

POCONO
YOUTH
ORCHESTRA

Winter Concerts

Saturday, January 20, 2007

Sunday, January 21, 2007

2006-2007 SEASON

Christmas Tree Lighting at Stroudsmoor, December 3, 2006
String-Along at Pocono Lutheran Village, December 12, 2006

Winter Concerts, January 20 & 21, 2007

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,
February 25, 2007

School Tour Concerts, May, 2007

Spring Concerts, June 2 & June 3, 2007

2007-2008 Season Auditions, June 4, 2007

AUDITIONS NOTICE

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 4, 2007, at Stroudsburg Area Junior High School. Openings are anticipated in the PYO for high school musicians playing violin, viola, cello, string bass, oboe, 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.

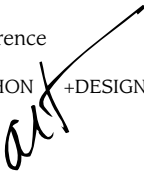
Auditions, which last about ten minutes, will be scheduled by appointment. Students will be asked to perform a prepared solo piece of their choice, and to sight read appropriate music for their instrument.

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," 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 20, 2007

7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2007

3:00 P.M.

CECILIA S. COHEN RECITAL HALL
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THE DIRECTORS

Anthony Simons, music director, maintains a career as an orchestral performer, chamber music musician, solo recitalist and music educator. Mr. Simons has been a member of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, the Pocono Pops Orchestra and the Chaminade Wind Quintet. In addition, he has served as the principal clarinetist of the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra and the Haff Chamber Music Series, and has performed with the Alexandria (VA) Symphony, Annapolis (MD) Symphony Orchestra, the Champaign-Urbana (IL) Symphony, Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra, Allentown Symphony, and Pottstown Symphony, as well as numerous theatre and opera orchestras. He received the Artist Diploma in clarinet from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, the Master of Music degree in clarinet performance and literature from the University of Illinois, and a music education degree from West Chester University. Mr. Simons is presently on the music faculty at Muhlenberg College, 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 and the Chestnut Hill Chamber Players. She received the Bachelor of Music degree in cello performance from Susquehanna University. She was subsequently awarded a teaching assistantship at the Temple University Esther Boyer College of Music, where she received the Master of Music degree in music history with summa cum laude honors. In 1996, while teaching music history at Montgomery County Community College, she received the Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. In 2002, she was selected for inclusion in the 23rd Edition of Who's Who of American Women. Currently, Mrs. Simons is a cello instructor on the music faculty and teaches a Cello Techniques class for music education majors at Moravian College.

PROGRAM

Pocono Junior String Orchestra

Classical Symphony
Finale

Serge Prokofiev
arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle

Autumn from the *Four Seasons*
III. Allegro

Antonio Vivaldi
arr. Richard Meyer

All the Pretty Little Horses

American Folk Song
arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle

The Legend of Duffy's Cut

Bob Phillips

Vir-cello Reality

David O'Fallon

INTERMISSION

Pocono Youth Orchestra

Consecration of the House Overture

Ludwig van Beethoven

Three Dances from The Bartered Bride

Bedrich Smetana

I. Polka

II. Furiant

III. Dance of the Comedians

Suite for Strings

John Rutter

III. O Waly Waly

IV. Dashing Away

PYO Strings

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

William Finn
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Pines of Rome

Finale

Ottorino Respighi
arr. Stephen Bulla

POCONO JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA

Violin

Chris Ballentine
Crystal Cho
Amy Chryst
Enya Cunningham
Kelsey Day
Elizabeth Deemer
Bridget Fitzgerald
Emily Geiger
Natalie Gilbert
William Gold
Rebecca Kuc
Emily Lantz
Kyle Mahaney
Anna Maroney

Cindy Mathiesen
Karim Osman
Abigail Porter
Brandon Ramos
Rosie Sobrinski
Brianna Weaver

Viola

Kaitlin Lessard
Pooja Mahadev
Iris Rosario
Danielle Wyckoff

Cello

Joseph Chacra
Kaitlin Tackels
Nathan Roseti

Aidan Crank
Evan Wilson
Kristen Weaver

Bass

John Charlton
Nicole Weaver

Percussion

Lynda Chryst

*seating rotates

POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Violin

Augusta Anderson
Emma Benintende+
David Bishop
Aislinn Crank
Ashley Byarmaty
Antonia Harris
Holly Holmes
Erica Jack
Elizabeth Korp
David Lantz
Nicholas Migliacci
Lauren Noyes
Emiko Okamoto
Anthony Pilla
Tyler Potts
Alex Prufer
Nina Ramirez
Jelena Stevanovic
Ella Vidal
Brielle Wede

Viola

Grace Loudon
Jordan Greenwood
Maria Vecchio
Emily Wallen+
Alex Mikels
Chandler Klein

Cello

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

Bass

Ben Potter
Kalil Johnson
Kevin Bolan
Thomas Fabian

Flute

Lindsay Kemmlein+
Kathleen Doherty
Bridgette Saba

Clarinet

Lucas Watson
Julia Porte
Molly Maroney

Horn

Katie Daniels
Kevin Donovan

Trumpet

Samuel Cassese

Trombone

Eleanor Graham

Percussion

Matt Altemose
Weston Anderson
Shilp Dalal
Ben Parham

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About Our Students

In PJSO

Christopher Ballentine is an eighth grader at Shawnee Intermediate School. This is his second year playing violin for the PJSO. He has been playing trumpet for two and a half years. His favorite composers are Peter Shaw and Bach. He likes to listen to 50s music. In school his favorite subject is history. Out of school he enjoys playing instruments, listening to music, playing with his cats and hanging out with friends. His favorite authors are George Orwell, Daniel Keyes and Agatha Christie. Favorite books include *1984*, *Flowers for Algernon* and *Murder on the Orient Express*. Chris is also involved in Odyssey of the Mind, Boy Scouts of America, Jazz Band, National Honor Society, Yearbook club, soccer and private trumpet and violin lessons. His accomplishments include Principal violinist for PMEA and regional and state championships for Odyssey of the Mind. He likes being in PJSO because "I get to play an instrument and see friends; it is fun to be challenged while playing my violin." His ambitions are to be a seventh-grade learning support social studies teacher and to see famous places in the United States.

Joseph Chacra is a home-schooled seventh grader who loves science and math. He's been playing the cello for the PJSO for 2 years and also plays the piano. His favorite composer is J.S. Bach and he listens to every kind of music except rap. Joe's favorite books include *The Hardy Boys*, *Redwall* and *Silverwing*. He is a boy scout and a member of his church's youth group. His hobbies include knots, video games, cello and comic books. Joe enjoys the socializing at the PJSO and he likes "the outcome of the performances." He plans on getting great at video games and becoming an aerospace engineer.

