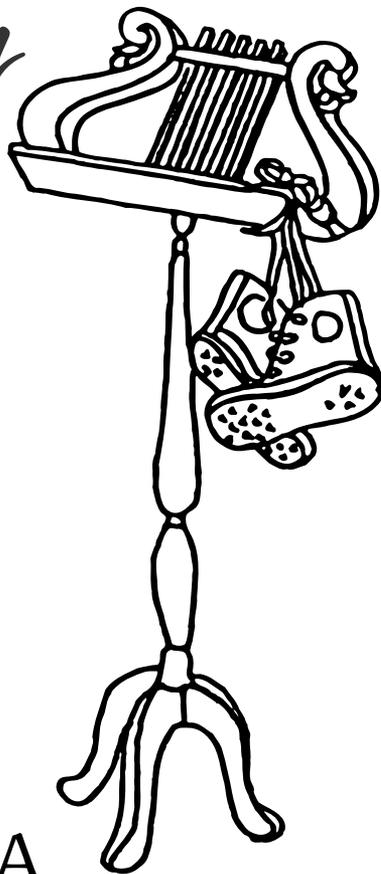


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Winter Concerts

Saturday, January 19, 2008

Sunday, January 20, 2008

2007-2008 SEASON

Christmas Tree Lighting at Stroudsmoor, December 2, 2007
String-Along at Pocono Lutheran Village, December 11, 2007

Winter Concerts, January 19 & 20, 2008

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,
March 16, 2008

Spring Concerts, May 31 & June 1, 2008

2008-2009 Season Auditions, June 2, 2008

AUDITIONS NOTICE

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 2, 2008, 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," 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 19, 2008

7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2008

3:00 P.M.

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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

A Grieg Portrait	Edvard Grieg arr. John Cacavas
Allegro in D Major from D Major Concerto for Four Violins	Georg Philipp Telemann arr. Marcus D. Dowty
Seven Scottish Airs	Gustav Holst arr. Bob Philips
Themes from Symphony No. 7	Ludwig van Beethoven arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle
Carpe Diem!	Richard Meyer

INTERMISSION

Pocono Youth Orchestra

Waltz from <i>Swan Lake</i>	Peter Illich Tchaikovsky ed. William Ryden
Buckaroo Holiday from <i>Rodeo</i>	Aaron Copland

— PYO Strings —

"Holberg" Suite for Strings, Op. 40 Prelude - Allegro vivace Rigaudon - Allegro con brio	Edvard Grieg
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest	Hans Zimmer arr. Paul Lavender
Carnival Overture	Antonin Dvorak ed. Carl Simpson

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

POCONO JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA

Violin

Augustin Cavalier
Josh Charlton
Crystal Cho
Amy Chryst
Kelsey Day
Emily Geiger
Natalie Gilbert
William Gold
Maddison Kendrick
Emily Lantz
Anne Lloyd
Kyle Mahaney
Anna Maroney
Brandon Ramos

Rosie Sobrinski
Sabrina Steed

Viola

Danielle Wyckoff
Iris Rosario
Marisa Pagan-Figueroa
Makrina Saras

Cello

Joseph Chacra
Nathan Roseti
Aidan Crank
Kristen Weaver
Daniel Pagan-Figueroa
Han Mi Na

Bass

John Charlton
Nicole Weaver

Piano

Lynda Chryst

*seating rotates

POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Violin

Augusta Anderson+
Chris Ballentine
David Bishop+
Aislinn Crank
Enya Cunningham
Ashley Gyarmaty
Antonia Harris
Holly Holmes
Erica Jack
Elizabeth Korp
Stephen Kozak+
Rebecca Kuc
Nicholas Migliacci+
Lauren Noyes
Emiko Okamoto+
Karim Osman
Tyler Potts
Alex Pruffer
Nina Ramirez
Lanique Roberts
Natasha Roberts
Brianna Weaver
Brielle Wede+

Viola

Grace Loudon+
Jordan Greenwood
Kaitlyn Lessard
Alex Mikels
Chandler Klein
Maria Vecchio

Cello

Matt Steffens+
Krysta Fogel
Shelby Greenwood
Breanna Goldner
Kevin Dwyer
Lauryn Calafiore
Kaitlin Tackels

