

POCONO
YOUTH
ORCHESTRA

Winter Concerts

Saturday, January 14, 2006

Sunday, January 15, 2006

2005-2006 SEASON

Christmas Tree Lighting at Stroudsmoor, December 4, 2005
String-Along at Pocono Lutheran Village, December 13, 2005

Winter Concerts, January 14 & 15, 2006

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,
February 26, 2006

School Tour Concerts, Spring, 2006

Spring Concerts, June 3 & June 4, 2006

2006-2007 Season Auditions, June 5, 2006

AUDITIONS NOTICE

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 5, 2006 at Stroudsburg Area Junior High School. Openings are anticipated in the PYO for high school musicians playing violin, viola, cello, string bass, clarinet, oboe, 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.

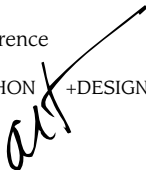
Auditions, which last about ten minutes, will be scheduled by appointment. Students will be asked to perform a prepared solo piece of their choice, and to sight read appropriate music for their instrument.

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," a school tour, 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, JANUARY 14, 2006
7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2006
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, Cedar Crest College, 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, Chestnut Hill Chamber Players and PI Trio. 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

Amadeus! from Symphony No. 25	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart arr. Jamin Hoffman
The Odyssey (Journey of Odysseus)	Soon Hee Newbold
Beethoven, Inc.	arr. Richard Meyer
Tap Roots	Robert W. Smith
Postcards from Russia (Russian Folk Tunes) Minka, Meadowland, and Korobushka	arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle

INTERMISSION

Pocono Youth Orchestra

The Magic Flute Overture	W. A. Mozart ed. Steven Rosenhaus
Hansel and Gretel Prelude	Engelbert Humperdinck ed. Tom Kennedy
Serenade for Strings in C Major, Op. 48 I. Pezzo in forma di Sonatina	Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky ed. Lazar Gosman and Clark McAlister
<i>PYO Strings</i>	
Wicked Highlights	Stephen Schwartz arr. Ted Ricketts
Symphonie Espagnole, Op. 21 I. Allegro non troppo	Edouard Lalo
<i>Samantha Lyon, Violin Soloist</i>	
Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity from <i>The Planets</i>	Gustav Holst

POCONO JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA

Violin

Sebastian Anderson
Chris Ballentine
Crystal Cho
Amy Chryst
Aislinn Crank
Enya Cunningham
Kelsey Day
Elizabeth Deemer
Bridget Fitzgerald
Dorothy Gay
Ashley Gyarmaty
Holly Holmes
Rebecca Kuc
Emily Lantz

Kyle Mahaney
Cindy Mathiesen
Lauren Noyes
Karim Osman
Dayna Richter
Jonathan Shoup
Maria Vecchio
Tara Vecchio
Brianna Weaver
Brielle Wede
Jennifer Weirzba
Ellie Wilson

Viola

Chandler Klein
Kaitlin Lessard

Pooja Mahadev
Alexandra Mikels
Iris Rosario

Cello

Joseph Chacra
Aidan Crank
Nathan Roseti
Joshua Ruebeck
Kaitlin Tackels
Evan Wilson

Bass

John Charlton
Thomas Fabian

*seating rotates

POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Violin

Augusta Anderson
Emma Benintende
David Bishop
Maria Bouselli+
Ariana Calafiore+
Kim Cocuzza
Brittney Crisera+
Michael Gold+
Antonia Harris
Jessica Huynh
Erica Jack
Christopher Jose
Ulric Kelly
Elizabeth Korp
David Lantz
Samantha Lyon+
Ronan Mariano+
Nicholas Migliacci
Nick Potts+
Tyler Potts
Nina Ramirez
Ella Vidal

Viola

Jordan Greenwood
Grace Louden
Maria Vecchio
Emily Wallen

Cello

Lauryn Calafiore
Elizabeth Donovan+
Kevin Dwyer
Krysta Fogel
Breanna Goldner
Shelby Greenwood
Sienna Mae Heath
Catherine McMahon
Mary Saras
Matt Steffens

Bass

Kevin Bolan
Ben Potter

Flute

Jessica Agostini+
Michele Buzzelli
Lindsay Kemmlein
Kathleen Doherty
Bridgette Saba

Oboe

Katie Kane+

Clarinet

Mindy Talpas+
Jamie Yang

Horn

Kate Daniels
Kevin Donovan

Trumpet

Alexander Griffin+

Trombone

Evan Wichman

Percussion

Katie Bank

*string seating rotates
+graduating seniors



About Our Soloist

Samantha Lyon, daughter of David and Stacie Lyon of Stroudsburg is a

12th-grade home-schooled student. She has been playing the violin for 13 years and has been a member of the Pocono Youth Orchestra for nine years. She is also a cellist in the Stone Soup Symphony, based in Hackettstown, New Jersey, under the direction of George Akehurst. In March 2005, Samantha received her fifth Gold Cup in violin from the National Federation of Music Clubs. She has participated for 11 years in violin solo and/or concerto and received ten consecutive superiors. In May 2005, Samantha received her diploma from Mannes College of Music in the College preparatory Division for four years of study. She studied viola with Dr. Laura Mount and also studied composition, theory, ear training, chamber music, and orchestra. Samantha enjoys performing, composing, and teaching. She has especially enjoyed performing as a strolling violinist and has played at numerous locations including Cheeseburgers in Paradise in Maui, Hawaii, Knoebels in Elysburg, Pennsylvania, the Carnival Victory, based in Miami, Florida, and Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony, PA. In addition, Sam has had several of her compositions performed for audiences in both Pennsylvania and New York and hopes to one day have her compositions played all over the world. She also hopes to continue to enrich the lives of her students, perform for audiences, and bring more musical beauty into the world.

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About Our Students in PJSO

Sebastian Anderson is a home schooled eighth grader who loves many kinds of music especially classical and country and western. This is his first year playing violin with the PJSO. He belongs to the Academic Honor Society and was awarded a gold medal and ribbons in several violin competitions. His favorite subject is science and he likes to draw. His favorite composer is Vivaldi, and he likes to read science fiction. His favorite author is Gary Paulsen. Sebastian likes to play music with his peers and hopes to become a doctor.

