

POCONO  
YOUTH  
ORCHESTRA

Spring Concerts

Saturday, June 4, 2016

Sunday, June 5, 2016

## **2015-2016 SEASON**

String-Along at Pocono Community Theater, December 15, 2015

### **Winter Concerts, January 23 & 24, 2016**

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,  
March 6, 2016

### **Spring Concerts, June 4 & 5, 2016**

2016-2017 Season Auditions, June 6, 2016

## **AUDITIONS NOTICE**

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 6, 2016, 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 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.

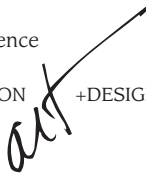
Auditions, which last about ten minutes, will be scheduled by appointment. Students will be asked to perform a prepared solo piece of their choice, and to sight read appropriate music for their instrument.

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](http://www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org) or follow us on Facebook.

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# **POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

*ANTHONY SIMONS, MUSIC DIRECTOR*

*AUDREY SIMONS, ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016**

**7:30 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016**

**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

Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D Major  
I. Allegro moderato

Johann Sebastian Bach  
arr. Merle J. Isaac

Shenandoah

American Folk Song  
arr. Erik Morales

Allegro from Sonata in E minor

Antonio Vivaldi  
arr. Kathy Fishburn

**Elizabeth Mathiesen, Cello Soloist**

**Sierra Holbert, Bass Soloist**

Perpetuo

Brian Holmes

Baba Yetu from *Civilization IV*

Christopher Tin  
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

## INTERMISSION

## Pocono Youth Orchestra

Carnival Overture, Op. 92

Antonín Dvořák

Tango

John Paulson

Air and Simple Gifts

John Williams

**Luke Simons, Clarinet**

**Christopher Souza, Violin**

**Amy Zhang, Piano**

**Audrey Simons, Cello**

Elegy, Op. 24

Gabriel Fauré

**Aikaterini Stylianides, Violin**

**Amy Zhang, Piano**

Perseus

Soon Hee Newbold

## PYO Strings

Étude Op. 10, No. 12 in C minor ("Revolutionary")

Frédéric Chopin

**Amy Zhang, Piano**

A Tribute to John Williams

John Williams

*Featuring music from Star Wars – Jaws – Superman –  
Harry Potter – Indiana Jones – E.T*

Capriccio Espagnol, Op. 34

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

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

Aylin Avci  
Mellani Avci  
Karina Bernatowicz  
Vasilia Briegel  
Marcellina Cavalier  
Michelle Corcoran  
Olivia DeRosa  
Dylan DiLauro  
Emily Dougherty  
Leah Jardel  
Amy Kadonoff  
Solei Lasanta  
Rebekah Livermore  
Megan McLain  
Libby Nordmark  
Olivia O'Grady  
Amelia Ossman

Hannah Persaud  
Ellie Pinchback  
Isabel Rivera  
Kristian Roberts  
Victoria Robles  
Terease Tomaszewski  
Gabriella Vasquez  
Aaron Wong  
Claire Xie

## Cello

Cate Ferguson  
Elizabeth Lee  
Elizabeth Mathiesen  
Niamh McCabe  
Dana Persaud  
Ryan Pinchback  
Rweza Rugabandana  
Gwenn Strasser

## Viola

Madison Anderson  
Paras Briegel  
Molly Christy  
Madelyne Gasper  
Jack O'Brien  
Cameron Rothstein

## Bass

Sierra Holbert

# POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

## Violin

India Baker  
Tristan Boheim+  
Luke Dougherty  
Nia Esposito  
Christie Lee  
Sam Legg  
Charles Nutaitis+  
Sarah Reinhardt  
Katherine Rubino  
Nicole Sekol+  
Adam Snyder  
Justin Stanton+  
Aikaterini Stylianides+  
Elise Tomaszewski  
Juliet Whidden  
Rebecca Xi

## Cello

Sarah Chesko+  
Sienna Fernandez  
Nell Kopytnik+  
Emma Kowzun  
Gabriella Mohring  
Sarah Strohschein  
Anthony Wong