Bass

Ben Potter
Derek Maloney+
Thomas Fabian

Flute

Kathleen Doherty
Bridgette Saba+
Sara Kongkatong

Clarinet

Lucas Watson+
Julia Porte
Molly Maroney
Madeleine Smyth+

Horn

Katie Daniels+
Kevin Donovan
Jeremy Esbin

Trumpet

Samuel Cassese+
Michael Bretzger
Chris Ballentine

Trombone

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About Our Students

In PJSO

Augustin Cavalier, violin, is in the 4th grade. His favorite subjects are science and cursive. He is homeschooled and is a part of the Blue Ridge Homeschool Group. Augustin's favorite composer is Camille Saint-Saëns. He also enjoys listening to Michael W. Smith. Augustin's favorite authors are Franklin W. Dixon and John D. Fitzgerald. He likes to read *The Hardy Boys* and *Calvin and Hobbs*. In his spare time he is working on his web-site making animated movies. This is Augustin's first year in PJSO. He has been playing the violin for 3 years. In the future Augustin hopes to have an animation studio.

Joseph Chacra has played cello in the PJSO for three years. He is a homeschooled eighth grader. He also plays the piano and likes jazz and country music. His favorite composers are Bach and Martha Mier. His favorite subject in school is math and he hopes to become a scientist or a mathematician. His favorite author is Stephen Hawking and his favorite books are *A Brief History of Time*, *Redwall* and *Dragonsong*. His hobbies include Karate where he has won trophies and superior ratings. He also participates in Boy Scouts and Youth Group. He likes orchestra because "it's nice to listen to all the harmony with the instruments."

John Charlton has played the bass for 3 years in the PJSO. He is in the seventh grade at Shawnee Middle School. His favorite subjects are reading and math. He likes to listen to a variety of music. His favorite books are *House of the Scorpion* and the *Redwall* series. John is involved in Boy Scouts and his church Youth Group. His hobbies include playing his bass and using his computer. He enjoys being in PJSO because it is fun and challenging and lets him express his musical abilities. His present ambition is to become an Eagle Scout.

Josh Charlton is playing the violin in the PJSO for the first time this year. He is a fifth grade honor student at the Easton Area Middle School where his favorite subject is math. He placed first in MATH 24. He likes to build with legos and he is a cub scout. His favorite books are *Artemis Fowl* and *Prophet of Yonwood*. He likes playing in the PJSO because it is challenging.

Crystal Cho, violin, is in the seventh grade at Lehman Intermediate School. This is her fourth year in PJSO. Her favorite subject is math. She likes to read books by CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien. Her favorite books are *Hoot* and *Eight Cousins*. Crystal has received awards in Math and English. In Crystal's spare time she likes to read, run and ride her bike.

Amy Chryst is homeschooled and is in the seventh grade. This is her third year playing violin in PJSO. Her favorite subjects are math and music. Her favorite composers are Vivaldi and John Williams. Amy enjoys listening to classical and Celtic music. Her favorite authors are Brian Jacques, CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien. Her favorite books are the *Redwall* series, *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Lord of the Rings*. Amy is also involved with Quiet Valley

Living Historical Museum, her church worship team and summer swim team. Amy likes to spend time making jewelry and swimming. She enjoys being in PJSO because she likes playing with other people and because she likes the music.

Lynda Chryst is a ninth grade home school student. This is her third year playing piano for the PJSO. She also plays bells and the recorder. Her favorite composers are R.D. Vandall, R. Muchinski, Debussy and Martin Cuellar, and she enjoys listening to jazz, some contemporary, some impressionistic and classical music. Brian Jacques and A. Clements are her favorite authors, and favorite books include *Redwall* series, *Redrock* series and *Journey to the Blue Moon*. Lynda's favorite subjects are literature and music. Hobbies include journaling, playing piano, collecting business cards, reading and tennis. She belongs to First Baptist's "Worship Team". Lynda has been awarded a trophy in "Music Festival" and two awards in Pocono Music Competition. She enjoys being in the orchestra because "it's a neat experience to play with the strings, not many pianists get to do that, so I feel very blessed." In the future she would like to be a fiction writer, a secretary or a pianist.

Aidan Crank plays cello in his fifth year with the PJSO. He is in eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School where his favorite subjects are math and science. He also plays trumpet in the school band and is a member of the soccer team. His favorite musicians/composers are Paul McCartney, Bob Dylan and Dvorak. He enjoys books by Isaac Asimov and Ernest Hemingway. His hobbies include playing guitar and listening to music.