John Charlton is a sixth grade honor roll student at Easton Area Middle School. He plays double bass and has been a PJSO member for two years. He is also a member of the Boy Scouts and his school's Environmental Science club and Tech Crew. John plays bass guitar and likes rock, jazz, bluegrass and funk music. His favorite subject is science and he enjoys dinosaur collecting. John enjoys being part of the orchestra because it puts his musical talent to use and he likes the fun and challenge of it. His goal is to attain the rank of Eagle Scout and would like a career in paleontology.

Crystal Cho plays the violin in her 3 years in the PJSO. She is in the sixth grade at Lehman Intermediate School. Her favorite subject is Math. Eoin Colfer and J.K. Rowling are Crystal's favorite authors while *Artemis Fowl* and *Charlie Bone* are her favorite books. In her spare time Crystal enjoys going outside and reading. When asked: Why do you enjoy orchestra? "I enjoy orchestra because I get to play with other musicians." She wants to work with technology in the future.

Amy Chryst plays the violin in her second year in the PJSO. She is currently homeschooled and in the sixth grade. Her favorite subjects are music and art. Vivaldi and Bach are Amy's favorite composers. She enjoys listening to

classical and Christian music. Brian Jacques is her favorite author and she reads adventure-mystery books. Amy participates in the YMCA Swim Team. In her spare time she likes arts and crafts, beading and acting. When asked: Why do you enjoy orchestra? I "enjoy the chance to play music with other kids my age." Future plans include continuing to play the violin and participating in the PYO.

Lynda L. Chryst plays the piano and drums in her second year in the PJSO. She is homeschooled and in the eighth grade. Lynda also plays the bells. Her favorite subjects are Music and Literature. Chopin, Beethoven and Labenski are Lynda's favorite composers. She enjoys listening to Classical and Jazz music. Brian Jacques and Janette Oke are her favorite authors. *The Redwall* series are her favorite books. Lynda has participated in a Music Festival and received an award in a Music Contest. In her spare time she enjoys writing. When asked: Why do you enjoy orchestra? "I really enjoy playing the instruments." Future plans include playing the piano and writing.

Aidan Crank is a seventh grader at the Stroudsburg Middle School and is in his fourth year in the PJSO. He plays piano and trumpet in addition to cello and lists Bach and Tchaikovsky as his favorite composers. His favorite authors are Eoin Colfer, Bill Bryson, Tolkein and Douglas Adams and his favorite books are *Artemis Fowl*, *Walk in the Woods* and *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*. He is a member of the Jazz Band, the chorus and the Show Choir and has won a gold cup for his cello performances in the NFMC's Junior Music Festival. Among his many hobbies are robotics, rocketry, reading, music, kayaking, puzzles, soccer and climbing trees. Aidan wants to become an astronaut.

Enya Cunningham is an eighth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. Her favorite subject is math. She loves listening to the Beatles and her favorite composer is J.S. Bach. This is her second year with the PJSO which she enjoys because "It's exciting, challenging, fun and always interesting." She is also a member of the Jr. High 8th Grade Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra, plays field hockey and soccer and is on the High Honor Roll. She loves to travel and read. Her favorite authors include Scott Westerfeld and Stephanie Meyer. Enya plans to travel around the world and attend Trinity College in Dublin.

Kelsey Day is a seventh grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her second year playing violin in the PJSO. She also plays cello and piano, and is in the Stroudsburg Middle School chamber orchestra where she plays the cello. In school her favorite subject is math. Out of school she enjoys playing her instruments and hanging out with friends. Kelsey likes to read *The Clique* books and horror books; her favorite author is Stephen King. Her ambitions are to continue playing her instruments and maybe play for a professional orchestra some day. Kelsey says that she enjoys being in the PJSO because "it gives me a challenge and I enjoy playing most of the music they pick."

Elizabeth Deemer is a sixth grade student at Easton Area Middle School. She is in her second year in the PJSO and she enjoys playing her violin. Elizabeth enjoys classical music and considers John Williams her favorite composer. Her favorite subject is Language Arts and she enjoys the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling. Elizabeth looks to have a career as a teacher.

Bridget Fitzgerald is a sixth grader at Pleasant Valley Intermediate School where she is a distinguished honor roll student. This is her second year in the PJSO. Her favorite composer is Bach and she likes all kinds of music except country music. Her favorite subject is English and her favorite books are *Maniac Magee* and *Tale of Desperaux*. Bridget likes reading, skiing and acrylic painting. She enjoys being in the PJSO because she loves the violin and there are so many things to do during the year besides the winter and spring concerts. She is planning to go to college.

Emily Geiger is in the fourth grade at Stroudsburg Intermediate Elementary School. Emily plays violin and piano and has been with the PJSO for one year. Her favorite subjects are math and science. Although Vivaldi is her favorite composer she also enjoys listening to pop/rock. She enjoys reading books by Shel Silverstein and her favorite book is *Perfectly Perfect*. Emily is involved with the SPCA, has received awards in soccer and for attendance. She collects penguins. She likes the PJSO because, "the music is fun to play and there are nice people who play with her." In the future, Emily wants to help animals and the environment.

Natalie Gilbert is in the sixth grade at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her first year with the PJSO. Along with the violin, Natalie also plays the piano and bells. She's a member of the Pocono Lively Arts, S.M.S. 6th Grade Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Chorus, Girls on Track and the Christ Hamilton Church Youth Choir and Junior Hand Bell Choir. She enjoys Language Arts and likes to listen to jazz and rock. Her favorite book is *Eragon*. When Natalie's not playing music, she likes to paint and draw. She plans to be an author in the future.

William Gold plays violin in his first year in the PJSO. He is in the sixth grade at Clear Run Intermediate School. William also plays the guitar and trumpet. His favorite subject is Social Studies. William enjoys listening to theme music and his favorite composer is John Williams. Jude Weston is his favorite author while *The Last of the Jedi* is his favorite book. William also participates in the Boy Scouts of America. He has received an award in the Geography Bee and Attendance. William enjoys collecting precious rocks and Poke'mon and Yugio cards. When asked: Why do you enjoy orchestra? "I enjoy orchestra because it is tough but fun."