## Horn

Stephanie Fritz+  
Kayla Almenas

## Trumpet

Pierce O'Dowd  
Tomo Curran

## Trombone

Eric Wolf+  
Dan Magan, Guest

## Tuba

Joshua Cloward

## Percussion

Liuba Miranosava+  
Connor Chalfant+  
Tyler Bickford, Guest

## Viola

Chelsea Cirillo  
Maci Kendrick+  
Kara Lawlor  
Melissa Salvadeo  
Antonios Stylianides  
Olivia Szablinska+  
Samantha Tsang

## Oboe

Kate Briegel

## Clarinet

Luke Simons+  
Wendy Cooper+  
Sydney Fritz

## Bass Clarinet

Robert Fritz

## Piano

Amy Zhang+

+graduating seniors

# Our Soloists



**Aikaterini (Kaiti) Stylianides**, concertmaster, is a graduating senior from Stroudsburg High School. Kaiti is the daughter of Georgios and Karen Stylianides, and plans to attend the University of Hartford in the fall for Acoustical Engineering. Kaiti would like to thank her family for supporting and encouraging her throughout her life and her violin teacher, Chris Souza, for inspiring her to continue to pursue music throughout her life. She has been a violinist in the PJSO and PYO for the past 6 years. In addition to PYO, Kaiti also plays the violin in her school's Pit Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra. She sings in Stroudsburg's Concert Choir and Chorale, and plays the flute for the Concert Band and Marching Band. To further enhance her passion for music, she has attended several summer music camps including sessions at Marywood University, Elizabethtown College,

Millersville University, the Académie internationale de musique des Graves, and the Techne Quartet Music Camp with fellow quartet members, Christie Lee, Sarah Chesko and brother, Tony. As a student advocate for promoting music, she has assisted with string workshops presented by violinist and luthier, Michael Montero, and violinist and music educator, Wendy Wilson. Kaiti is in the top ten percent of her class and holds high honors awards for academic achievement. In her down time, she enjoys baking, reading, and learning to play different instruments.

**Luke Simons**, principal clarinetist, has been a member of the Pocono Youth Orchestra for six years. He is a twelfth-grade honor student at Southern Lehigh High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society and SADD. Luke also plays the piano and saxophone and enjoys singing. At SLHS, Luke is a member of the SLHS Concert Band, Marching Band (Drum Major), Jazz Band, Concert Choir and Meistersingers (President). Luke has studied clarinet and saxophone with Anthony Simons, along with additional clarinet study with Ricardo Morales of the Philadelphia



Orchestra, piano with Irmgard Pursell and voice with Megan Durham. During the past four years, he played clarinet in the Lehigh County Band Festival. During the past five years, Luke was selected by audition to participate in 14 PMEA Music Festivals for Band, Orchestra and Choir. Most recently, he won the principal clarinet chair in both the PMEA District 10 and the Region V Band Festivals, and served as second chair clarinetist in the 2016 Pennsylvania All-State Band. For the past seven years, he has received superior ratings for his piano performances at PMTA's Achievement Award Auditions, and has performed in Honors Recitals. He has also been on stage for his high school theater productions of *42nd Street* (Ensemble), *Shrek: The Musical* (Pinocchio), *Sound of Music* (Max Detweiler), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Robert Martin), and, most recently, *Carousel* (Enoch Snow). He is most honored to have been chosen as a recipient of the 2016 Lehigh Valley Music Education Award and the AFM, Local 45 Music Scholarship. He enjoys playing in the PYO because it gives him a chance to perform with other advanced musicians. Luke will be attending the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University to major in Clarinet Performance.