Kelsey Day is in the eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High. This is her third year playing violin in the PJSO. Her favorite subjects are orchestra and math. Her favorite composer is Vivaldi. Kelsey likes listening to alternative music and reading thrillers and books by Stephen King. Her hobbies include playing her violin and hanging out with her friends. Her future ambitions include going farther with her instrument.

Emily Geiger, violin, is in the fifth grade at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her 2nd year in the PJSO. Her favorite subjects are art and reading. Emily likes to listen to a lot of different kinds of music and especially enjoys works by Bach and Vivaldi. Her favorite author is JK Rowling and she likes to read the *Harry Potter* series. Last year Emily received the Presidential Award for Fitness. In her spare time she likes to listen to music, read, play her instruments, and take care of animals. Emily also collects penguins. She likes being in PJSO because she gets to meet new people and play wonderful music. In the future, Emily would like to be a veterinarian.

Natalie Gilbert is in the seventh grade at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her second year playing violin in PJSO. Her favorite subject is Language Arts. Her favorite composers are Mozart, Beethoven, Bach and Phil Woods. Natalie likes to listen to Christian rock and musical theatre. Her favorite author is Erin Woods. Her favorite books are the *Warrior* series. Natalie is also involved with Pocono Lively Arts, her church's handbell group, school

chorus, orchestra and show choir. Natalie's hobbies include acting, singing and drawing. She enjoys PJSO because she loves to play her violin. In the future, Natalie hopes to become an actress and singer.

William Gold, violin, is in the seventh grade at Clear Run Intermediate School. This is his second year in PJSO. William's favorite subject is history. His favorite composer is John Williams and his favorite music is from *Star Wars*. His favorite author is HG Wells and his favorite book is *Moby Dick*. William is also involved with Boy Scouts, chorus and his school band. William is on the honor roll. His hobbies include playing many different sports, swimming, and the school newspaper. He enjoys playing in PJSO because the music is interesting.

Maddison Kendrick, violin, is in the eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High. This is her first year in PJSO. Her favorite subjects are music and French. Her favorite composers are John Williams and Tchaikovsky. She likes listening to pop and classical music. Maddison's favorite authors are JK Rowling and Carolyn Keene. Her favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series, *Inkheart* and *Inkspell*. Maddison is also a member of the Junior High show choir, chorus, orchestra and Notara's Dance School Senior Company. She has been the Student of the Marking Period and has been in PMEA Intermediate District Orchestra for two years. Maddison's hobbies are dancing, playing tennis and reading. She likes playing in PJSO because she loves the music, it's fun and it's a great experience. Maddison hopes to go to college, major in theatre or become a music teacher.

Emily Lantz is in the eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High. This is her fifth year playing violin in PJSO. Her favorite subject is French. Her favorite composer is Bach and she likes listening to The Jonas Brothers. Emily's favorite author is JK Rowling and her favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series and *Twilight*. Emily also belongs to her school's band and chorus. She has received gold cup awards for PFMC on violin, piano and voice. Emily's hobbies include reading, singing and hanging out with friends. She enjoys PJSO because she gets to see her friends. In the future she hopes to go to college and have a family.

Anne Lloyd, violin, is in the eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High. This is her first year in PJSO. Anne's favorite subjects are Language Arts, writing and reading. Her favorite composers are Mozart, Beethoven and Clementi. Her favorite music is Country. Anne's favorite author is Laura Ingalls Wilder and the *Little House on the Prairie* series. She has been the Student of the Marking Period and has also received the Perfect Attendance award. Her hobbies include playing piano and violin, swimming and go-karts. She enjoys PJSO because you get to meet new people, be with her friends, learn more about your instrument and different types of music. In the future Anne hopes to be a professional pianist and violinist or a music teacher.

Kyle Mahaney is a home schooled ninth grader. This is his third year playing violin for the PJSO. Kyle has received two gold cups in violin and one in music theory. Kyle's hobbies include gaming, programming and reading. His favorite authors include Clive Cussler, Lillian Braun and Christopher Paolini. He enjoys listening to the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and The

Beatles. Kyle plans to be a game developer and a photographer. He enjoys the friendly environment of the orchestra.

Anna Maroney attends the seventh grade at Stroudsburg Middle School where her favorite subjects are Language Arts and Music. This is her second year playing violin for the PJSO. Her favorite composers include Vivaldi, Bach and Beethoven. Anna likes to read books by Patrick Carman, Mary Pope Osborne and Phyllis Naylor, among others. She is a member of her Church Youth Group, Girl Scouts, SMS 7th Grade Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Chorus. Anna enjoys writing, reading, biking, singing, dancing and playing her instruments. She likes the challenge of playing in the orchestra because it pushes her to perform at a higher level. Anna plans to become a writer, violinist or lawyer.