Rebecca Kuc is a seventh grader at Pleasant Valley Intermediate School where she is a member of the Ecology Club. This is her fourth year playing violin with PJSO. Her favorite music is Country and her favorite subject is math. She competed at the 2005 Marywood Math Competition. Her favorite author is Lauren Brook and her favorite books are the *Chestnut Hill* series.

In addition to playing violin, Becky enjoys horseback riding. She belongs to many equestrian organizations such as ESDCTA, USDF, USEF and AQHYA. Becky has earned her Bronze Medal for riding through ESDCTA. She has received trophies from the NFMC Junior Music Festival in violin solo, violin duet and music theory and has played her violin for the PVI school play. Becky enjoys orchestra because it's fun and a good experience. It allows you to play with more people, meet new people and it's challenging.

Emily Lantz attends Stroudsburg Middle School where she is in the seventh grade. She has been playing violin with the PJSO for four years. She also plays flute in the SMS 7th grade Band. Her favorite subject is language arts and she enjoys listening to the Beatles and reading J.K. Rowling. *The Harry Potter* series and *To Kill a Mockingbird* are some of her favorite books. Her hobbies include listening to music and hanging out with friends. Emily enjoys being a part of the PJSO and appreciates the music they play. She plans to go to college after she graduates.

Kaitlyn Lessard plays the viola in her third year in the PJSO. She is in the eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High. Her favorite subject is Language Arts. Kaitlyn's favorite composers include Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart and more. She enjoys listening to Alternative, Techno and Dance music. J.K. Rowling is Kaitlyn's favorite author. Her favorite books are *Harry Potter*, *Inkheart*, and *Zenda*. She also performs with the SJHS Chamber Orchestra. In her spare time she enjoys dancing and writing. When asked: Why do you enjoy orchestra? "It's an excuse to let my emotions out." Future plans include to become an orthopedic surgeon by going to Johns Hopkins University then living a very successful life.

Pooja Mahadev is fourteen and in the eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is the second year she has played viola for the PJSO. Pooja's favorite subject is math and she enjoys listening to "almost anything upbeat." J.K. Rowling and the *Harry Potter* series top the list of favorite author and book. Hobbies include tennis, softball, volleyball and skiing. Pooja says she enjoys PJSO because "she likes challenges". In the future she hopes to become an orthodontist.

Kyle Mahaney is a home-schooled eighth grader. This is his second year as a violin player with the PJSO. Kyle also takes voice lessons and his favorite subject is science. He is a member of the SCCHS and the Ignite Youth Group and has received a gold cup in violin and music theory through the NFMC Junior Music Festivals. He listens to contemporary Christian music and his favorite composers are the Beatles and Tchaikovsky. Kyle's favorite authors include Eoin Colfer (*Artemis Fowl*), Christopher Paolini (*Eragon*) and J.K. Rowling (*Harry Potter* series). His hobbies include computers and gaming. Kyle plans to be a Level A Beta tester in the future. He likes the fast paced music of the PJSO.

Anna Maroney is a new member of the PJSO. She is in the sixth grade at Stroudsburg Middle School. She plays violin and piano. Her favorite subject is Language Arts. She is fascinated by anything "Egyptian". Her favorite

composers are Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, Vivaldi and John Williams. She enjoys listening to classical, jazz and country music. Her favorite author is J.K. Rowling and the *Harry Potter* series. Anna also plays with the sixth grade orchestra and the sixth and seventh grade chamber orchestra at school. She has had perfect school attendance since kindergarten. Anna enjoys playing with the PJSO because, "it's fun to play." In the future she would like to be a violinist, an archaeologist and a writer.

Cynthia Mathiesen is a seventh grader at Stroudsburg Middle School and has been a member of PJSO for two years. She plays violin in both the Stroudsburg Middle School Chamber Orchestra and the Junior High Chamber Orchestra. Cynthia also plays piano and practices voice. She enjoys the compositions of John Williams, Bach, Mozart and Beethoven but says Classic Rock is her favorite. Her favorite authors are J. K. Rowling and Joan Lowery Nixon and her favorite books are *Harry Potter* and *A Light in the Dark*. Cynthia enjoys the orchestra for its challenge and would like become a music teacher in the future.

Karim Osman attends Stroudsburg Jr. High School and is in the eighth grade. He has played the violin in the PJSO for two years. Karim is also a member of the Y.M.C.A. where he fences and enjoys scuba diving. He has received his scuba certification. He lists Bach and Vivaldi as his favorite composers and counts Stephen King and his *Dark Tower* series a favorite for reading. He also likes the writings of author Chris Paolini. Karim likes being in the orchestra because it allows him to play music. He hopes to have a career as an aerospace engineer.

Abby Porter is an eighth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year playing violin in the PJSO. She also plays piano, will soon be taking harp lessons, and is in the school orchestra. Her favorite composer is John Williams, and she enjoys listening to country, Irish, classic, pop music, anything but rock or rap. In school her favorite subjects are science, language arts and reading. Out of school she enjoys art, writing books and reading. Her favorite authors are J.K. Rowling, J.R.R. Tolkien and Anne McCaffney, and she likes reading anything fantasy. Abby has taken 1st and 2nd place in Irish music competitions. She says that she enjoys orchestra because "I am growing up in a musical family, and I love music on the violin." Her ambitions are to be a biology professor, study crypto zoology, and be in the Tran-Siberian Orchestra.

Brandon Ramos is a new member to the PJSO. He is in the seventh grade at Pleasant Valley Intermediate School. He plays the violin and the saxophone. He enjoys all different types of music. Art is his favorite subject. Hobbies include basketball and soccer. When asked why he enjoys orchestra Brandon said, "because it's cool!" In the future he would like to pursue a career in art or architecture.

Iris Kristina Rosario plays the viola in her second year with the PJSO. She is in the seventh grade at Stroudsburg Middle School. Iris also plays the cello. Her favorite subject is Language Arts. Her favorite Composer is Bach.

Iris enjoys Hip-Hop and R&B music. Her favorite author is J.K. Rowling. Her favorite book is *California Blue*. Iris also participates in Show Choir, Chorus, School Orchestra, Middle School Chamber and Junior High Chamber Orchestras. She has received Student of the Marking Period, a special Effort Award and Kindest Person Award. In her spare time Iris enjoys playing the viola and hanging with friends. When asked: Why do you enjoy orchestra? "I enjoy orchestra because I love music. Music makes me think outside the box with my music and I love to play the viola." Currently, she hopes to attend NYU in the future and major in journalism and minor in music!