Christopher Ballentine is a seventh grader at Shawnee Intermediate School in Easton. This is his first year playing violin in the PJSO. He also plays trumpet and sang with the Principal Choir in PMEA, District 10 in 2005. He is a high honors student, a member of the National Junior Honor Society, Shawnee Jazz Band and Marching Band and a boy scout. Christopher likes to play soccer and he likes to play with his cats. He hopes to become a social studies teacher.

Joseph Chacra is a home schooled fifth grader. This is his first year playing cello in the PJSO. He also plays piano and loves both ragtime and classical music. His favorite composers are Bach and Scott Joplin. Joseph loves to read the classics especially by Mark Twain and Franklin W. Dixon. His other interests include math, karate, Boy Scouts and video games. He likes the PJSO because it is fun and sounds great.

John Charlton is a fifth grader at the Easton Area Middle School. This is his first year playing bass in the PJSO. He also plays electric bass and loves jazz fusion, country and rock of all kinds. He loves to learn about dinosaurs, he is on the honor roll and plays with the scout bell choir. He finds the PJSO fun and challenging.

Crystal Cho is a fifth grader at Middle Smithfield Elementary School. This is her second year playing the violin in PJSO. She also plays the piano and loves to read. Her hobbies include running, bike riding, watching TV and computers.

Amy Chryst is a home schooled fifth grader. This is her first year playing the violin in PJSO. She loves classical music, and her favorite composers are Bach, Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, and Becker. She loves math and her hobbies include swimming, drawing, beading, scrap booking and singing. Amy likes PJSO because she gets to play with other string players.

Aidan Crank is in the sixth grade at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is his third year with PJSO and he plays the cello. He also plays the trumpet and won a Gold Cup for piano. His favorite composer is Bach. Aidan enjoys

reading especially books by authors J.R.R. Tolkien, J. K. Rowling and Douglas Adams. One of his favorite books is *Lord of the Rings*. Some of his hobbies include reading, robots, and sports. Aidan plans on attending college and becoming an engineer.

Aislinn Crank is in the eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her fifth year playing violin with the PJSO. She likes classic rock and music by Chopin and Tchaikovsky. In school, her favorite subject is Spanish. She is on the honor roll and won the DARE poster competition. Aislinn's hobbies include soccer, tennis, reading, watching movies, skiing and hanging with friends. She hopes to become a pediatrician.

This is **Enya Cunningham's** first year in the PJSO with the violin. Aside from this instrument, she also enjoys playing the guitar. She is currently a seventh grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. J.K Rowling, Auij Paul Stowert, and Chris Riddell are her favorite authors. She loves listening to 80s rock and classic rock music as well. Her favorite subject is math and enjoys building things in her spare time. She would like to graduate from an Ivy-League college, become a doctor, and join a national relief agency in the future.

Kelsey Day is in her first year in the PJSO with the violin. She is currently in sixth grade at Stroudsburg Middle School. Her favorite author is Lemony Snicket and loves horror books. She enjoys listening to pop and rock music and likes playing music by Edvard Greig or Beethoven. Her hobbies are reading and playing the piano. She likes orchestra because it gives her a chance to play different music. She hopes to become a lawyer.

This is **Elizabeth Deemer's** first year playing the violin in PJSO. She is currently a fifth grader at Easton Area Middle School where her favorite subject is language arts. Her favorite authors are J.K Rowling and Kathryn Lasky, and likes listening to classical music. Her hobbies are drawing, sewing, reading, and riding bikes. In the future, she hopes to be a teacher in either music or elementary school.

Thomas Fabian is playing the double bass for his second year with PJSO. He is currently in seventh grade at Stroudsburg Middle School where he participated in district orchestra and the Greater Pocono Basketball Tournament. He enjoys jazz and pop music and plays the electric bass and drums. His favorite composer is Mozart and Thelonius Monk. In school, math is Thomas' favorite subject. He enjoys basketball and being with friends. His future plans include to continue playing in an orchestra and to play basketball.

Bridget Fitzgerald is currently a fifth grader at Bushkill Elementary School. This is her first year playing the violin in the PJSO. Her favorite

authors are C.S. Lewis and Judy Blume. The subject she most enjoys is reading and was student of the month in math. She is in ski club, art club, and gymnastics, and plans to become a vet.

Dorothy Gay is a fourth grader at Bangor Elementary. This is her second year playing the violin in PJSO. She also plays piano, guitar, and percussion. Her favorite composer is Mozart. Her favorite subjects are social studies, science, and gym. In her spare time, Dorothy enjoys riding horses and skiing.

Ashley Marie Gyarmaty attends Stroudsburg Junior High School and is in the seventh grade. This is her first year with PJSO and she plays the violin. She enjoys rock music. In school, her favorite subject is science. She is a member of the Stroudsburg Junior High Orchestra and chamber orchestra. Terri Farley and Lauren Brooke are two of her favorite authors and some of her favorite books include *Phantom Stallion* and *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books. Ashley's hobbies include horseback riding, drawing, and golfing. Her goals include advancing to PYO and to become a veterinarian.

Holly Holmes attends Stroudsburg Junior High School and is in the eighth grade. She has played the violin in the PJSO for the past three years. She is also involved in her school string orchestra and chamber orchestra. For the past eight years, Holly has been playing the piano and taking private lessons. She really enjoys Christian Pop music. Holly has received the Bring Up Grades Award and Student of the Marking Period Award. Her favorite subject is math. Holly loves to bake and hopes to one day attend a culinary school and become a chef.

Chandler Klein plays the viola in her second year with the PJSO. She is in the eighth grade at the Stroudsburg Junior High School. Chandler likes to read books by Rebecca Smith and Donnie Kung and enjoys listening to the Oldies. Her favorite composers are Bach and Tchaikovsky and her favorite subject is French. Chandler is on student council, is in the SJHS Orchestra, and is a peer mediator. She likes to ski and snowboard as well as read and cook. Chandler likes playing in the PJSO because she gets to spend time with friends.