**Amy Zhang** is a graduating senior from Notre Dame High School where she is Valedictorian of her class. Amy has studied piano for twelve years with Mrs. Kelly Scheer and would not be who she is today without Mrs. Scheer's guidance. For the past two summers, Amy has had the honor of studying under Mrs. Ingrid Clarfield at Westminster Choir College's High School Piano Camp. In addition, she has participated in the Piano Teachers' Forum of New Jersey adjudications, receiving an "Outstanding" ranking. She has played piano with the PYO for the past two seasons and is very grateful to have had the opportunity to perform with such a wonderfully talented group of musicians. In addition to performing as a piano soloist and orchestral pianist, Amy serves as piano accompanist on many occasions. Last year, she collaborated with then PYO violinist, Joseph Snyder, and performed Samuel Barber's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra. Currently, she has enjoyed working with PYO violinist

Kaiti Stylianides in preparation for their performance of Gabriel Fauré's Elegy, Op. 24. In the fall, Amy will be continuing her studies at Dartmouth College, where she will most likely major in Economics and definitely minor in Music before moving on to the Tuck School of Business. Amy hopes to study abroad sometime during her college years and eventually contribute to the global market.



# Our Seniors



**Tristan Boheim** is a senior at Pocono Mountain East High School. While attending school, he participates in his school's band, choir, show choir, and is the captain of the varsity tennis team. He has been playing violin and alto saxophone each for 7 years. He also participated in PJSO for 3 years and PYO for 4 years. When he's not playing violin, he enjoys reading and playing tennis. His favorite novel series is a *Song of Ice and Fire* by George R. R. Martin. As the current

Jr club champion of Lake Naomi, Tristan plans to continue his tennis career and will play for Elizabethtown College in the fall. At Elizabethtown College, he will pursue a major in Marketing. Also at Elizabethtown College he plans to sing in the men's choir and participate in their orchestra. His future goals are to travel the world and become a marketing executive at Bungie.

**Connor Chalfant** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. This is his first year as a member of the PYO performing on percussion. He also enjoys singing. Connor's favorite school subject is mathematics. Favorite composers include George Frederic Handel and George Gershwin, and he enjoys listening to Indie Rock. Favorite books include Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace* and Ron Hubbard's *The Book of Scientology*. Hobbies include chess, band and singing. He appreciates the PYO since he "never had any opportunity to play in such a talented group as the Pocono Youth Orchestra." In the future, he plans to study Astrophysics at Boston University.



**Sarah Chesko** will be graduating from Stroudsburg High School on June 3rd. She will be attending the University of South Carolina in the fall, majoring in Marketing and hoping to play in the university orchestra. Sarah has played the cello in the PYO for the past 4 years and has been involved in her school's orchestra since the fourth grade. She has also been involved in the chamber orchestra since sixth grade and the pit orchestra for the school musical since eleventh grade. Out of school, Sarah has performed in a quartet with 3 of her PYO peers and has attended Techne Music Festival



with them. Sarah is also a core member of her church's youth program. In her diocese, she has enjoyed many of the youth events that were offered, such as ISLI, NCYC, Light the Fire, and the Steubenville Youth Conference. She also went on a mission awareness trip to El Salvador and spent a week learning what a third world country is really like. Sarah has enjoyed her business classes and being involved in the music programs in school. She hopes that college will broaden her

horizons in the music business world and help her find where she is meant to be.

**Wendy Cooper** is a graduating senior from East Stroudsburg Area High School South. She has played the clarinet in the PYO for this past season and is involved in several music groups at her school, including band, choir, Choraliers and jazz band. In addition, she was involved in the pit orchestra of her school's musical production *Once Upon a Mattress* and has been involved in marching band since freshman year. Also, she has had the honor of participating in PMEA District X Band since junior year, and has also been involved in the Wayne-Pike County Band and the Marywood Wind Band Celebration. In the fall, Wendy will be attending Moravian College to study Music Composition. Outside of music, she likes to draw and enjoys shopping for clothes.



