Stanton
Kaiti Stylianides
Eva Marie Swartout+
Alexa Vaghenas

Viola

Emily Geiger
Maci Kendrick
Olivia Szablinski
Augustin Cavalier

Cello

Kristen Weaver+
Maria Biery+
Sophia Rostock
Elizabeth Whidden
Nell Kopytnik
Sarah Chesko
Sienna Fernandez
Anthony Wong

Bass

Edwin Sanchez+
Nicholas Bradley

Flute

Meghan Ertle+
Krista Nash
Adriana Velez+

Oboe

Woodrow Battle

Clarinet

Luke Simons
Eric Papa+
Jessica Ng
Steven Visceglia

Bass Clarinet

Steven Visceglia

Bassoon

Derrick Simms+

Horn

Jeremiah Boeman+
Tristan Flanagan
Edward Harbison

Trumpet

Katerina Ramos+
Stephanie Fritz
Pierce O'Dowd

Trombone

Eric Wolf
Bryce Pandolfo+
Dan Magan, Guest

Tuba

Josh Charlton

Percussion

Nicholas Fleming
Liuba Miranosava
Mark Van Auken+
Joseph Visceglia

Piano

Jessie Liu+
Anthony Wong

*string seating rotates
+graduating seniors

Outstanding Ensemble Player:

Winter 2014 - Eric Wolf, trombone

Suzanne E. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Finalists for 2014:

Jeremiah Boeman, horn

Eric Papa, clarinet

About the Composer

Christina Lenway graduated from Elmira College with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and English Literature and also graduated from the College of New Rochelle with a Master's degree in Reading Education. She taught for 15 years in both public and private settings throughout NY, MO, and PA.

In her own words, she "always knew I was meant to be in the arts; I just didn't know how to get there. In fact, I didn't even own a piano for 15 years after college. And then the call was too loud to ignore....and I wrote, recorded, and produced a full album within a year. *Be More Awesome* was a tribute to a friend of mine...her simple new year's resolution to be more of whomever she was. And it got me thinking...we have a choice...to embrace ourselves with our faults and triumphs and let them shape our lives, or to close our eyes to who we are, to deny our essence. That song evolved and you can now hear the end result. I didn't set out to write an album or write orchestra music. I set out to be me...and the by-product of my sheer determination and living my dreams is that song and that album."



Christina Lenway

singer/songwriter

www.lenwaychristina.wix.com/christinalenway

Our Soloist



Kristen Weaver is graduating from Stroudsburg High School with High Honors and is in the top 5% of her class, having been in the top 10% for the last three years. She joined PJSO in fifth grade and participated for three years before joining PYO. She has been a member of PYO for five years, and has been the principal cellist for three. Kristen has studied cello for ten years, beginning with Wendy Wilson for three years and Audrey Simons for the last seven years. She represented her school in PMEA District 10 Orchestra for the past three years and in Regional Orchestra this year. She has also received a Superior ranking in cello performance for 6 years from the National Federation of Music Clubs Festival held at ESU.

Kristen is an active member in her high school's music department. She is first chair flute/piccolo in Concert Band, flute section leader in Marching Band,

principal cellist in Orchestra, principal cellist in Chamber Orchestra, and participates in Concert Choir and Percussion Ensemble. She was also a member of the pit orchestra for Stroudsburg High School's production of *Anything Goes* and *Hairspray*. Kristen was also asked to participate in Notre Dame High School's production of *Sugar*.

Kristen is an active community musician. She regularly plays in her church, in ESU Community Orchestra, at weddings, and even played in a recording by Brandon Flatley. She also had the distinct privilege of accompanying David Archuleta with Stroudsburg High School's Chamber Orchestra when he performed at the Sherman Theater.

Kristen's passion for the arts began very early. She began dance lessons at the age of 3. She trained and got accepted into a competition dance team. The team went on to win many gold and platinum awards as well as having the privilege of performing in Walt Disney World.

Kristen has been training at the Martial Arts Training Institute for 14 years. In 2011, she obtained her Black Belt in *The Kiryoku System of Self Defense*.

Kristen also enjoys skiing and snowboarding. She has worked as a ski instructor at Camelback for three years. She will be working as a camp counselor at Buck Hill Falls Camp Club beginning in June.

After graduation, she has chosen to attend Moravian College to further her education with a major in animal science and a minor in music.