Rebecca Kuc attends Pleasant Valley Intermediate School and is in the sixth grade. She has played violin for PJSO for three years. Rebecca enjoys country and classical music. Her favorite subject is math. This year she received third place at the junior festival for her violin solo performances. She is part of the Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association, as well as the United States Dressage Federation. Her hobbies include horseback riding and playing violin. She doesn't have an orchestra at school but enjoys playing music with other kids while gaining musical experience. She plans on teaching violin lessons and getting to international levels in dressage.

Emily Lantz is in the sixth grade at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her third year playing violin in PJSO. She also plays the flute and piano. Her favorite composers are Mozart and Bach. Her favorite subject in school is Language Arts and she also enjoys reading the *Harry Potter* Series. Emily has been Student of the Marking Period. Emily enjoys listening to music and reading and hopes to attend college one day.

Kaitlyn Lessard is a seventh grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her second year playing viola for PJSO. She enjoys hip-hop, pop, and hard rock music and her favorite subject in school is science. Kaitlyn was first chair in PMEA and won 2nd prize in a writing contest. Her favorite hobby is dancing and she also enjoys writing poems. She enjoys orchestra because she loves music. She plans on being a well-known bone surgeon in the future.

Pooja Mahadev is a seventh grader at the Stroudsburg Middle School. Her favorite subjects at school are math and science. In her spare time she likes to read the *Harry Potter* Series and play softball and tennis. She has been a finalist in the Bill Hay Tennis Tournament. This is her first year playing viola with the PJSO where she likes the challenge.

Kyle Mahaney is a seventh grade home schooled student belonging to Sussex County Christian Home Schoolers Association. His favorite subject to study is computers and he hopes to become a programmer one day. The books that he likes to read are *Harry Potter*, *Lord of the Rings*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Eragon*, *The Left Behind* series, and the *Cat Who* series. He listens to Christian music such as Jump-5, Michael W. Smith and Vars of Clay and prefers the classical composers Beethoven, Bach and A.L. Weber. He has a variety of interests such as gaming, flying, golfing, theatre and computers. He is a member of the FLL Robotics Club. This is his first year playing violin with the PJSO where he finds an outlet for his skills. He has been awarded the Gold Cup Violin and has performed in the Music Study Club Festival.

Cynthia Mathiesen plays the violin in her first year with the PJSO. She also plays the piano and sings. She is a sixth grade student at the Stroudsburg Middle School where her favorite subject is orchestra. She is also involved in chorus, 6th grade orchestra and the 7th grade chamber orchestra. While she listens to classical music, classic rock, and country music her favorite composers are Mozart, Bach, and Rossini. Her favorite author is Lemony Snicket and favorite books are *My Sister the Creep* and *Hellen Keller*. Her hobbies include playing the violin and piano and biking trails. Cynthia enjoys playing with the PJSO because "It's fun and I like harmony."

Alexandra Mikels is in eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. She is in her third year playing viola with PJSO. She also plays the piano and the guitar. Her music interests include oldies and country and her favorite composers include Bach and Tchaikovsky. She participates in the Junior High Show Choir, the school orchestra and student council and is a high honor roll student. Alexandra's favorite authors are Madeline L'Engle, Eoin Colfer, Charles Dickens. Her favorite books are *A Ring of Endless Light*, *Artemis Fowl*, *Harry Potter*, and *Skipping Christmas*. Her hobbies include horseback riding, tennis, skiing, and water skiing. She enjoys Social Studies in school. She is a People to People student leader. Alexandra enjoys orchestra because it is "enjoyable and more challenging than the school orchestra."

Lauren Noyes is in eighth grade and is a high honor roll student at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her second year playing violin for PJSO. In school, her favorite subjects are science and Spanish. Lauren enjoys bowling, soccer, and volleyball. Her favorite author is Dave Pelzer and her favorite books include *A Child Called It* and *Holes*. Lauren enjoys the orchestra because "I love the music, it is a way to get away from everything complicated in the day."

Karim Osman is a 7th grade student at Stroudsburg Middle school and plays violin in his first year with the PJSO. He enjoys technology class in school and participates in YMCA fencing and has earned a Future Lifeguard Award and an award for Superior Math Performance in school. His favorite type of music is rock and his favorite composer is Andrew Lloyd Webber. Karim enjoys reading the works of C. Paolini, K. A. Applegate, Alan Dean Foster, and Garth Nix and counts *Eragon*, *Ellimist Chronicles*, *Orphan Star*, and *Shade's Children* among his favorite books. He enjoys playing with the PJSO because "I enjoy the sound of the music."

Dayna Richter is an eighth grader at Dingman Delaware Middle School. This is her third year with the PJSO and plays the violin. She enjoys popular music and her favorite composer is Tchaikovsky. In school, her favorite subject is Social Studies, and she is a member of Odyssey of the Mind and the volleyball team. She has been on High Honor Roll and received the Presidential award. Dayna enjoys playing sports and reading. Her favorite authors are J.K. Rowling, Sarah Dessen, and Lois Duncan. Her favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series and *Where The Red Fern Grows*. She enjoys being a part of the orchestra "because it challenges my skills."

Iris Kristina Rosario is a 6th grade student at Stroudsburg Middle School in her first year playing viola with the PJSO. Her favorite subject is Language Arts and she has been honored as Student of the Marking Period. Her favorite book to read is Donna Jo Napoli's novel *Three Days*. She enjoys

hip-hop music and dancing. Iris enjoys playing in the orchestra because "Orchestra is really fun and I love to play the viola."

Nathan Roseti is a 6th grade home-schooled cellist in his first year with the PJSO. He also plays the piano. His favorite school subjects are math and reading. He enjoys reading books by J. R. R. Tolkien and Elizabeth George Spear with *The Hobbit*, *Roll of Thunder*, and *Hear My Cry* as his favorite books. Nathan likes to listen to Ennio Morricone played by Yo-Yo Ma and says that Mozart is his favorite composer. His hobbies include taking care of his dog and playing travel soccer. Nathan enjoys playing with the orchestra "because it is a fun time to be with other kids."