Han Mi Na is a seventh grader at Lehman Intermediate School. This is her first year playing cello in the PJSO. Her favorite composers are Beethoven and Mozart, and she enjoys listening to classic and jazz music. Jerry Spinelli and Lemony Snicket are her favorite authors, and favorite books include the *Series of Unfortunate Events*. In school her favorite subject is math. Outside of school she enjoys reading and playing soccer. Han has been awarded the President's Award, and is on the High Honor Roll. She enjoys being in the PJSO because "It is challenging to learn new things about music." She hopes to become a doctor to help hurt and sick people.

Daniel Pagan-Figueroa is a homeschooled ninth grader with the PA Cyber School. This is his first year playing cello with the PJSO. His favorite subjects are science and math. Daniel's favorite composer is Bach and he enjoys listening to jazz, rock, hip hop, and rap. His favorite author is Timothy Zahn. Daniel's hobbies include drawing and playing video games.

Marisa Pagan-Figueroa is an eighth grader who is homeschooled. This is her first year in the PJSO. Her favorite composer is Bach and she enjoys all sorts of music...except country. Marisa likes to read C.S. Lewis. Her hobbies include swimming, skiing and snowboarding. Her future plans include becoming a judge.

Brandon Ramos attends the eighth grade at Pleasant Valley Middle School. This is his second year playing the violin for the PJSO. Brandon also plays the alto sax for the PVMS Eighth Grade Band. In the PFMC's Junior Festival, he received a "superior" 3 years in a row for violin adjudication and an "excellent" last year. His favorite composer is Beethoven and he likes listening to Simple Plan. Christopher Paolini's *Eldest* and the *Harry Potter* series are Brandon's top reading choices. His hobbies include snowboarding, soccer and drawing. Brandon's future plans include becoming an artist and a professional snowboarder. He would also like to explore as many countries as possible.

Iris Rosario is an eighth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her third year playing viola in the PJSO. Iris also plays the piano. Her favorite composer is Bach, and she enjoys listening to hip-hop and pop music. J.K. Rowling is her favorite author, and *To Kill a Mockingbird* her favorite book. In school Iris's favorite subject is English. Outside of school she likes to hang

out with her friends. Iris is also in Show Choir, Chorus and school orchestra. She has been awarded student of the marking period and kindest person awards. She enjoys being in the orchestra because "I think that it is a great thing to do that helps me explore different parts of music and it's really fun." In the future she wants to be a model, actress, or journalist who goes to N.Y. U. and be in a professional orchestra for musicals.

Nathan Roseti is a homeschooled student. This is his third year as a cellist for the PJSO. Nathan's favorite subjects are math and art. His favorite composer is Michael Jackson and he likes to listen to pop music. Nathan's hobby is oil painting and he enjoys playing modern orchestra music with the PJSO.

Makrina Saras is a homeschooled ninth grader and is playing viola in the PJSO for the first time. She also plays the recorder. Her favorite composers are Vivaldi, Mozart and Bach. Her favorite books are the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy and the *Redwall* series. Her favorite subject is math and she enjoys reading, sewing, and helping to build her house. She likes to play in the orchestra because it gives her a reason to practice!

Rosemary Sobrinski is a homeschooled sixth grader who loves art. This is her third year playing the violin for the PJSO. Her favorite composers include Mozart, Tchaikovsky and the Beatles. Rosemary is also a member of Girls on Track and Girl Scouts. Her hobbies include collecting pigs and paisleys; creating art; playing badminton and golf; swimming and running. She likes to read *Molly Moon* by Georgia Byng and the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling. Rosemary enjoys playing in the orchestra because it's fun to learn challenging pieces of music.

Sabrina Steed is in the seventh grade at Northampton Area Middle School. This is her first year playing violin with the PJSO. Her favorite subject is science and she enjoys both rock and jazz music.

Kristen Weaver is a sixth grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her second year playing cello in the PJSO. Her favorite composer is Beethoven and she enjoys listening to Christian music. In school her favorite subject is language arts, out of school she enjoys dance, karate, swimming, running and skiing. Kristen's favorite authors are Suzanne Collins and J.K. Rowling, and her favorite book is *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Her ambitions are to become a famous dancer, cellist or flutist. Kristen says that she enjoys being in the PJSO because "I like playing the difficult pieces and playing with other people."