She would like to thank her music teachers at Stroudsburg who helped and supported her throughout the years. These include: Ms. Lisa Rogers, Mr. Skip Cassady, Miss. Janice Lee, Mrs. Wendy Wilson, Miss. Mary Bechtel, Miss. Chrissy Caiazzo, Miss. Ashley Steen, and Mr. Brandon Flatley. Another teacher who means a lot to Kristen is Mr. Timothy Naughton, who sparked her interest in music as her singing and dancing teacher in the second grade.

Kristen would also like to thank her family and friends, who pushed her to "practice, practice, practice!" And to Mr. Simons, "Thank you so much for introducing me to a real, full orchestra sound and setting!" Last, but certainly not least, she would like to thank her private cello instructor, Mrs. Audrey Simons. "I have learned so much from my time with you, and I wanted to thank you for all the time you've given to me. I am a much better cellist and musician with you, and I know I wouldn't be where I am today without you. You have encouraged me to get better and have shown enthusiasm when I did. I appreciate everything you have taught me, thank you so much!!"

Our Seniors in PYO



Amanda Berwick is an honor roll student at Stroudsburg High School and has played the violin with the PYO for the past three years. She is also a violinist with the ESU Community Orchestra. She helps out the community by volunteering at many historical events. In her free time, she enjoys painting, hiking, bicycling, canoeing, and deep sea fishing. She also enjoys taking trips to the beach and playing softball. In the fall, she will be attending ESU to major in criminal justice.

Maria Biery is a senior at Moravian Academy in Bethlehem, PA and has been a cellist in the PYO for the past three years. Throughout high school, she has earned two varsity letters and been captain of the cross country team, a member of the National Junior Honor Society, FBLA, the Music Honor Society, YAF, MA Student Ambassadors, and a delegate for Model United Nations. Maria has been involved in numerous musical groups in high school such as, Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Pep Band, and Pit Band/Orchestra. She has also participated in the



Moravian Academy Red and Gold Recital, served as editor of her school newspaper, received nine superior ratings in the National Federation of Music Clubs Festival, participated in Carbon County Band and Student Council, and has been an accompanist to the Moravian Academy vespers service. Maria has done over 50 hours of community service at the Growing Place Childcare Center, PVYA Youth Day Camp, and the Color Me Rad Run. Her academic accomplishments include Highest GPA in the sophomore class, Highest History Average in the freshman class, AP Scholar Award, and Distinguished/High Honor Roll student. Maria has received a full-tuition Questbridge Scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania where she plans to study political science, music, and economics. In the future, Maria is considering pursuing a law degree or a graduate degree in political science or economics and hopes to someday work in government.



Jeremiah Boeman is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School and a third-year member of the Pocono Youth Orchestra playing French horn. He also plays tuba, electric bass, trombone, and occasionally trumpet. Jeremiah was selected to play French horn in the PMEA District X Band in 2012, 2013, and 2014. He was also selected to play horn in PMEA District X Orchestra in 2012 and 2014. He was a member of PVHS Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz Stage Choir, Chorus and Music Honor Society. He was a member of Pit Orchestra for the PVHS musical productions of *Oklahoma* in 2012 and

Annie in 2014. He received the PVHS Certificate of Academic Excellence for band in 2012. In 2013, he received the PVHS Performing Art Award for Outstanding Performance on a Brass Instrument. Jer often performs at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plainfield Township and is a member of their Brass Ensemble. He has also been selected to play in Allentown Band Side-by-Side Concerts and Carbon County Band Concerts. He played the part of Lord Amiens in the 2014 PVHS Shakey's Player's production of the Shakespearean play "As You Like It". Jer enjoys skiing and working on computers. He plans to attend college with a major in computer science and a minor in music.

Meghan Ertle has been involved with many band programs throughout her high school career. She played trombone in the Pleasant Valley High School Marching Band all four years, she played trombone in the Jazz Band for three years, and she has been playing flute in the PYO for two years. Meghan is the secretary of National Honor Society as well as secretary of the Music Honor Society at Pleasant Valley. She enjoys obsessively watching cartoons from her youth, such as Danny Phantom, American Dragon: Jake Long,



and Avatar: the Last Air Bender. She also enjoys knitting warm scarves and cuddling with her beloved cat. Meghan plans on attending Wilkes University and majoring in mathematics. In college, she plans to further her musical career through participation in various music ensembles.