Joshua Ruebeck is a fifth grade student at Moravian Academy in his first year playing cello with the PJSO. His favorite school subject is math and he is a 24 Challenge bronze medalist and has won 1st place at the Northampton Chess Tournament. His favorite author is Brian Jacques and his favorite books are the *Redwall* series. Joshua enjoys listening to the Apollo 18 soundtrack. His hobbies include reading and Tae-Kwon-do. He likes playing with the PJSO because "it gives me a chance to play with other musicians."

Jonathan Shoup is a sixth grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is his second year playing violin with the PJSO. He also plays clarinet with the school band and plays piano and bass guitar. He enjoys classical music. Jonathan's favorite composers are Bach, Haydn, Beethoven, and Mozart. Outside activities including reading, strategizing, and learning and playing games. His favorite authors are J. R. R. Tolkien, Eoin Colfer, J. K. Rowling and the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy the *Harry Potter* books are his favorite series. Jonathan enjoys playing in the orchestra because it gives him a chance to play his violin.

Kaitlin Tackels is in seventh grade at Stroudsburg Middle School. She plays the cello and this is her second year with the orchestra. Math and reading are her favorite subjects in school. She also enjoys playing singing, painting, and dancing. Her favorite books are *The Thief Lord* *Eragon*, *Eldest*, and *Dragon Rider* and names C. Paolini and Cornelia Funke as her favorite authors. Kaitlin has been Student of the Marking Period, received the President's Education Award, and received the superior rating 2005 Cello in the National Federation Junior Festival. She enjoys playing with the PJSO because she "gets to learn more difficult music."

Maria Vecchio attends Stroudsburg Junior High School and is in the eighth grade. This is her third year with PJSO and her first with PYO; yes, she plays in both! Maria plays the viola, violin, piano and guitar. Her favorite type of music is rock. Her favorite classical music composers are Bach and Mozart. In school, she is a member of Small Group Chorus and has also

attended District 10 Orchestra and District Chorus. She is also a member of SJHS Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra, ski club and cross country team. Her favorite subject is science. Maria's hobbies include horseback riding, singing, water skiing, and snow skiing. She hopes one day to attend Cornell University or Penn State and study veterinary medicine. She like the PYO because "it's a challenge and I enjoy playing in a group."

Tara Vecchio attends Notre Dame Middle School and is in the eighth grade. This is her second year with PJSO. Tara plays the violin and she enjoys listening to classical music especially music by Vanessa Mae. Her favorite composers are Tchaikovsky and Beethoven. In school, her favorite subject is literature and enjoys being part of the school chorus. She has won awards for High honors, perfect attendance, highest Social Studies average. Her favorite books are *On the Street Where You Live*, *Assassin* and her favorite author is Mary Higgins Clark. As for hobbies, Tara enjoys singing, boating, reading, and playing her violin for church. She hopes one day to attend Cornell University and become a small animal veterinarian. Of her membership with the PJSO, Tara says, "I think it is fun to spend time with kids your own age that love music like you do."

Brianna Weaver is in the seventh grade at Stroudsburg Middle School where she has earned "Highest Grades in Language Arts" She loves Science and Math and is involved in the SMS Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra. She performs on the violin and has begun her second year with PJSO. She also plays piano. Her favorite composers are Mozart, Bach, Disney, Shania Twain, and Beethoven. She enjoys country music and light rock for enjoyment. Her favorite books are the *Nancy Drew* series and *Harry Potter* series, her favorite authors are Carolyn Keene and J.K. Rowling. Hobbies include dance, karate, piano and violin. She enjoys the PYO because "it's entertaining, fun, exciting, challenging." Besides, she wants to be a famous violinist in the future.

Brielle Wede is a home schooler in her sophomore year. Her favorite subject is chemistry. She belongs to 4-H, Calvary Baptist Church (Stroudsburg) Youth Group. Her favorite authors and books are Tim LaHaye, Jerry Jenkins and *The Left Behind* series, *The Bible*. She is a young musician who plays the violin in her first year with the PJSO. She also plays piano (for 10 years), singing in choir and special music at church. She has earned The Music Festival Gold Cup Award. Her favorite composers are J.S. Bach and Johann Pachelbel. Brielle also has an interest in reading, photography and sewing. Her future plans include going to college and pursuing a career in the medical field and further music studies. With the PJSO she loves the opportunity to play with other young musicians.

Jennifer Wierzba is a ninth grader at Blair Academy in Blairstown, New Jersey. Her best subjects at school are Science, History and her hobbies include writing stories and drawing. She is on a local swim team as well. Some of her favorite books are *Harry Potter*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and *Eragon*. She loves any good music with her favorite composers being Mozart, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky. This is her second year playing violin with PJSO. She really enjoys playing in the orchestra and believes the experience is awesome. Her future plans are to play the violin better and attend a great college.

Ellie Wilson attends Lehman Intermediate School and is in the eighth grade. Her favorite authors and books are Avi, Laura Dower, Caroline B. Cooney and *The A-List Series*, *Pop Princess*. She is been playing violin for two years with PJSO. Ellie enjoys all types of popular music. Some of her favorite musicians are Natasha Bedingfield, Jem, and Fefe Dobson. She enjoys music in school and is part of Crew, an audition chorus. Ellie is a member of National Junior Honor Society and attended a national Junior Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. when she was in 6th grade. Her hobbies include writing, making collages, and shopping. She hopes to become a magazine editor or a crime scene investigator. She likes the PYO because, "I enjoy orchestra because I like to apply my knowledge with violins to perform in concerts and I love the selection of music."

Evan Wilson is in seventh grade at Stroudsburg Middle School where he is a member of both Stroudsburg baseball and football teams. He has earned his spot on the Stroudsburg All Star baseball team-district. In school, his favorite subject is science and his favorite book is *The Lord of the Rings* with J.R.R. Tolkien being his favorite author. In his spare time his hobbies are video games, sport and cello. He enjoys all types of music but prefers rock music. This is his second year with the orchestra where he plays the cello. His favorite classical music composer is Bach. He really likes the PJSO "because I enjoy playing cello." In the future, Evan wants to go to Penn State and play on the Penn State football team.