Nicole Weaver is a seventh grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her second year playing bass in the PJSO. Her favorite composers are John O'Reilly, Beethoven and Mozart, and she enjoys listening to pop and rock music. In school her favorite subjects are band and orchestra. Out of school she enjoys dance, skiing and karate. Her favorite authors are Cornelia Funke and Stephanie Meyer, and she likes reading *Inkheart Trilogy*, *Twilight Trilogy* and the *Harry Potter* Series. Nicole has won numerous awards in regional and national dance competitions. She says that she enjoys orchestra because it is challenging. Her ambitions are to be a music teacher, art teacher, or be a famous musician or actress.

Danielle Wyckoff is an eighth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her second year playing viola in the PJSO. She also plays piano and guitar and her favorite composer is Vivaldi. In school her favorite subject is English, out of school she enjoys skiing 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 Pop and Rock music, and her favorite books are *This Lullaby* and *Twilight*. Her ambition is to play in a professional orchestra.

And In PYO

Matthew Altemose is a tenth grader at Pleasant Valley High School where his favorite subject is math. He is in his second year with PYO as a percussionist. Matthew calls rock his favorite musical style, and he lists Hans Zimmer as his favorite composer. He enjoyed *The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown as well as *Flags of Our Fathers*. Matthew's hobbies include snowboarding, soccer and drumline. He enjoys being a part of the orchestra because it's different from all that he does. He hopes to attend college and eventually become a husband and father.

Augusta Anderson has been a four year violinist with PYO. She is home schooled and in the 12th grade and enjoys math and history. Augusta's favorite composers are Vivaldi, Beethoven, Mozart and John Williams and she enjoys music in the various genres of alternative metal and punk as well as traditional Celtic and Bluegrass. Authors such as J.K. Rowling, Douglas Adams, Steve Berry and Dan Brown and the books of the *Harry Potter* series and the *DaVinci Code* are favorites of hers. In addition to violin, Augusta likes playing music and spending time with friends and tackling homework assignments during the school year as well as being a member of the Stone Soup Symphony and Shogun Karate Club. Augusta feels being a member of the orchestra offers her an opportunity to learn different music types and to spend time with and meet people who enjoy music as much as she does. She also looks forward to finishing Community College and moving on to a four year college to attain a degree along musical lines. While pursuing this, Augusta would like to continue participating in many more gigs, concerts and performances.

Weston Anderson is a home schooled ninth grader who is in his second year as a percussionist in the orchestra. His favorite subjects are reading and history. Weston also enjoys karate and is a member of the Zen Shin Karate Club. Weston's favors authors are J.K. Rowling, Eric Nylund and William C. Dietz along with the books *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* and the *Halo* book series. He enjoys playing video games and watching law related television shows and hopes his future includes entering the video game production business or a career in criminal prosecution. He enjoys being part of the orchestra because it gives him a chance to see his friends and to play many different pieces of orchestral music.

Christopher Ballentine is a ninth grader at Easton Area High School. This is his first year in PYO playing both violin and trumpet after spending two years in PJSO. He also participates in many other organizations such as Odyssey of the Mind, Boy Scouts of America, National Honor Society, Future

Educators of America Club and the marching and concert band. He has received the National History and Government Award and has participated in the Odyssey of the Mind World competition and reached the finals. He enjoys spending time outdoors, riding his bicycle and spending time with friends. Composers Bach and Handel and rock music (especially the 90s) are his favorites. Chris also enjoys the authors Robert Cormier, Agatha Christie and George Orwell and the books *In the Middle of the Night*, *1984*, and *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Challenging himself with the orchestra music and playing his instruments is what he really enjoys with the PYO. He hopes to become a 7th grade history teacher.

Violinist **David Bishop** has been in the PJSO/PYO since 1999. He is a home-schooled senior who plans to audition for Curtis Institute and work as a performance musician. In addition to the violin, he plays guitar, electric bass, piano and mandolin. He has won a Gold Medal of Achievement and PFMC Award for Superior Performance in the years 1997-2003. His favorite subject is English. His favorite authors are John L Randall, Terry Goodkind, Terry Pratchett and C. S. Lewis and his favorite books are *Parapsychology and the Nature of Life* and *Lord of the Flies*. His favorite composers are Mussorgsky, Gustav Holst, and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. He also likes heavy metal, acid rock, jazz/swing and techno/rave music. His hobbies include hiking, writing and music. He enjoys the orchestra because it is a competitive musical environment that serves to inspire him and others to musical excellence.