Jennifer (Jenn) Jolivert attends Stroudsburg High School and is performing with the PYO as a violinist for her third year. She is a member of Key Club, National Honor Society, Peer Tutoring, Chamber Orchestra, Track and Field, Marching Band, Science Olympiad, Scholastic Scrimmage, and Percussion Ensemble. She is the President of the 11th and 12th grade orchestra and participated in PMEA District X Orchestra 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. She also participated in PMEA Region IV/V Orchestra 2013-2014. She is The National Exchange Club's January Student of the Month, a National Achievement Scholarship Finalist, and a Questbridge Scholarship winner. During the summer, she participated in Techne Music Camp and had the opportunity to play with The Kutztown University Orchestra. She plays violin, viola, cello, and flute. She also plays wedding gigs and occasionally arranges music for string ensembles. She likes playing Sudoku and watching Saturday Night Live. She plans to attend Haverford College on the pre-med track in hopes of becoming a neurologist.



Alexandra Kozak is a senior and high honor roll student at Stroudsburg High School, playing violin for her third year in the PYO following three years in the PJSO. Alexandra is a member of the Stroudsburg High School Orchestra and East Stroudsburg University Community Orchestra. She is an active volunteer in the cancer unit at Pocono Medical Center. She is also a member of Key Club International, Best Buddies, Stroudsburg Varsity Field Hockey, and Pocono Medical Explorers. Her hobbies include a variety of outdoor activities such as kayaking, canoeing, hiking, fishing, and skiing/snow-

boarding. She is certified in scuba diving up to 33 feet underwater and CPR. Alexandra will be attending East Stroudsburg University in the fall and majoring in biotechnology while minoring in mathematics and Spanish.



Jessie Liu has been a violinist and pianist with the PYO for the past three years. She attends Stroudsburg High School and is involved in National Honor Society, Key Club, Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Band, Show Choir, Percussion Ensemble, best buddies and peer tutoring. She played violin for the musical *Anything Goes* last year and played piano for this year's musical *Hairspray*. She has taken various music exam tests such as the ABRSM level 8 for piano, level 6 for music theory and level 5 for violin. She

has also performed for the Pocono Arts Council and various places in the New York City. In her spare time, she likes to play the guitar and ukulele, cook, watch movies, compose and teach beginner musicians. She is in the top 10% of her class and will be attending Fordham University with a major in computer science and a minor in music performance.

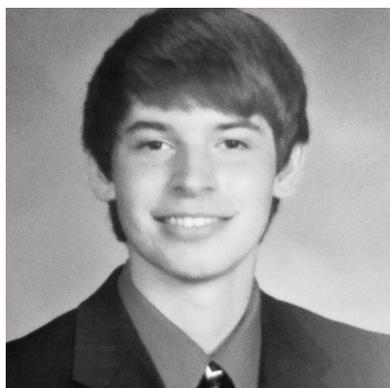
Evalyn Eileen Palmer is a senior in the Theatre Arts Department at Warren County Technical School in New Jersey. Some of her roles include a Birdgirl in "Seussical the Musical", the Baker's Wife in "Into the Woods" and most recently as a featured singer in "A Day in Hollywood A Night in the Ukraine". This is her third year with the Pocono Youth Orchestra. She also spent one year with the Pocono Junior String Orchestra.



Her favorite subjects have been history, mythology and knowing random trivia that no one really needs to know. In her free time, she enjoys sleeping and reading, especially fantasy and science fiction. She also likes to have Lord of the Rings, Doctor Who or Sherlock marathons.

Evalyn has been playing violin for eleven years, the last nine of which she has studied with Virginia Melin. She hopes to continue her studies in college where she plans to major in Musical Education. To that end, she has already taken on three beginning violin students. She is still applying to colleges near and far (she hopes to see the ocean instead of farms and trees) but has already been accepted to Western Washington University. Once she has her degree, her current plan is to come back to Warren County and start a string and vocal music program at Warren Tech or a string program in the Phillipsburg School district if possible.

Evalyn would like to thank her parents for driving her to lessons for eleven years and to the Poconos for the last four years. She would especially like to thank her mother, whom she adores, for writing this bio!



Bryce Pandolfo has been playing the trombone for ten years in a wide range of ensembles including jazz bands, county bands, district bands, brass ensembles, pep bands, pit orchestra, and the Pleasant Valley High School Marching Band. In addition to his talents on trombone, Bryce was the Drum Major for his school's marching band during the 2013 season. He is the Vice-President of Music Honor Society as well as an active member in National Honor Society. Recently, Bryce volunteered

as a "Buddy" for Challenger Sports, a "Mentor" in a summer camp, and as a tutor in his school's math lab. This trombonist also plays and refs soccer for the West End Soccer League, and runs in his spare time. In August, Bryce plans on attending Lehigh University to pursue a degree in civil engineering.