Nathan Roseti is a home-schooled seventh grade student who has played cello in the PJSO for two years. His favorite subject is math and he enjoys soccer and artwork as hobbies. Nate lists soft rock as his favorite music. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* and Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* are his favorite books. Nate enjoys the orchestra because it allows him to hear the different musical lines come together as a whole.

Rosie Sobrinski is a home-schooled fifth grader who is in her second year as a violinist in the orchestra. She also plays piano and enjoys reading and math. Her favorite author is J.K. Rowling and her favorite book is *Harry Potter*. She is a member of Girls on Track and Girl Scouts. Rosie enjoys collecting toy pigs and marbles, in addition to playing violin and piano. She enjoys orchestra because it's fun.

Kaitlin Tackels is an eighth grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is Kaitlin's third year playing cello with the PJSO. She is a member of the 8th Grade Orchestra, SJHS Chamber Orchestra and SJHS Show Choir. She has been Student of the Marking Period. Her favorite composer is Vivaldi and her hobbies including singing, dancing and painting. Kaitlin's favorite books include *Magyk*, *Eragon* and *Dragon Rider*. She would like to attend The Juilliard School and become an elementary school teacher. She enjoys the PJSO because "I get to play challenging music with other people my age."

Brianna Weaver is an eighth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. She loves French and Algebra I and is active in the SJHS 8th Grade Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra. This is her third year in the PJSO. She plays violin and piano. Her favorite composer is Peter Shaw from the Trans-Siberian Orchestra and she likes listening to Christian music. Brie's top reading list includes the *Harry Potter*, *Charlie Bone* and *Gregor the Overlander* series. Besides playing the violin, her other hobbies include karate, dance and crochet. She enjoys the PYO because it's challenging and she gets to see her friends and have some fun. Brie's future plans include becoming a famous violinist and playing with Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

Kristen Weaver attends Stroudsburg Middle School where she is a fifth grade student. She is a member of the 6th grade orchestra and 5th grade band there and has been a PJSO member for one year playing her cello. Kristen also plays piano and flute and enjoys classical music and the compositions of Beethoven and Bach. Her favorite author is J.K. Rowling and her

Harry Potter series and also likes reading *Troll King*, *Troll Queen* and *Troll Treasure* books. Kristen's hobbies include dance, karate and reading and she likes the challenge and fun of playing the orchestra's musical pieces. She hopes to become a famous dancer or cellist in her future.

Nicole Weaver is a sixth grader at Stroudsburg Middle School where she is a member of the 6th grade orchestra, 6th grade band, 7th grade band and chamber orchestra. This is her first year playing bass with PJSO. She also plays oboe, bass guitar, piano and piccolo. Nikki's favorite subject is science. She enjoys classical music, especially Beethoven. Her favorite authors are J.K. Rowling and Cornelia Funke and her favorite books are *Inkheart*, *Inkspell* and the *Harry Potter* series. Nikki's hobbies include dancing, karate, knitting and reading. She enjoys being a part of the orchestra because it's challenging. She hopes to become a police officer someday.

Evan Wilson is an eighth grader at the Stroudsburg Junior High School and is playing cello in the PJSO for his third year. His favorite composer is Vivaldi and he like classic rock music. His favorite subject is science and he likes reading *Harry Potter* books. He plays basketball at school and likes listening to music and playing sports. Evan says he likes the PJSO because it gives him challenging music to play. Evan would like to play football for Penn State.

Danielle Wyckoff is a seventh grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her first year playing viola in the PJSO. She also plays piano and her favorite composer is Vivaldi. In school her favorite subject is science, but out of school she enjoys skiing, horseback riding and soccer. Danielle is also a member of the Shawnee Mountain Race Team and the Stroudsburg Junior High Show Choir. She likes to listen to Hip-Hop and R&B, and her favorite books are the *Harry Potter* Series by J.K. Rowling. Her ambitions are to learn to drive, and to go to college.

And In PYO

Augusta Anderson is an 11th-grade home-schooled student whose favorite subjects are history and math. This will be the violinist's third year in PYO. She also plays the D'jembe guitar. She enjoys the works of Vivaldi, Beethoven and Mozart, though her favorite music is a widely varied mix: punk rock, alternative metal, Irish rock and fiddle music. Augusta's favorite authors include Douglas Adams and J.K. Rowling, and her favorite books feature the well-known *Harry Potter*. She earned a fourth place in the N.J. State Fair Fiddle Contest in 2004. Her hobbies include playing music with friends. She enjoys PYO because, "I get to meet new people who enjoy playing music as much as I do." Her future plans and ambitions include becoming a performer and starting a band. "I would also enjoy teaching," Augusta says, "but would mainly want to perform."

Weston Anderson is a home-schooled ninth grader. This is his first year with the PYO. He also plays the bodhran. His favorite subject is history and his favorite author is Eric Nylurd. His hobbies include video games and karate. He likes being with friends in the PYO and hopes to be a game maker in the future.



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Emma Benintende is a senior at Stroudsburg High School where she plays in the orchestra and the chamber orchestra. She has been in the Pocono Youth Orchestra for 8 years: 3 years in the junior strings and 5 in the senior orchestra. Emma's school activities include varsity tennis, National Honor Society, Greenhouse Club, Science Olympiad, and Key Club. Recent accomplishments include selection to the PMEA District 10 Orchestra this year and last, the Bausch and Lomb Science Award, and achievement of National Merit Commended Scholar status. Her favorite composers are Dvorak and Vivaldi and authors are Steinbeck and Jonathan Safran Foer. In the fall Emma plans to attend college to study biological or cultural anthropology.

David Bishop is a junior in the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School. He has been in the PYO for four years following five years with the PJSO. In addition to violin, he plays the piano, synthesizer, electric guitar, bass guitar, guitar and harmonica. His favorite composers are Vivaldi and John Lennon, and his favorite author is Terry Goodkind. David has won a Gold Medal of Achievement. He is also a member of the Notemaster band and enjoys composing with them. In the PYO he enjoys learning the music of various composers and he hopes to become a heavy metal violinist.

Kevin Bolan is in his second year with the PYO, playing the double bass. This follows one year with the PJSO. Kevin is a tenth grade Honor Roll student at Pocono Mountain East High School where he alternately plays the electric and double bass in Concert band. Kevin also enjoys performing with the Marching and Jazz bands. In school Kevin's favorite subject is Math. In his spare time Kevin enjoys reading Hellsing, an anime series, playing video games and listening to Metal. When asked: Why do you enjoy orchestra? "Because it is fun and I am able to perform in front of people." Future plans include college.