Michael Bretzger is playing trumpet in the PYO for the first time this year. He is an eleventh grader at Pleasant Valley who also plays French horn and percussion. He participates in Marching Band and Key Club at school. His favorite subject is history and his favorite composer is Liszt. He also likes Karate. He wants to be a history teacher and study Military Science in the Navy. His favorite authors are Christopher Paolini and Lemony Snicket. He is glad to be in the PYO because he likes to play.

Lauryn Calafiore plays cello for PYO in her 5th total year with the orchestras, 3 of them spent in PYO. She attends Stroudsburg High School as a junior and likes history. Her favorite music is alternative and she enjoys books by V.C. Andrews and Sarah Dessen. Lauryn is a member of the honor roll and has earned 2 gold cups for piano and one for cello in PFMC's Junior Festival. Lauryn "enjoys playing music with others who enjoy playing just as much as I do." She hopes to attend Penn State for the architectural program.

Sam Cassese is playing trumpet in the PYO for the second year. He is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School. He likes jazz and music by Mozart, Gershwin and Tupac Shakur. His favorite book is *The Bible* and author Paul of Tarsus. He belongs to Tri-M, Marching Band and National Honor Society. Besides playing trumpet, he likes to do math and play baseball. He likes to play in the orchestra because it expands his knowledge of classical music. After graduating high school, he will attend Bible College for 4 years. In the future he wants to direct the PYO.

Aislinn Crank plays violin in her seventh year with the orchestra. She is in tenth grade at Stroudsburg High School. Her favorite composers are Hans Zimmer, Dvorak and John Williams. She is a member of the school orchestra, chamber orchestra, Key Club, FBLA, Model Congress and the tennis team. Her favorite subject is Spanish. Aislinn would like to be a doctor.



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Enya Cunningham is a freshman at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is Enya's first year in PYO playing the violin following two years in PJSO. Enya enjoys the music of George Gershwin, and enjoys listening to Regina Spektor, Amy Winehouse, The Beatles, and Justin Timberlake. In her spare time Enya is active in chamber orchestra, jazz band, Stroudsburg High School field hockey and soccer teams, and the Stroudsburg United Soccer Club. Enya is a high honors student who also enjoys designing, sketching, painting, reading, running, shopping, and making movies. Enya enjoys orchestra because "it's fun, challenging, and a great experience." In the future, she hopes to study fashion, design, acting, or performing, and possibly work for UNICEF or the Red Cross.

Katie Daniels is playing French horn for the fourth year in PYO. She is a senior at Stroudsburg High School where she is in the top 10% of her class. She has participated in District/Regional Band and Orchestra and belongs to the Show Choir, the National Honor Society and Model Congress. She also plays the piano and her favorite subject is art, particularly painting. Her favorite composers are Beethoven, Stravinsky and Copland. She likes to read the *Harry Potter* Series and her favorite author is P G Wodehouse. She hopes to attend college in either New York City or Boston.

Kathleen Doherty attends Notre Dame High School and is in the eleventh grade. She has played the flute in the PYO for four years. Learning about new classical composers is her favorite part of being a PYO member. She is also a member of the Notre Dame High School band and chorus and participates in their plays. Kathleen lists Bach, Vivaldi, Poulenc, Chopin and Debussy as her favorite composers. Other hobbies that Kathleen enjoys are knitting, reading, enjoying music and skiing.

Kevin Donovan has played French horn with the PYO for three years and viola in the PJSO for 3 years. He is a junior at Stroudsburg High School where he is in the top 10% of his class and a 3-time PIAA District XI Swimmer, a 6-time PennDel East District qualifier and a 2-time All MVC Swim team member. He is also a Boy Scout and a member of the Pocono Family YMCA Swim Team. His favorite subject is calculus, his favorite music is rock, his favorite composer is Robert W. Smith and his favorite book is *You're Only Old Once*. His hobbies include map reading and watching the weather channel and his favorite author is Rand McNally. He plans to go to college.

Eric Dwyer is a freshman at Stroudsburg Junior High School, where his favorite subject is Social Studies. This is his first year as a percussionist in PYO. Eric listens to the music of Leonard Bernstein and John Williams, while also enjoying oldies, classic rock, and Broadway tunes. He is involved in the Boy Scouts, FBLA, Show Choir, and Pocono Lively Arts. Eric's interests include climbing, scuba diving, and architecture. He hopes to someday design and own a theater after working on Broadway in lighting design.