**Stephanie Fritz** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. She plays French horn in the orchestra and also plays mellophone, trumpet, and piano. She is involved in nearly every musical ensemble at Stroudsburg High School, including Show Choir, the Chorale, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Concert Band and the Pit Orchestra and has participated in PYO for the past 5 years. She has represented Stroudsburg at 13 PMEA Music Festivals,

most recently the All-State Concert Band, a spot she earned after winning principal horn at the Region Band Festival. Stephanie has also enjoyed involvement in the East Stroudsburg University Community Band, the Trinity Centennial Band, and the Kutztown University Orchestra and Chamber Group. Stephanie will be attending Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University to pursue a Music Education degree. She will study horn, and hopes to continue being an accompanist.

**Maci Kendrick** is the Vice President of Student Government, Secretary of National Honor Society, Fundraising Executive Chair for Mini-THON, President of Concert Orchestra, and the Chamber Orchestra Social Chair. She has been involved in four High School Musicals, and has been awarded Top Ten Percent and High Honor Roll accolades. She has been active in PJSO/PYO for seven years as a violist, and a cellist in school. She will be attending Moravian College in the fall to major in Nursing. She would like to thank all of her music instructors for instilling a sense of passion for music and Mr. and Mrs. Simons for giving her the confidence to play challenging music to further her skills. She would also like to thank her friends and family for always loving and supporting her along the way.



**Nell Kopytnik** is in the top 1% of her Stroudsburg High School class. At school, she is involved in FBLA, National Honor Society, Chamber Orchestra, Peer Tutoring, and the Pit Orchestra. Nell enjoys helping out in the community as a volunteer at the Eastern Monroe Public Library. She has been a member of the PJSO and PYO for 6 years and also plays piano. In addition, she has had the honor of participating in PMEA District X Orchestra. In the fall, Nell will attend Northeastern University to study Finance and Economics. She plans on working at a bank as an investment banker after earning her MBA.



**Liuba Miranosava** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School playing percussion for the 5th year in PYO. She also plays drum set. Liuba was the founder and president of her school's World Club, President of Key Club, Treasurer of National Honor Society, Coordinator of Peer Tutoring, and a member of Student Government. She also played snare drum in Marching Band, and was a member of Jazz Band, Pit, and Percussion Ensemble. Liuba is in the top 3% of her class and a recipient of the Congressional Award and the Stanley Kay Scholarship. She also received the Jim Bramblett Scholarship for leadership in Key Club. Her hobbies include hiking, baking, traveling, drinking tea, and hanging out with her cat. She will be attending Elizabethtown College as a Stamps Leadership Scholar on a full scholarship in the fall. She plans to pursue a Master's Degree to major in Public Accounting with a minor in French. Her goals for the future including joining the Peace Corps, traveling the world, and being happy.



**Charles Nutaitis** is a senior at Pen Argyl High School and has played the violin in PYO for three years. He began playing the violin in 3rd grade and has been taking violin lessons from Chris Souza since the end of his freshman year. In high school, he played in the orchestra for four years and has traveled to New Jersey, HersheyPark, and Virginia Beach with them. This year, he was the concertmaster of his high school orchestra for the Virginia Beach adjudication. He sings with the school chorus and acted in the musical his freshman year. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Gang Green,

the spirit club. During the past three summers, he attended the State Theatre Summer Acting Camp and has also volunteered at the Plainfield Farmer's Fair for many years. This fall, Charles will be attending Lafayette College and majoring in Spanish. He hopes to participate in music activities there.

**Ashley Rivera** is a senior at East Stroudsburg Area High School- South, and has participated in Pocono Youth Orchestra for one year. During her years at her high school, she has participated in Marching Band, where she has been a drum major for the past two years. She has been a member of her school's honor Jazz Ensemble and regular Jazz Ensemble as well. Ashley has also participated in Pit Orchestra, Choraliars, the NEPA Philharmonic Orchestra's mentoring program, American Music Abroad, the US Air Force Heritage Band Concert, and National Honor Society. She has also had the honor of being selected to participate in several of the PMEA Band and Orchestra Festivals. Ashley will be attending West Chester University in the fall for music education and music theory/composition.