...and in PYO

Jessica Agostini plays the flute and piccolo in PYO, in her sixth year. She also played violin in PJSO. She is a senior at Stroudsburg High School where she participates in band, orchestra, and pit orchestra. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is listed in Who's Who Among Americans. Jessica's favorite authors are Mitch Albom and James Patterson. Her favorite composer is Debussy. She enjoys the opportunity to play with other young musicians in PYO.

Augusta Anderson is a home schooled tenth grader who loves music, especially Irish rock and fiddle music. This is her second year playing violin with the PYO. She won fourth place in the New Jersey State Fair Fiddle Contest in 2003. She is interested in directing and filming but her main goal is musical performance. Her favorite classical composer is Vivaldi, and in her spare time she enjoys books by J.K. Rowling and Douglas Adams. She likes to play music with friends and spin poi. Augusta enjoys playing different types of music in the orchestra.

Katie Bank is an eleventh grader at East Stroudsburg High School South. This is her first year playing percussion in the PYO. She is a high honors student and is active in Marching Band, dance, student government, concert band and chorus. Her favorite author is Edgar Allan Poe and her favorite composers are Danny Elfman and David Lantz III. She hopes to perform professionally as a dancer and to teach dance.

Emma Benintende attends Stroudsburg High School where she is a junior. This is her fourth year in PYO as a violinist, after three years in the PJSO. A high honor roll student, she is a member of the tennis team, chamber orchestra, Greenhouse Club, Key Club, National Honor Society, Scholastic Scrimmage and Science Olympiad. Her favorite composers are Vivaldi and Dvorak and she enjoys playing new and interesting music. Her favorite authors include Dan Brown, Aldous Huxley, Jonathan Safran Foer, and John Steinbeck. Emma plans to major in biological anthropology in college.

David Bishop is a tenth grade student in the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School. He has played the violin for three years in PYO and 5 years in PJSO. He likes all music, but his favorite composers are Rimsky-Korsakov and Leonard Bernstein. His other instruments include guitar, piano, bass and the kazoo. David likes English and literature; his favorite authors are Orson Scott Card and Douglas Adams. He also participates in Royal Rangers. David's hobby is composing.

Kevin Bolan is a ninth grader at Pocono Mountain East High School. He is a member of the school Jazz Band and Concert Band and he plays the electric bass. This is his first year with PYO following a year with the PJSO. He plays the double bass as well as electric bass. In school, Kevin's favorite subject is math. When he has free time, he enjoys playing video games and listening to music. Kevin hopes to form a band and play electric bass.

Michele Buzzelli is a junior at Stroudsburg High School where, in addition to the flute and piccolo, she sings in the Show Choir and Chorale. Her favorite composers are Brahms and Debussy, and her favorite music includes Rock, R & B, Jazz and Classical. An honor student, she is in the top 10% of her class. Her favorite authors are Alice Hoffman and Dan Brown.

Her hobbies include singing, reading, listening to music and musical theatre. Michele enjoys the opportunity to play music with talented musicians, and she hopes to travel to Europe and possibly major in music education or vocal performance in college.

Ariana Calafiore has been playing the violin in PYO for three years, following three years in PJSO. A senior at Stroudsburg High School, her favorite subjects are English and psychology. She loves reading, writing and running. Ariana's favorite authors include Elizabeth Alder and Lisa Jackson. Her favorite composers include Vivaldi and Bach. She plans to start college at Northampton Community College and then transfer to major in psychology with a minor in criminology.

Lauryn Calafiore attends Stroudsburg Junior High School where she is in the ninth grade. This is her second year playing the cello for PYO after two years in the PJSO. She also plays the piano and won a Gold Cup. Her favorite composers are Vivaldi and Stravinsky. Lauryn is on the Honor Roll and plays on the Volleyball Team. Her favorite subject is art. Lauryn wants to be an interior architect.

Kim Cocuzza is a tenth grade student at Stroudsburg High School. This is her third year playing the violin in PYO after three years in the PJSO. She loves all kinds of music, and her favorite composer is Dvorak. In her spare time, she likes eating, singing and dancing in the mirror. Her favorite subject is psychology, and her career ambition is to become a psychologist. Kim likes PYO because "it allows me to express myself through my playing."

Brittney Crisera is in her first year with the PYO with the violin. Besides the violin, she enjoys playing the flute and loves playing music by Stravinsky and Handel. She is currently a senior at WPCS where her favorite subject is biology. Besides the violin and flute, she takes pleasure in doing yoga, snowboarding, and video games. In the future, she hopes to get a degree in horticulture.

Kate Daniels is in her second year with PYO where she plays the French horn. Her other instruments are piano, trumpet, mellophone and ukulele. She is in tenth grade at Stroudsburg High School where she is active in the marching band and pit orchestra. Her favorite composers are Copland, Williams and Beethoven, and she likes classic rock and rap music. Kate's hobbies are drawing, painting, writing, and soccer. In the future, she hopes to get a music performance and fine arts major.

Kathleen Doherty is a ninth grade student at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School. This is her second year playing the flute in PYO. Her favorite subject is Latin, and she loves reading murder mysteries. She enjoys orchestra because "it's a nice change from band." Her hobbies are music, theatre, and

reading. Kathleen plays the piano and likes Bach and Chopin. She hopes to someday be rich and famous.

This is **Kevin Donovan's** first year playing in the PYO with the french horn following three years in PJSO playing viola. As well from this instrument, he also plays the mellophone. He enjoys listening to disco, rock, and classical music and likes playing music by Robert W. Smith and John Williams. He is a two time National Science Olympiad medalist and a four time Penn-Del League East District qualifier in swimming. He enjoys marching band, swim team, Science Olympiad, and Scouts. He hopes to go to college for Earth Science Education.