Kevin Dwyer plays cello in his 4th year in PYO, after spending 2 years in PJSO. Kevin attends Stroudsburg High School as a junior, where he enjoys history and government. Kevin is a member of numerous organizations, including Show Choir, Chorale, Model Congress, FBLA, Mock Trial, and Cross Country, among others. Kevin is also involved in National Honor Society and a current Eagle Scout Candidate in Boy Scouts. His favorite

authors include George Carlin and Al Franken. He enjoys music “that can both set and change the mood of a scene, and your life.” Kevin dreams of being involved in professional theater in NYC or entering politics.

Jeremy Esbin is an eleventh grade student at East Stroudsburg South High School. This is his first year with PYO playing the French Horn. Jeremy enjoys the PYO because it is one of the few ensembles that joins winds and strings so as to get a larger variety of sounds. He has achieved High Honors throughout High School and has also been a Trumpet section leader and top 10%. If you leave out music class and lunch, Jeremy will say Math is his favorite school subject. Jeremy enjoys patriotic music and considers Reneike his favorite composer. He prefers books in the genres of Science Fiction or Fantasy and when not playing music Jeremy enjoys shooting, riding motorcycles and gaming. He looks forward to attending college and majoring in music or accounting, or maybe even both.

Thomas Fabian is a ninth grader in Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is his second year in the PYO playing bass after two years in the PJSO. Thomas also plays in the school orchestra and was picked for the PMEA District 10 Intermediate Schools Orchestra this past year. His favorite composers are Mozart and Thelonious Monk. He is regularly on High Honor roll. Tom also plays on the scholastic football and basketball teams and was selected for the All-Tournament Team. He was awarded the Arthur Perrymany Award at the 2007 tournament. In addition, he has participated in three service learning awareness trips to El Salvador and Honduras. His favorite book is *Lord of the Flies*. He also enjoys juggling.

Krysta Fogel is an eleventh grade honor roll student at Pen Argyl High School. This is her third year as a cellist with the PYO. She also plays the oboe, French horn and alto, tenor and baritone saxophone. She listens to the music of Tchaikovsky, Faure and Dvorak and her favorite subject is pre-calculus. Krysta is a member of her school concert band, jazz band, orchestra and varsity softball team. She has made District X, Regional and All State Orchestra. Her hobbies include playing music and sleeping. Krysta enjoys the orchestra because it’s fun to learn challenging music and to play with other talented musicians. She plans to go to college and major in cello performance.

Breanna Goldner is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. This is her third year playing the cello in the PYO following two years in the PJSO. Her favorite books include *Nineteen Minutes*, *The Tenth Circle*, and *White Oleander*, and loves the author Jodi Picoult. During school hours, she participates in chamber orchestra, cross country, Science Olympiad, Model Congress, FBLA, and Amnesty International. Breanna is also a Pocono Medical Center volunteer and is a member of the hospital’s Medical Explorers program. She is in the top ten percent of her class, a state Science Olympiad gold, silver, and bronze medalist, and has received four consecutive superior ratings at the NFMC Music Festival. In her free time, she enjoys reading, running, and playing with her dog, Jags. Breanna finds orchestra “an opportunity to expand my horizons musically and have fun at the same time.” In the future, she hopes to attend a four-year college, medical school, and become a physician specializing in geriatrics.

Eleanor Graham is a twelfth grader at Pleasant Valley High School who has played trombone in the PYO for two years. She enjoys all her classes as well as reading, sleeping and playing instruments. Eleanor also enjoys all music and lists her favorite composers as Vivaldi, Holst and Williams. Books such as *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien and *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling are favorites as well as the author Dan Brown's novels. Eleanor has been honored to be a member of District Band in 6th and 7th grade and is also a member of many band organizations as well as the Tri-M Music Honors Society where she is Vice President. The practice and exposure to new types of music is one of the reasons she enjoys being part of the PYO. Eleanor's goal is to attend Penn State and become a member of the Blue Band while majoring in Science.

Jordan Greenwood attends Stroudsburg High School, where she is in 11th grade. Her favorite artists include The Killers, Maximo Park, and Sufjan Stevens. She enjoys reading books by Sara Shepards and J.K. Rowling. This is Jordan's 6th total year with the orchestras, playing viola. She is a member of National Honor Society and is in the top 10% of her class. Later in life, Jordan hopes to become a kindergarten teacher or veterinarian.