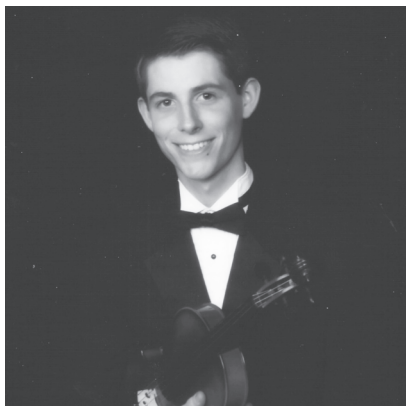
**Nicole Sekol** has been playing the violin for five years. She has been a member of the Pocono Junior String Orchestra and the Pocono Youth Orchestra for the past 3 years. Outside of her participation in the PYO, she regularly plays violin as well as piano at her church and local nursing homes. Nicole also sings in the Paradise Valley Baptist Church choir. Her hobbies include arranging music and graphic design. As a peer tutor at Commonwealth Connections Academy, she enjoys math as

one of her favorite subjects. Nicole's post-graduation plans include completing a year of Bible at New England Baptist College and studying Business at Bob Jones University. She also looks forward to participating in musical ensembles throughout college.

**Luke Simons** has been a clarinetist in the Pocono Youth Orchestra for six years. He is a twelfth-grade honor student at Southern Lehigh High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society and SADD. Luke also plays the piano and saxophone and enjoys singing and acting. Billy Joel and Lin-Manuel Miranda are two of his favorite composers/musicians. At SLHS, Luke is a member of the SLHS Concert Band, Marching Band (Drum Major), Jazz Band, Concert Choir and Meistersingers



(President). His hobbies include playing musical instruments and composing music, golf and baseball. Luke is a seven-year member of the Southern Lehigh Little League. For the past seven years, he has received superior ratings for his piano performances at PMTA's Achievement Award Auditions, and has performed in Honors Recitals. He played clarinet in the Lehigh County Band Festival for the past four years and the Allentown Band Side-By-Side Concert for the past three years. He also participated in the U.S. Navy Band Clarinet Day. Since eighth grade, Luke was selected by audition to participate in 14 PMEA Music Festivals for Band, Orchestra and Choir. Most recently, he won the principal clarinet chair in both the PMEA District 10 and the Region V Band Festivals, and served as second chair clarinetist in the 2016 Pennsylvania All-State Band. He has also been on stage for his high school theater productions of *42nd Street*, *Shrek: The Musical*, *Sound of Music* and *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and *Carousel*, and has performed in the pit orchestra for productions of *Shrek*, *The Boys from Syracuse* and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. He enjoys playing in the PYO because it gives him a chance to perform with other advanced musicians. Luke will be attending the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University to major in Clarinet Performance.



**Justin Stanton** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. He has been involved in several different musical groups during his high school career including the SHS Chamber Orchestra (Grades 10-12), the SHS Pit Orchestra (Grades 11-12), the SUMCelebration Ringers at the Stroudsburg United Methodist Church (Grades 10-12), and the Project One Step Orchestra (Grade 10) along with his involvement in the Pocono Youth Orchestra since his sophomore year. Justin is not only involved with his school and community through music, but also service. He has been a

member of Boy Scout Troop 86 since first grade and was a founding member of the troop's Venture Crew in 2013. In Boy Scouting, Justin has learned to be an effective leader through experience as the Troop's Scribe, Quartermaster, Webmaster, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and most recently through his completion of the Eagle Scout Rank in 2014. In the Venture Crew, he has served as the Secretary and as the President. In school, Justin holds the current position of Class President of his graduating class, which has been keeping him actively involved through events such as prom, graduation, senior trip, and different fundraisers to raise money for the class. He is also a member of Student Government, Peer Tutoring, National Honor Society, and is attending Stroudsburg's Mini-THON for the third year. After graduation, Justin will be attending the Pennsylvania College of Technology to work towards a Bachelor's Degree in Construction Management. He would like to extend his gratitude to all of his friends and family for helping achieve all he has been able to in his years up to graduation.