Eric Papa was born on the 27th of February in 1996 and has been playing the clarinet ever since he started in the fourth grade. After he began to take private lessons with Marta Oberlin, principal clarinetist of the East Stroudsburg University Orchestra and graduate of the DePauw University School of Music, he has proven to be quite an accomplished clarinetist. He decided to play the clarinet in elementary school because he always wanted to learn how to play an instrument. After intermediate school, he started to take private lessons and gradually improved. During his sophomore year of high school, he was selected for the PMEA District X Band. The following year, he not only made PMEA District X Band, but he also made PMEA Region V Band and the PMEA All-State Concert Band.

In addition to being a clarinetist of the Pocono Youth Orchestra, Eric is the principal clarinetist of the East Stroudsburg HS-S Symphonic Band and is an active solo and ensemble musician. He has been a member of band ever since elementary school. Some of the other groups in which he has participated include the East Stroudsburg HS-S Dixieland Jazz Band, the Trinity Centennial Band, the Allentown Band, the East Stroudsburg HS-S Marching Band, and the pit orchestra for *Madame Butterfly*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum*, and *The Merry Widow*. He has also been featured in a variety of recitals in which he has performed pieces by Francis Poulenc, Henri Rabaud, Claude Debussy, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and many others. Eric is also a very talented Tenor vocalist. He has participated in the PMEA District X Choir and is a member of the East Stroudsburg HS-S Concert Choir and the Choraliers. He was also discovered to have *absolute pitch*. After Eric graduates with high honors from East Stroudsburg HS-South, he will be attending Kutztown University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in music education.

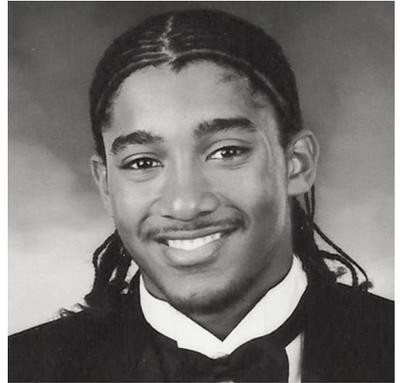




Katerina Ramos is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School. She plays the trumpet for the Concert, Marching, Jazz, and Pep Bands also Brass Ensemble. In the Pit Orchestra, she has played the violin and trumpet. She is a member of the Music Honor Society and has enjoyed acting in the Shakespearean plays. In addition to PYO, she takes part in the Carbon County Band and the Lions All-State Band. In her free time, she plays the violin and piano and has participated in the NFMC Music Festivals in both violin and piano events. Her favorite hobbies are

snowboarding and playing music. She volunteers her time at the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center and is currently employed at the Lehigh Valley Zoo. After graduation, Katerina is attending Delaware Valley College to major in biology with a concentration in zoology. She has earned a music scholarship and will be part of their jazz and concert Bands. A career goal of hers is to find a cure for the West Nile Virus in birds of prey.

Edwin D. Sánchez is a very well rounded and studious student. Throughout his academic career, he has never failed to make Honor Roll or High Honor Roll. He has played football from 5th grade all through his senior year. He has been playing bass in the Stroudsburg Area School District's orchestra for equally as long. In addition to football and orchestra, he has done at least one year of numerous other activities, including, but not limited to, chess club, wrestling, and track and field. Edwin has been on the Interact Club Board of Directors for two years as a representative. He, along with two other Stroudsburg students, was chosen to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, a leadership conference that helps specially selected individuals hone their leadership skills. He loves to read, game, and play his bass. After graduating,



Edwin plans to attend Millersville University of Pennsylvania, where he will be majoring in marine biology.



Derrick Simms is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and has been playing bassoon in the PYO for the past two years. Along with the bassoon, he also plays a variety of over 10 brass, woodwind and string instruments. At Stroudsburg, Derrick is a member of Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Pit Orchestra, Concert Band and Marching Band. He is also a Student Ambassador and a member of the National

Honor Society of High School Scholars. Along with his musical experience, Derrick is able to speak French and Polish. This fall, Derrick will attend the University of Tampa to study both French and International Business and Entrepreneurship. He would like to thank his family, friends, teachers, and both Mr. and Mrs. Simons for their help with his journey to accomplish everything he has done.