Lauryn Calafiore, a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School has been playing in PYO for 2 years, following 2 years in the junior strings. She has received two NFMC Gold cups for piano and cello. Her favorite composer is Handel, and she enjoys rock and metal music as well. In school, Lauryn is an Honor roll student and participates in volleyball, and Model Congress. Her favorite subject is History and she enjoys reading books by Sarah Dessen, VC Andrews and Nicholas Sparks. She enjoys PYO because she meets interesting people who enjoy playing music as much as she does. Lauryn plans to attend college to study interior architecture.

Sam Cassesa is sixteen and a junior at Pleasant Valley High School. Sam has played trumpet for the PYO for one year. His favorite subject is Band. Williams and Holsinger are two of his favorite composers. *One flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* is his favorite book. Sam is involved with Key Club, National Honor Society, Tri-M Band, Marching Band and Youth Group. His hobbies include food, eating and "chilling with friends." Sam enjoys orchestra because, "it expands his musical knowledge of arrangements and composers." Future plans are to go to college.

Aislinn Crank is a ninth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year in the PYO following five years in 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.

Shilp Dalal is in the ninth grade at Notre Dame High School. This is his first year in the PYO. He plays piano as well as drums. His favorite subject is science and his favorite composer is Beethoven. His other interests include karate and tennis. Shilp's favorite authors are Rowling and Colfer; his favorite book is *Artemis Fowl*. He hopes to become a doctor and likes playing drums in the PYO because "it is fun."

Kate Daniels is an accomplished musician, playing French horn, trumpet, mellophone and the piano. This junior at Stroudsburg High School has achieved 2 years in PMEA District 10 Band and Orchestra and 1 year in the Regional Band. Her favorite composers are John Williams and Scott Joplin and she enjoys collaborating with string instruments during her 3 years in PYO. Kate is a member of the National Honor Society, Model Congress, Greenhouse Club and the high school Show Choir. Her favorite class is English with Mr. Mell, and she counts authors J.K. Rowling, James Joyce and Tom Robbins among her favorites. Kate plans to attend a city university and travel.

Kathleen Doherty is a sophomore at Notre Dame High School. She is in her third year with PYO and performs on flute and piccolo. She also plays piano. Latin is her favorite subject, and she favors composers Bach and Vivaldi. She performs in band at school, and her hobbies include skiing, rock climbing, watching French movies and avoiding gym class. Her future plans and ambitions are to become fluent in a language other than English.

Kevin Donovan is a tenth grader at Stroudsburg High School. This is his second year playing french horn in the PYO, following his previous three years playing viola in the PJSO. He also plays the mellophone. His favorite composer is John Williams, and he enjoys listening to classic rock and rap music. In school his favorite subject is survey of ecological issues, and out of school his hobby is sleeping. His favorite author is J.R.R. Tolkien and favorite book is *Lord of the Rings*. Kevin is also a member of the Stroudsburg Marching Band, Stroudsburg swimming, PFY Swimming and Boy Scouts. His accomplishments include being a three-time Science Olympiad national medalist, a two-time varsity letter winner in swimming, a two-time PIAA district XI swimming championship qualifier, a five-time Penn-Del east district swimming qualifier, and he is on the honor roll. Kevin enjoys being in the orchestra to expand his musical literacy. His plans for the future are to attend a Division I University, to major in earth and atmospheric science education, and to continue to swim.

Kevin Dwyer has played his cello in PJSO for 2 years and 3 years in PYO. He also plays the piano, kazoo and sings in the Stroudsburg H.S. Show Choir and Chorale. He likes country music and his favorite composer is Kirby Shaw. Kevin's favorite book is *Five People You Meet in Heaven*, and he enjoys books by Dan Brown, Alan Alda and Matt Reilly as well. In addition to singing and acting in school and Pocono Lively Arts, Kevin participates in Science Olympiad and cross country. He enjoys the camaraderie in PYO, especially Sienna and Kevin Donovan. His future plans include going to astronaut camp with Ben Potter.

Thomas Fabian is enjoying his first year in the PYO following two years in the PJSO. He is currently in the eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School where he participates in orchestra and basketball. He enjoys jazz and pop music and plays the electric bass and drums. His favorite composers are Mozart and Thelonius Monk. In school, math is his favorite subject. He enjoys basketball and being with friends. His future plans include continuing to play in an orchestra and playing basketball.

Krysta Fogel is a sophomore at Pen Argyl High School. This is her second year in the PYO. She also plays the oboe and saxophone. Her favorite subjects are biology lab and geometry. Her favorite composers are Fauré and Bizet. She plays with the concert band, orchestra, jazz band, and string octet at school. She also plays PAHS varsity softball. She attained highest achievement in music and Rookie of the Year for band, orchestra, and jazz band. She was selected for District 10 Orchestra in 2006. Her hobbies include music, softball, eating and sleeping. Krysta enjoys PYO because "it's fun to play challenging music and to play with other students who enjoy music as much as I do." She hopes to attend college to study music.

Breanna Goldner is in ninth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. She has performed on her cello for 2 years in PJSO and 2 in PYO. She loves all kinds of music and her favorite composers are Bach and Handel. Breanna enjoys the challenge and feeling of accomplishment when completing a piece of music in orchestra. In school, she participates in the orchestra, chamber orchestra, Science Olympiad, Student Council, Peer Mediation and is a High Honor Roll student. She has received Gold Cups in the NFMC Music Festival. Among her favorite books are *White Oleander* and *the Tenth Circle*; favorite authors are Jodi Picoult and Janet Evanovitch. Breanna hopes to become a physician, specializing in geriatrics.

Eleanor Graham is an eleventh grader at Pleasant Valley High School. This is her first year playing trombone in the PYO. She also plays baritone and piano. Her favorite composers are Sweringen, Holsinger and Williams. J.K. Rowling is her favorite author, and favorite books include *The Golden Compass* and the *Harry Potter* series. In school her favorite subjects are band and science. Outside of school she enjoys eating, sleeping and listening to music. Eleanor is a member of marching band, jazz band, concert band, Tri-M musical and drama. Also, she is Vice President of Tri-M Honors Society. She enjoys being in the PYO to further her musical knowledge and ability. She hopes to attend Penn State University.

Jordan Greenwood is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School where she is a high honor roll student. This is her third year in the PYO following 2 years in the PJSO. Her favorite subject is chemistry and her favorite composer is Rimsky-Korsakov. Her favorite music is Maxima Park and Franz Ferdinand. Her favorite books are *So Me* and *We thought you would be prettier*. She plays in the chamber orchestra at school and is a member of the photography club. She has participated in the NFMC Junior Festival. She likes to hang out with friends and knit. Jordan likes to see everyone at PYO and hopes to become a veterinarian or a research biologist.