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**Olivia Szablinska** is a graduating senior from Stroudsburg High School and is a member of her school Concert Choir, Marching Band, Orchestra, and Chamber Orchestra. She has also been the lighting technician for four years for her school musicals, and was on the prom committee her senior year for her class. She has also been a member of the PYO for four years. As a member of the swim team for three years, Olivia earned the "Most Spirited" award two years in a row and was the captain her senior year. During her sophomore year, she was a team manager

and helped run the meets. Her favorite hobbies include reading, swimming, and spending time with her two best friends, Justin and Ashley. Her plans after graduation include attending Lock Haven University and dual majoring in Early Childhood with Special Education. She plans to become a teacher and eventually open her own Day Care and Preschool. She wants to thank her teachers, coaches, family and a few of her three best friends, Victoria, Ashley, and Justin, for their endless support.

**Eric Wolf** is a member of the Class of 2016 at Stroudsburg High School. He is playing trombone for the fifth year in PYO. In addition to performing with the PYO, he is a member of Stroudsburg High School's Marching and Jazz



Bands. He is also a member of Stroudsburg's Science Olympiad and Scholastic Scrimmage teams, its FBLA chapter, and its National Honor Society. He is a National Merit Scholar and the Valedictorian of Stroudsburg's Class of 2016, and he also received the PYO's Outstanding Ensemble Player award at the winter 2014 concert. His hobbies include numismatics, reading and mathematics. In the fall, he plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in physics at Lehigh University, where he also plans to continue to play trombone. He would like to thank the PYO for exposing him to a new and challenging repertoire of music and for being so welcoming and accommodating throughout the years.



**Amy Zhang** has been playing the piano for twelve years and is forever grateful to have had Mrs. Kelly Scheer as her instructor. She has participated in the Piano Teachers' Forum of New Jersey adjudications, receiving an Outstanding ranking. She has played piano with the PYO for the past two seasons and appreciates the varied pieces and styles of music that the PYO performs, as well as the many different talents of all the members. At Notre Dame High School, Amy is Valedictorian of her graduating class, Vice President of National Honor Society, and leading defense attorney for

her school's Mock Trial team. Her favorite color is red, and her favorite superhero is *Wolverine*. This fall, she will be continuing her studies at Dartmouth College, where she will most likely major in Economics and definitely minor in Music before moving on to the Tuck School of Business. Amy hopes to study abroad sometime during her college years and eventually contribute to the global market.

*Please join us for refreshments in the  
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## **Outstanding Ensemble Player Award**

Winter 2014	Eric Wolf, trombone
Spring 2014	Joseph Snyder, violin
Winter 2015	Maura Dougherty, violin Emily Geiger, viola Sophia Rostock, cello
Spring 2015	Nick Fleming, percussion Liuba Miranosava, percussion Joseph Visceglia, percussion
Winter 2016	Aikaterini Stylianides

## **Suzanne E. Anderson Memorial Scholarship**

2014	Eric Papa, clarinet
2015	Sophia Rostock, cello

## **Pocono Youth Orchestra Excellency Award**

2015	Elizabeth Whidden, cello
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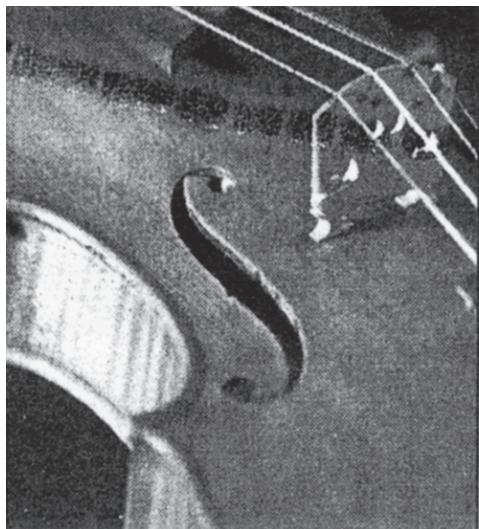
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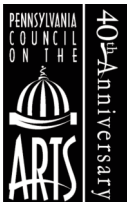
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