Rosie Sobrinski is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her 4th year playing violin in PYO following 5 years in the PJSO. In addition to violin, Rosie plays piano, ukulele, viola, bass, and guitar. She is involved in her school's Chamber Orchestra, Chorale, Marching Band, Key Club, Pit Orchestra, Peer Tutoring, and Science Olympiad. She is a high honor roll student. Rosie was a member of county chorus, PMEA District 10 Orchestra, and PMEA Northeast Regional Orchestra. She was named as the February Youth of the Month for the Pocono Mountain Exchange Club. Her hobbies



include baking all the time. In the fall, she plans to attend a 4-year college to major in engineering.

EvaMarie Swartout has been a member of Pocono Youth Orchestra and Pocono Junior String Orchestra for the past six years. She currently attends Stroudsburg Area High School where she participates in Chamber Orchestra, Choir, her school's musical *Hairspray*, Future Business Leaders of America, Student Government, and is also the Senior Class Secretary and National Honor Society Historian. She loves playing the violin and piano, and also



enjoys singing in a pop rock band regularly. Along with all these memberships, she enjoys horseback riding and represents Hearts Journey Stables at her competitive Dressage events. EvaMarie has been in the top 10% of her class and attained high honor roll. She plans to continue her education at Belmont University where she will study music business.

Adriana Velez is involved in the Concert Band, Marching Band, and Concert Choir at East Stroudsburg High School South. She has been involved in music since she started playing the flute in 4th grade. Music has always been a big part of her life. After high school, Adriana plans to attend Northampton Community College to study nursing. After 2 years at Northampton, she



hopes to transfer to Bloomsburg University to continue her major in nursing and minor in music. Adriana would also like to mention that she has many favorable memories from her senior year and PYO will be included as one of the big memories that she will always remember.



Mark Van Auken is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School. He is a member of the Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band and Pit Orchestra. He is a percussionist and plays the tenor drums in the marching band. He is a distinguished honor roll student and was a member of National Junior Honor Society. He enjoys snowboarding, video games and his pet bearded dragon. After graduation, he plans to attend college for computer programming.

Kristen Weaver is graduating from Stroudsburg High School with High Honors. She has been in the top 10% of her class for the last three years. She is playing cello for the fifth year in PYO after three years in the PJSO. She also plays flute, piccolo and piano and lists music classes as her favorite. At school, she plays in the Concert Band, Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Choir, Marching Band, Pit Orchestra and Percussion Ensemble. She has been a member of the PMEA District X Orchestra for three years and participated in Regional Orchestra this year. Kristen's favorite composers are Mozart, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. Her favorite authors are J.K. Rowling, Suzanne Collins, and Rick Riordan. She lists the *Hunger Games* trilogy, the *Harry Potter* series and the *Percy Jackson* series as her favorites. Her hobbies include karate, skiing and music. Kristen likes to play in the orchestra to take her mind off the stress from the day. She has chosen to attend Moravian College to further her education in animal science with a minor in music.



*Please join us for refreshments in the
Madelon Powers Gallery
immediately following today's concert*

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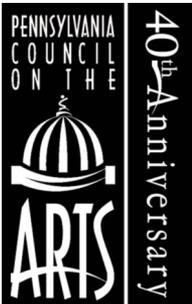
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PYO Spring 2014 Boosters

*We love our little Chelsea. You are a superstar in viola
and everything else you do.*
Love, Grandma and Grandpa

*Great job, Chelsea Ann. We are so proud of you
and all of your musical talents.*
Love, Nana and Pop

Weety McSweety, Fiddle a "Ring of Fire" tonight.
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations to my gifted little sister. Keep up the excellent work.
Love, Cassie and Jack

*Congratulations Claire! YOU ARE A – "MAZI" – NG!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU. Hugs!!*

*To Sarah Marianne: I love your music and I love you. You are the
greatest sister ever. Congratulations on your 1st year in PYO.*
Love your little sister, Ashley

*To Sarah Marianne: Congratulations on your 1st year in PYO. We love you
and are very proud of everything you do.*
Love, Mom and Dad

To Emily and Tim. — so proud of you both. Mom and Dad

Jack, Keep up the good work! Nana

Jack – Way to go brother! Mack

So proud of you Jack! Mum and Dad

You've done very well, Charles! Keep up your good efforts.
Mom and Dad

*Adam, we are so proud of you! With music as the background in our lives,
we are blessed you are in the foreground of ours.*
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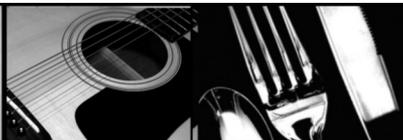
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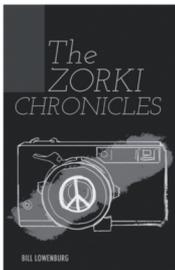


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