Shelby Greenwood is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. This is her third year in the PYO following two years in the PJSO. She likes music by Elliott Smith, Foo Fighters, Jeff Buckley and INXS. Her favorite composers are John Williams and Mozart. Her favorite author is Al Franken and her favorite books are *So Me*, *Lies and the Lying Liars who tell them*, and the *Georgia Nicolson* series. Shelby plays in the Chamber Orchestra at school and won a NFMC Junior Festival Gold Cup. She likes to play her instrument in the PYO where she can socialize at the same time. She hopes to attend college and become a teacher.

Ashley Gyarmaty is a ninth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year in the PYO following two years in the PJSO. Science is her favorite subject at school and she enjoys horseback riding and golf. Her favorite book is *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. She likes playing in the PYO because it poses a challenge and improves her skills on the violin. She also plays in the chamber orchestra and the school orchestra. She plans to go to college and find an enjoyable career.

Antonia Harewood-Harris is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. This is her second year in the PYO following three years in the PJSO. Her favorite composers include Bach, Vivaldi, John Williams and Hans Zimmer and her favorite subjects include art, orchestra, chorus and discovering foods. She has many favorite authors, a long list of favorite books and a longer list of hobbies. She belongs to the Girl Scouts and the Venture Crew. She won a Gold Cup at the NFMC Junior Music Festival. Antonia enjoys the PYO because she loves playing and listening to music. She is considering becoming a model or joining an orchestra.

Sienna Mae Heath is a senior at Pen Argyl Area High School. This is her third year playing the cello in PYO; she performed in PJSO for two years. She plays the cello in her school orchestra & string octet. In addition to the cello, she plays French horn in concert band, sings 1st soprano in chorus & chamber singers, and plays guitar & piano on the side. A member of the National Honor Society & the Tri-M Music Honor Society, she is in the top ten percent of her class, a high honor roll student, & has won the highest achievement in music twice. Sienna is also editor of her school newspaper and literary magazine, and active in County Chorus, Students Making a Difference, Big Buddy, & Diversity Tolerance and Awareness Club. Her hobbies include writing, reading books like *The Scarlet Letter*, *Wicked*, & *The Kite Runner*; composing & listening to a variety of music, running, and shopping. She claims she enjoys orchestra because of "in a word: Kevin, (and Katie, Krysta, Lauryn, & Sammy)." She will be attending Moravian College next year where she plans to major in writing and minor in music composition. She hopes to study abroad and become a writer/editor and/or a music composer.

Holly Holmes is a ninth grader at the Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year in the PYO following three years in the PJSO. She also plays the piano and likes Christian Pop/rock, Classical and Jazz. She is a National Honors student. Her favorite subject is algebra and she enjoys cooking, baking, drawing, and working with kids. Her favorite authors are Celia Bees,

Lois Lowery and Karen Hesse. She plays in the chamber orchestra and the orchestra at school and is very active in the Christian Life Assembly church activities. Holly likes the chance to better her talents as a violinist with the PYO and enjoys seeing her friends and making new friends in the PYO. She wants to attend college to become an architect and would eventually like to move to Texas and do mission work.

Erica Jack a violinist, is in ninth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School, where her favorite subjects are art and language arts. She also plays piano, percussion and the drum set. Her musical interests range from Gershwin, who is her favorite composer, to country tunes. She enjoys the popular author J.K. Rowling and her *Harry Potter* series. Erica has been in PYO for four years and PJSO for four years, and also participates in jazz band, show choir and tennis club. She has earned high honor roll status for her academic achievements. She enjoys the group atmosphere that PYO affords, and wants to pursue music education as a career.

Kalil Johnson is a high honor roll sophomore at Stroudsburg High School and is in his second year in the PYO following 1 year in the PJSO. He also plays the electric bass, drums, guitar and harmonica. He likes biology, books by John Steinbeck. His favorite book is *The Pearl*. He likes music by Antonio Vivaldi. He likes funk, rock, rap, hip-hop, blues and jazz music. At school he participates in jazz band, orchestra, chamber orchestra, band, show choir, chorale, chorus, track and field and wrestling. He likes to lift weights and hang out with PYO friends. Kalil enjoys the sounds of strings. He hopes to go to a university and become a medical doctor.

Lindsay Kemmlein, a three-year veteran of PYO, plays the flute. A senior at Stroudsburg High School, where she is a member of the White Concert Band, the Maroon Concert Band and the Marching Band, she also plays the piccolo. She was a member of the Susquehanna University Honors Band in 2005 and 2006, performed in the PMEA District 10 Concert Band in 2006, and has been selected for the 2007 District Band. Her favorite books are *Watership Down* and *To Kill a Mocking Bird*. A member of the Science Olympiad team, Lindsay's favorite academic subjects are biology, chemistry and German. Her hobbies include running, reading, watching German movies and "finding legitimate excuses to get out of attending gym class." She plans to study biochemistry and molecular biology, and has been accepted to Penn State University for the Fall 2007 semester.

Chandler Klein is in her first year of playing viola with the PYO following two years in the PJSO. She is in the ninth grade at 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 serves 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 enjoys orchestra because she gets to spend time with her friends.

Elizabeth Korp has been playing the violin in PYO for 2 years, following 4 years in PJSO. She likes the challenge of playing in the orchestra. She is a sophomore at Easton Area High School where she participates in the march-

ing band, chamber ensemble and the choir. In addition to violin, Elizabeth also plays the clarinet, bass clarinet and guitar. Her favorite composer is Vivaldi and she enjoys rock, alternative, techno, jazz and metal music. She enjoys reading fiction, especially by authors Darren Shan and J.K. Rowling. Her favorite subject in school is German. One of her hobbies is photography and she hopes to become a professional photographer or music producer.

Dave Lantz is a violinist and a 10th-grader at Stroudsburg High School. He is in his fourth year with the Pocono Youth Orchestra, after three years with the PJSO. In addition to violin, he plays piano, guitar and alto saxophone. His favorite subject is English, and his favorite author is Kurt Vonnegut. A jazz aficionado, he enjoys the music of Gershwin and Antonio Carlos Jobim. Dave performs in band and jazz band, won first place in the National Junior Composers Contest and has earned 10 consecutive superior ratings in the NFMC Junior Music Festival. His hobby is playing jazz, and he enjoys orchestra because of the opportunity to perform in a group. Dave's future plan is to "go into music."