Lizzy Donovan plays the cello in PYO, but this multi-instrumental senior at Stroudsburg High School performs in the orchestra and on trumpet in the school marching and concert bands and plays the violin, guitar and piano. She is a member of District 10 Orchestra 2004, 2005, and 2006 and qualified for Region 4/5 Orchestra in 2005 and 2006. She has received superior ratings six consecutive years in the NFMC Festival. Her favorite composer is John Williams and she loves all kinds of rock music. In addition to music, Lizzy is a high honor roll student and has earned varsity letters for swim team and marching band. She plans to attend Indiana University or Penn State to major in music education.

Kevin Dwyer is a ninth grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is his second year playing the cello in PYO; he performed in PJSO for two years. He is a high honor roll student and performs with the school show choir. He enjoys classical music and reading books by Matt Reilly and Tom Clancy. He is a member of the Boy Scouts, and his hobbies include running, playing his cello and acting. Kevin has acted on stage locally in productions by Pocono Lively Arts and Pennsylvania Rep. He aspires to a professional stage actor or disc jockey.

This is **Krysta Fogel's** first year in the PYO with the cello. She is currently in ninth grade at Pen Argyl Area High School where she is on the honor roll. She is active in the PAHS Orchestra, the String Octet, concert and jazz band, and softball. She hopes to attend college in the future.

Michael Gold is a senior at Pocono Mountain West where his favorite subject is science. He has been in PJSO/PYO for eight years where he plays the violin and trumpet. In addition, he plays the timpani. He is active in marching and jazz bands, and Boy Scouts. Michael is an honor roll student is a first place Atlantic Coast Champion and an Eagle Scout. He hopes to attend college.

Breanna Goldner is in the eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year playing in the PYO following two years in the

PJSO playing the cello. Besides this instrument, she also plays piano. She is a member of Student Council, chamber orchestra, is a Student Ambassador, a Peer Mediator, and is an AFG representative for the eighth grade. She is currently on the high honor roll and received 2 superior ratings at NFMC. Her hobbies are field hockey, snowboarding, Science Olympiad, and reading. One day she hopes to be a physical therapist or something in the medical profession.

Jordan Greenwood is a ninth grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her second year playing the viola in PYO after two years in PJSO. She is a high honor roll student and a member of the yearbook staff and the art club. Her favorite subject is German, and she likes a variety of music. Her favorite composers are Danny Elfman and John Williams. In the future, she hopes to become a biologist or chemist.

Shelby Greenwood plays the cello in her second year with PYO after two years in PJSO. She is a ninth grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High School where she is on the high honor roll. Her favorite composers include Handel and Danny Elfman, and she enjoys listening to the music of The Clash and John Mayer. Shelby hopes to become a travel-book author or write for a music entertainment magazine.

Alexander Griffin plays the trumpet in his fourth year with PYO. He is a senior at Bangor Area High School where his favorite subject is math. A National Honor Society member and a Boy Scout, he also enjoys soccer, baseball, snowboarding and working at TK's Bar and Grill. Emotional Rock is his favorite music and he likes playing the music of J.S. Bach. He plans to attend college for business and become the governor of Alaska.

Antonia Harris is in the ninth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. She plays violin and this is her first year with PYO following three years with PJSO. Her favorite composers are Bach, Mozart, and Vivaldi. She enjoys all kinds of music except for country. She enjoys reading and J.K. Rowling and Lemony Snicket are her favorite authors. She enjoys the *Harry Potter* books as well as the *Series of Unfortunate Events*. Antonia has many hobbies which include swimming, horseback riding, fishing, biking, volleyball, kickball, playing board games, art, singing, writing, and going on the computer. Her future plans include being a model, musician, hairdresser, or accountant. She is also interested in fashion design and interior decorating.

Sienna Mae Heath is in eleventh grade at Pen Argyl High School where, in addition to the cello, she plays French horn and mellophone in the orchestra and concert and marching bands. This is her second year in PYO after two years in PJSO. She enjoys meeting people with similar interests and playing challenging music. She likes composing and learning to sing

new music with the school chorus, chamber singers and Rockapella. She is a high honor roll student, received the outstanding musical freshman award, and was selected to participate in the PMEA Songfest. Sienna is active on her school newspaper, literary magazine and Student Forum. She wants to become a writer and/or elementary music teacher.

Jessica Huynh plays the violin in her second season with PYO. She played for two years in PJSO. Jessica is an eleventh grade high honor roll student at Stroudsburg High School where she is a member of the orchestra and chamber orchestra. She also plays the piano and admires composers Vivaldi and Bach. In school she also participates in FBLA, Mock Trial, French Club, Model Congress, Scholastic Scrimmage and Science Olympiad where she has won several medals including a third place national medal. Jessica enjoys orchestra because “music is something that can make all the bad things in the world go away.” She plans to attend college and discover a career path.

Erica Jack has been playing violin in PYO four years after being a member of PJSO for three years. She is in eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School where she is also a member of orchestra, chorus, show choir and band where she plays drums. Erica is also a fine pianist and has earned a Gold Cup in the NFMC Festival. Her favorite composers are Bach and Chopin, but she also enjoys listening to classic rock music. She likes the challenge of playing in PYO and hopes to be a music teacher.

Christopher Jose is a junior at Stroudsburg High School and is in his third year with the PYO playing the violin. He had been a member of the PJSO for two years. His favorite subject in school is language arts. Christopher enjoys the works of Mozart and Bach and his favorite music is classic rock. Christopher likes to read books by Stephen King and Ernest Hemingway and his favorite books are *King's Dark Tower* series. In addition to PYO, Christopher attended PMEA district orchestra and will attend region orchestra this year. He also enjoys playing tennis and video games. Christopher likes performing in orchestra because it takes his mind off of school. He is unsure what he plans to do in the future.

Katherine Kane plays oboe in the PYO. This is her sixth year in the orchestra and she is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School. In addition to the oboe, Katie plays the piano and the alto saxophone. Her favorite subjects in school are history and English and her favorite composers are Rimsky Korsakov and Dvorak. When reading, Katie likes the works of Stephen Brust and Tom Clancy; her favorite books include *Freedom and Necessity* by Stephen Brust, the *Vlad Taltos* series by Stephen Brust, and the *Harry Potter* series. Katie is involved in her church choir, PVHS marching band, concert band, jazz band, varsity chorale, and PLA pit orchestra. She

has been in both the District 10 Band and Orchestra, received six consecutive superiors in piano at NFMC Festival, received the PVHS instrumental music award for three years in a row, and is the president of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. She enjoys reading and watching old movies and says that orchestra gives her an opportunity to play with talented musicians in a setting that is different from school. In the future, Katie plans to attend college, majoring in music and religious studies.

Ulrich Kelly plays the violin in his first year with PYO. He is a tenth grade student at Stroudsburg High School. He is active in his school's Marching Band and Chamber Orchestra. He also enjoys playing in the pit orchestra

Lindsay Kemmlein plays the flute and the piccolo in her second year with the PYO. She is a junior at Stroudsburg High School where her favorite subjects are chemistry and German. Lindsay enjoys listening to classic rock and she enjoys running, reading, and listening to music. In addition to orchestra, Lindsay is involved in marching band, Science Olympiad, National Honor Society, Scholastic Scrimmage, and is in the top 10% of her class. Lindsay has participated in District 10 Band and the Susquehanna Honors Band. She enjoys playing in the orchestra because it gives her something to do on Mondays. In the future, Lindsay wants to be a forensic chemist and travel to Germany.

Elizabeth Korp is in the ninth grade at Easton Area High School. This is her first year playing violin with PYO after playing for four years in the PJSO. She also plays the clarinet and bass clarinet. She enjoys rock music and her hobbies include art, dancing and musical theater. Elizabeth is in the EAHS marching band and likes PYO because it is challenging. Elizabeth hopes to major in music some day.

Davey Lantz plays violin and is in his third year with the PYO. He was previously a member of the junior strings for three years. He is a 9th grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School and also plays the guitar, alto sax, and piano. His favorite subjects are math, science, and music. He is involved in the SJHS jazz band and Cota Cats and. He previously won First Place in the National Composers Contest. He enjoys orchestra because it allows him to play with other musicians. Davey would like to be a professional musician in the future.

Grace Loudon is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. She plays the viola and is in her third year with the PYO. In addition to the viola, she plays the piano and the violin. Her favorite composer is Chopin. Grace is involved in Model Congress, chamber orchestra, and the school orchestra. She is also a high honor roll student and has earned the Youth in Music

Excellence Award. Grace plans on attending college and medical school after graduation.

Samantha Lyon is a home schooled junior and has played violin in the PYO for four years. A former member of the junior strings for five years, Sam also plays the viola, cello, piano, recorder, and guitar. Her favorite subjects are math and bowling. Sam likes all types of music, but her favorite composer is Dvorak. Her favorite author is Michael Crichton and her favorite books are *Meg* and *Dune*. Sam also plays with the Mannes Philharmonic and the Stone Soup Symphony and has received her 5th Gold Cup with NFMF Festival. She enjoys playing her instruments, writing music, and hanging out with her friends. Sam says she enjoys orchestra because she gets to play different types of music. Her future ambitions include playing at Carnegie Hall and always being able to perform for people no matter who, when, or where.

Ronan Mariano is a senior at East Stroudsburg High South where he belongs to the Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble and District Choir. His favorite subject in school is chorus and his hobby is performing in a rock and roll band called "The Ronins." Besides rock and roll, he loves film music and enjoys the music of Bach, Chopin, Hans Zimmer, and David Lantz III . This is his first and final year with the PYO where he performs on the violin. His other musical talents are piano and voice. He hopes to attend college as a music theory major or film composer.

Katie McMahon plays the cello in her second year in the PYO. Katie is a Junior at Pleasant Valley High School and her favorite subject is Varsity Chorale. Her favorite composer is Stephen Schwartz. Katie enjoys all kinds of music, but she truly enjoys Broadway musicals like *Wicked*, *Aida*, *Rent*, and *42nd Street*. Her favorite author Gregory Maguire and she enjoys reading romance novels as well as *Wicked*. Katie is involved in orchestra, show choir, vocal lessons and drama clubs and her hobbies include singing, dancing, playing the cello, and going to see Broadway shows with her mother and aunts. She likes orchestra "because I can come here and just play, wrong notes and all." She hopes to attend NYU's Tisch School of the Arts to major in musical theater and would like to become a Broadway actress.

Nick Migliacci attends Stroudsburg High School. He is a tenth grade honor student. This is his first year with PYO and he plays the violin. He also has played piano for nine years. His favorite music is rock and rap. Rachmaninoff and Chopin are his favorite composers. Nick's favorite author is Dan Brown and his favorite books are *The Davinci Code* and *Angels and Demons*. In his spare time, Nick likes to play baseball and listen to music. In school, his favorite subject is chemistry. He enjoys playing in the orchestra because "it's challenging."

Ben Potter is a 9th grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High School and is in his second year with the PYO as a bassist. Ben's favorite subject in school is math and his favorite composers are Stravinsky and Victor Wooten. He likes listening to progressive rock music. Ben's favorite authors are J. R. R. Tolkien, Arthur C. Clarke and his favorite book is *Childhood's End*. He is involved in jazz band, marching band and Science Olympiad where he received a second place national medal. His hobbies include reading, listening to music and hanging out in his neighborhood. Ben enjoys playing the bass and says that being in orchestra allows him to play his bass which he loves.

Nick Potts plays the violin in his fifth year in the PYO and is a senior at Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School. He was a member of the junior strings for three years. In addition to the violin, Nick plays the guitar. His favorite subject is math and he enjoys music by Queen, Lake and Jimmy Eat World. His favorite author is Dr. Seuss and his favorite books are *Green Eggs and Ham* and *Go Dog Go*. Nick is an Eagle Scout and also a member of the YMCA swim team. He enjoys rock climbing, basketball, swimming, and hopes to get his pilot's license next semester. He says that he enjoys orchestra because it is fun and plans on attending college at BYU next year.