Grace Loudon is a junior at Stroudsburg High School and has been playing the viola in PYO for 4 years where she enjoys the challenges and rewards of learning music and performing. She also plays the piano and the violin. She is a member of the high school orchestra, chamber orchestra, and show choir and National Honor Society. She is working on her fourth and Grand Gold Cup for the NFMC Music Festival and has received the Stillman-Kelley and Louise Aikens-Charles Cadman awards for her piano performance. Her favorite classical composer is Chopin and she enjoys 60's and alternative music as well. Grace has enjoyed *A Million Little Pieces* by James Frey and *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt and her hobbies include practicing music and sleeping. Grace hopes to study biology at a four-year school, attend medical/dental school to become an oral/maxillofacial surgeon.

Molly Maroney is a freshman and honor student at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year with the PYO. In addition to playing the clarinet she also plays piano and tenor and baritone saxophone. Her favorite composer is John Williams and she enjoys listening to all types of music. Molly's favorite subject is Music. In addition to the PYO she also a member of the High School Marching Band, the Jazz Band, Ninth grade band, Concert choir, Select choir, small group choir, and FBLA. Molly is a member of Quiet Valley Living Historical Museum and loves to spend as much time there as she can. Her favorite authors are Terry Goodkind, J.K. Rowling and Robert Jordan. Her hobbies include fencing, music and anything outdoors. Molly enjoys the PYO because, "she gets to play her instrument." Future plans are to conduct a symphonic orchestra.

Catherine McMahon is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School and is playing cello for the third year in the PYO. She also enjoys singing and participates in the Varsity Chorale, Concert Chorus, dramas and musicals at school. Gershwin and Beethoven rate as her favorite composers and Gregory Maguire as her favorite author. Her favorite subject is English and she enjoys reading romance and adventure books. Singing, reading, writing and seeing Broadway shows top her list of activities. PYO allows her to see her friends

and to continue playing music. Katie hopes to attend the University of the Arts to major in musical theater and hopefully appear on Broadway!

Nick Migliacci is a junior at Stroudsburg High School where he is a member of the orchestra and National Honor Society. He has been playing his violin in PYO for 2 years, having started in PJSO. He also plays the piano and has won Gold Cups in the NMFC Music Festival for performances on both instruments for several years. Nick's favorite composer is Chopin, and he likes Rap, HipHop and Rock music as well. He like books by author Dan Brown, and when he is not playing his music, he enjoys reading, chilling with his friends and sleeping. Nick's future plans include attending a prestigious university and studying biochemistry.

Allie Mikels is an honor freshman at Stroudsburg Junior High School. She played with the PJSO for three years. This is her first year with the PYO. She plays viola, piano and bass. Her favorite subject is Spanish. She enjoys Vivaldi and listening to classic rock and the "oldies." Allie like to read books by J.K. Rowling and C.S. Lewis. Her favorite book is the *Chronicles of Narnia* series. Other organizations she is involved with are Show Choir, Select Choir, Chamber Orchestra, FBLA and Model Congress. Allie likes to play tennis, ping-pong, water and snow skiing. When asked why she enjoys playing with the orchestra, Allie said, "it's very challenging and also a lot of fun." Future plans are to attend college and become an archivist or curator in a history museum.

Lauren Noyes, a ninth-grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High, is in her first year with PYO after three years in PJSO. A violinist, she also plays piano and enjoys the works of Bach, Handel and Mozart. Her music preferences range from classic rock to show tunes. Lauren's favorite academic subject is biology and she has been recognized on the High Honor Roll. She enjoys the popular author Gregory McGuire and his books *Wicked*, *Son of a Witch*, and *Mirror Mirror*. She is in the Select Choir, the Science Olympiad, the school chorus and orchestra, and the volleyball team. Her hobbies include playing the violin, volleyball, singing, bowling, listening to music and dancing. Lauren enjoys orchestra because "It helps me relieve stress and relax while playing my instrument." She wants to attend college as a psychology major with a minor in Spanish and music.

Emiko Okamoto is in her fourth year playing violin with PYO. She played in PJSO for 3 years. A High Honor roll student in the junior class at Stroudsburg High School, her activities include the orchestra, chamber orchestra, and tennis team. Outside of school, Emiko performs with the Kathy Kroll Dance and Puppet Theater, teaches at the School of Visual and Performing Arts, and practices kung fu in which she has won several silver medals at national championships of the U.S. Chinese Kuoshu Federation. In music, she has received Gold cups for violin and piano at the NFMC Music Festival. Emiko's favorite subjects in school are physics, math and phys ed, and her favorite books are *Lovely Bones*, *Addicted* and *Harry Potter*. She enjoys orchestra because "I like hearing everything come together in the end." Emiko's ambition is to become a doctor.

Anthony Pilla plays the violin in his first year in the PYO. He is in the eleventh grade in the Delaware Valley School District. Anthony also plays the guitar and piano. His favorite subjects are History and Music. Anthony's favorite author is J.K. Rowling and the *Harry Potter* series. He participates in Cross Country and Track. Anthony has received The Most Improved, 1st place at a Bluegrass contest, in Newfoundland, Pennsylvania, for four years running. His favorite composers are Mozart, Dvorak, Vivaldi, and Led Zeppelin. He enjoys listening to all types of music. When asked: Why do you enjoy orchestra? "The music and musicians." Future plans include playing abroad.

Julia Porte is fifteen and a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. This is her first year with the PYO. She plays the clarinet and the piano. Her favorite subject is German and she enjoys listening to "anything except rap and country!" Mysteries are her favorite books. She is an honor student and is also a member of the High School Marching Band and Tennis Team. Julia's hobbies are tennis and clarinet. She enjoys playing with the PYO because, "it's fun to play her instrument." Future plans include going to college.

Ben Potter is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. He played with the PJSO for one year and is currently in his 3rd year with the PYO. He also plays electric bass. This year chemistry is his favorite subject. He likes to read books by Phyllis Whitely and his favorite books are the Lord of the Rings. His favorite composers are Handel and Tchaikovsky. He likes to listen to rock music. He has won Science Olympiad medals and likes spending time with his friends and lifting weights. Ben enjoys being with his friends in the PYO and playing his instrument. He hopes go to astronaut camp and eventually become an engineer.