Tyler Potts is a 9th grade student with the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School and plays the violin in his second year with the PYO. He was a member of the junior strings for five years. In addition to the violin, he plays the piano and says that biology is his favorite subject. Tyler enjoys rock music. His favorite author is J.R.R. Tolkien and enjoys reading the *Harry Potter* series of books. He is involved in the Boy Scouts of America from which he received the Life Scout award and his hobby is archery. Tyler enjoys playing in the orchestra because "It sounds cool." He would like to be a heart surgeon in the future.

Nina Ramirez is a ninth grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year playing violin with the PYO. Her favorite school subjects are math and science and she is a member of the color guard. *A Child Called It* by Dave Pelzer is her favorite book. She also enjoys listening to rock music. Nina hopes to attend college and medical school after graduation.

Bridgette Saba is a sophomore at Pleasant Valley High School and is in her first year with PYO playing flute. Her favorite subject is Biology and is a member of the school's Tri M Music Honor Society, PV marching band, PV concert band. In her free time she studies ballet and likes to exercise and relax. Bridgette's favorite books are *The Outsiders*, and *The Secret of Ruby King*. While listening to a variety of musical styles, she says that Bach and Vivaldi are her favorite composers. She enjoys playing with the orchestra because it is different and she finds it a challenge.

Mary Saras plays the cello in her third year with the PYO, following two years in PJSO, and is a home schooled senior whose favorite subjects are anatomy and Greek. She also sings and plays the flute and recorder. Her favorite composers are Vivaldi, Mozart, and Bach. Mary enjoys listening to classical and Hawaiian music. Her favorite authors include J.R.R. Tolkien, Willa Cather, and Jane Austen and her favorite books are *The Lord of the Rings* series, *Jeeves Omnibus*, and . Mary is a member of the Stone Soup Symphony Orchestra and has received a Gold Cup from NFMC Festival for the cello. She enjoys reading, cooking, and building houses. She says that orchestra gives her a chance to play music with other kids. She would eventually like to become a culinary artist by attending the Culinary Institute of America.

Matt Steffens is a high honor roll sophomore at Stroudsburg High School and is playing the cello for the third year with the PYO, following two years in the PJSO. His favorite subject is English. Matt is involved in Model Congress, chamber orchestra, photography workshops and Science Olympiad at school. His favorite composers are Dvorak and Vivaldi. He appreciates the works of George Orwell and his favorite books are *1984*, *White Noise*, and *Lord of the Flies*. Matt enjoys playing in the orchestra because "It keeps me busy and provide me with something positive to do every Monday night."

Mindy Talpas is a junior at East Stroudsburg High School South where English is her favorite subject. She has earned the following awards: National Honor Society, Who's Who Among High School students. She is active in the marching band, Choraliars, woodwind quartet, jazz ensemble, and Church Choir activities. Her favorite author is William Golding and her favorite book is *Beowulf*. She is playing the clarinet in her third year with the PYO. In addition to the clarinet, Mindy also plays the piano. She enjoys classical music and her favorite composers are Debussy, Bach, Stravinsky. She keeps active snowboarding and enjoys orchestra because of her love for classical music. Mindy plans to attend college with a major in music education.

Ella Vidal is currently in the ninth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. She was a member of the PJSO for two years playing violin and now is performing her first year with the PYO. Ella studies piano with local jazz extraordinaire, Jesse Green. Her favorite genre of music is alternative especially the bands *Early November*, *Brand New* and *TBS*. She enjoys classical music composers Bach and Vivaldi. Ella's favorite subject in school is art. Her awards are Honor Roll and "Hardest Worker" at Field Hockey Camp at ESU. She is an active member of the JV Field Hockey, snowboarding club, and the SJHS Orchestra. Her hobbies include playing

the piano, swimming, soccer, field hockey, going on the computer and eating! Her favorite book is, "Ella Takes the Cake." She likes being a member of the PYO because "they give out cookies and I get to meet other young musicians." She hopes to become a surfer and a psychologist someday.

Emily Wallen plays the viola for the third year with the PYO, following two years in the PJSO. She is in eleventh grade at Stroudsburg High School where she has earned the following awards: Who's Who Among American High School Student, two year District Chorus qualifier, three time National competitor Science Olympiad finalist. Her favorite subjects are English and pre-calculus and her favorite book is *The Phantom Toll Booth*. She remains currently involved with school musicals, ESU Chamber Orchestra, Greenhouse Club, Science Olympiad and Scholastic Scrimmage. With all of this activity she still has maintained her High Honor Roll status for the past three years! Her hobbies include performing in musicals and grooming her cat. In addition to the viola, Emily plays the piano and is a vocal performer. Emily's favorite composers are John Williams, Brandenburg and she enjoys listening to Broadway show tunes. She likes PYO because it "gives me the opportunity to play with other local musicians and improve my abilities by learning from my peers." Emily would like to be a cat groomer.

Evan Wichman attends East Stroudsburg High School South and is in the tenth grade. This is Evan's first year playing with PYO. He enjoys listening to classical music and jazz. Some of his favorite composers are Danny Elfman, Mark Hayes, Russel Robinson, David Lantz III. As for reading, he liked *I Am The Cheese* and one of his favorite authors is Shakespeare. Band is one of his favorite subjects and he finds time to be a part of Choraliers, marching band, and the jazz band among other activities like bowling. His long-term goal is to go to college to get a master in performance of music education. He enjoys the PYO because, "music is my life, it makes me happy." In the future, Evan wants to go to college.

Jamie Yang is currently in eleventh grade at East Stroudsburg High School South. He is listed in the Who's Who Among High School Students, and has placed #1 rated MVC chess. He favorite subject is calculus. He is also active in the cross country, track & field, and chess teams, Science Olympiad, and Model UN. His favorite book is *Beowulf*, and his favorite author is William Golding. During his spare time he enjoys skiing and playing chess. This is Jamie's first year with the orchestra performing on the clarinet. He prefers classical music with his favorite composers Chopin and Beethoven. He likes being a member of the PYO because, "it's a different experience and kind of playing."

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