Tyler Potts has spent four years in PYO and three years in PYO, where he plays violin. He is a sophomore in the Western Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School and enjoys science. Tyler also plays the piano and enjoys the works of Chopin. Jazz is his favorite type of music. Dr. Seuss is Tyler's favorite author; he particularly enjoys *The Sleep Book* and *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*. He is a Boy Scout, and his hobbies include shotgun shooting and reading. He enjoys orchestra because of the "different harmonies." Tyler hopes to attend medical school in the future.

Alex Pruffer attends Stroudsburg Junior High School where he is in the ninth grade. This is Alex's first year playing violin for the PYO. Bach and Handel are his favorite composers. He enjoys listening to HipHop music and reading Terry Goodkind's *Sword of Truth* series. His hobbies include rapping and making music. He is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and a High Honor Roll student. He hopes to become a doctor or a rapper someday. Alex says he likes the PYO because it helps relieve stress and he likes the creativity of the pieces.

Nina Z. Ramirez is a tenth grader at Stroudsburg High School. This is her second year playing violin in the PYO. Her favorite composers are Bach, Mozart and Vivaldi. In school her favorite subjects are orchestra and biology. Her hobbies are color guard and playing the violin. Favorite authors include Sonya Sones and Gary Soto, and her favorite books are *Jinx* and

Crank. Nina is also a member of the Stroudsburg High School Marching Band. She enjoys being in PYO because "I enjoy playing for audiences." Her ambition is to get a Ph.D. in medicine.

Bridgette Saba is a junior at Pleasant Valley High School where she is a member of the National Honors Society. This is her second year with the PYO. Band is her favorite subject and she likes all music except country music. Her favorite composers are Bach and Vivaldi. She belongs to the marching and concert bands at school, to the Notara School of Dance, to the Leo Club, and the Tri-M music honors society. She likes to eat and hang out with her friends. Bridgette enjoys PYO where she can play her flute with a different music style and a variety of people. She plans to attend Temple University minoring in dance. Eventually she wants to go to Johns Hopkins University to receive a medical degree.

Matthew Steffens is a junior at Stroudsburg High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society, the Key Club, the Chamber Orchestra and Science Olympiad. This is his fourth year with the PYO following two years with the PSJO. His favorite subjects are history and English. His favorite composers are Chopin and Migliacci and he likes alternative music. His favorite authors are Jonathan Safran Foer and Dan Brown. His favorite books are *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* and *You Shall Know Our Velocity*. PYO "fills my Monday nights with joy." Matt plans to attend a good college and possibly go on to law school.

Jelena Stevanovic just joined the PYO this year. She is a High Honor Roll Student in the ninth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School where her favorite subject is science. She likes pop and rock music as well as classical and lists Tchaikovsky and Mozart as her favorite composers. Her favorite books include *Harry Potter* books, *Artemis Fowl* books and the *Stravaganza* trilogy. She likes dancing, acting, playing the violin, writing poetry, and music. She enjoys the PYO because it is very fun and she enjoys classical music. She likes to express herself through music. Jelena hopes to become a famous actress. She also would love to be a professional violinist at Carnegie Hall.

Maria Vecchio is a ninth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her second year with the PYO following three years in the PJSO. She plays both the viola and the violin. Her favorite subject is science, her favorite composer is John Williams, her favorite music is rock and her favorite author is Alice Seabold. Her favorite books are *She said Yes* and *Lucky*. Maria participates in Select Choir, Show Choir, Chamber Orchestra and has won varsity letters and medals in cross-country. She enjoys horse back riding, skiing, snowboarding, and swimming. She enjoys PYO "because it's challenging, I enjoy playing, and it gives you a feeling of accomplishment." She is trying to decide among music, veterinary medicine or Law Enforcement/Forensics for her future study.

Ella Vidal is currently a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. This is her second year with the PYO following two years in the PJSO. Ella also plays the piano. 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 hobbies include playing the piano, swimming, soccer, field hockey, going on the computer and eating! 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, a senior at Stroudsburg High School has been playing viola with PYO for four years. Prior to that she played for 2 years in PJSO. In addition to viola, she also plays piano and studies voice for which she was selected to participate in the 2006 PA Governor's School for the Arts. Emily is president of the National Honor Society, co-president of the Greenhouse Club, and is active in Science Olympiad, Scholastic Scrimmage, chorale and the high school musicals. Her favorite subject is English and her favorite composer is Liszt. Emily enjoys performing on stage and will attend Barnard College in the fall where she plans to study English with a concentration in theater to become a theater critic.

Lucas Watson is a junior at Stroudsburg High School, where he performs in the Marching Band, the Maroon Concert Band and the White Concert Band. This is his first year playing clarinet with the Pocono Youth Orchestra. Lucas performed in the PMEA District 10 Concert Band in 2006 and auditioned successfully for the 2007 District Band. He performed in the April 2006 Side By Side Concert with the Allentown Concert Band and with the Pit Orchestra in SHS's 2006 production of "Guys and Dolls." He is one of the clarinet section leaders in the SHS Marching Band. Lucas is a member of Boy Scout Troop 86 where he is the senior patrol leader and a member of the Order of the Arrow and is working toward his Eagle rank. His hobbies are music, sleeping, eating, and avoiding school work. He enjoys orchestra because they perform different types of music than they do in band. In addition to Bb clarinet, Lucas also plays bass clarinet, alto saxophone and bugle, enjoys a variety of music and composers, and plans to pursue a degree in music performance and music education.

Brielle Wede is an eleventh grade home-schooled student. This is her first year playing violin in the PYO, following her previous year playing violin in the PJSO. She also plays piano, and her favorite composers are Beethoven and Debussy. She enjoys listening to hymns and classical music. Science is her favorite subject, and for hobbies she enjoys skiing, snowboarding and reading. Her favorite authors are Tim LaHaye, Jerry Jenkins and Dee Henderson. Favorite books include the *Left Behind Series* and the *O'Malley Series*. Brielle is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. In the NFMC Junior Music Festival, she has received five consecutive superior ratings and is a gold cup winner. Brielle likes being in the orchestra because of playing with other musicians. Her future plans are to attend Maranatha Baptist Bible College and pursue a science or music degree.

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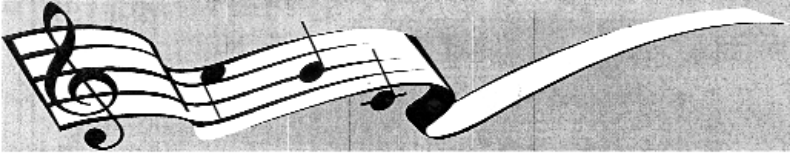
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