Shelby Greenwood is a junior at Stroudsburg High School, where her favorite subject is orchestra. Shelby enjoys the music of Danny Elfman and J.S. Bach, and her favorite artists include Kings of Leon, Wilco, and Maximo Park. Shelby is a member of National Honor Society, along with both Chamber and Pit Orchestras. Shelby has spent 6 years with the orchestras on cello. She enjoys orchestra as time to see friends and play music. She hopes to become a high school teacher or guidance counselor.

Ashley Gyarmaty is a tenth grader at Stroudsburg High School. This is her second year playing violin with PYO (she played with the PJSO for two years as well.) She also plays with the SHS 10th Grade Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra and is a member of the SHS Cheerleading Squad. Ashley is a High Honor Roll student whose favorite subject is biology. Her hobbies include horseback riding, playing the violin, cheering, gymnastics, golf, and spending time with friends. Ashley enjoys the orchestra because it always presents new challenges and she likes meeting people from other schools. She plans to be a science teacher.

Violinist **Antonia Harris** is playing in her third year with the PYO after 3 years in the PJSO. She is a junior at Stroudsburg High School where she likes Orchestra, Gym, English Class and Spanish Class. She likes any music but country. Her favorite composers are Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart, Hans Zimmer and Tyler Bates. She has many favorite authors, books and hobbies ranging from arts and crafts to writing, computers and watching movies. She received a trophy as an award for superior violin performance in the PFMC Junior Festival. She enjoys orchestra because she likes to listen to the music as she plays and it is a time for her to just let go. Future Plans: ummm- go to college.

Holly Holmes is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School who is in her second year playing violin for PYO, following three years in PJSO. Holly's favorite subject in school is math, and she enjoys the books *Pirates!*, *Out of the Dust*, and *The Notorious Mrs. Winston*. In her spare time, Holly enjoys playing her violin, running cross country, drawing, and hanging out with

friends. Holly says she enjoys orchestra because she “likes to be able to learn and experience more.” In the future, Holly hopes to attend college for architecture, travel, help children’s ministries, attend mission trips, and stay active in her community.

Erica Jack plays violin in her 5th year in PYO after spending 4 years in PJSO. She is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School, where her favorite subject is art. Her favorite composer is Bela Bartok, and she enjoys alternative classic rock. Erica’s favorite author is J.K. Rowling and loves the *Harry Potter* series. Erica plays drums for the COTA Cats, and is a member of FBLA, Art Club, Jazz Band, and Chorale. She has received the MVC Gold Medal for Tennis, a gold cup for piano, and is a member of PMEA District Chorus. Erica is also a high honor roll student. Erica enjoys orchestra for the cookies and friends. She hopes to attend college for music or art.

Doug Kaetz is playing percussion for the first year in the PYO. He is a junior honor student at Pleasant Valley High School where his favorite subjects are math and history. He also plays alto sax, guitar, bass, drum set, piano and marimba. His favorite composers are John Williams, James DeVivo and Hans Zimmer. He likes metal salsa and classical music. His favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series and *Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*. Doug likes to ski and play soccer. He hopes to become a music educator and plays with the orchestra because he likes to perform music.

Chandler Klein is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. This is her second year playing the viola in the PYO following two years in the PJSO. Her favorite composers include Mozart and Beethoven, and she enjoys listening to rap, rock, rhythm, and blues. During school hours, she is in Student Council, Peer Mediation, and runs on the track team. Chandler is in the top ten percent of her class, received the Excellence in Art Award, and won first place in the Pennsylvania State Essay Contest. In her free time, she enjoys art, music, and cooking. Chandler loves the sense of accomplishment she gets after finishing a song and playing it well. In the future, she hopes to attend college and live in a major city.

Sara Kongkatong is spending her first year in PYO playing flute and piccolo. Sara is a junior at Stroudsburg High School and her favorite subject is English. She enjoys folk and acoustic music and is a member of the varsity field hockey team and National Honor Society. She is also on high honor roll. She enjoys reading, writing, and drawing. Sara “enjoys playing her instrument and collaborating with other musicians.” She hopes to attend college later in life.

Elizabeth Korp attends Easton Area High School where she is an eleventh grade student. She is a member of the Pie Club, Country Gate Players and the Easton Area HS Musical Theater. She has been a violinist with the PYO for three years following four years with PJSO. Elizabeth listens to any type of music with a good beat and lists John Lennon as her favorite composer. She also likes reading *It’s a Very Funny Story* by Ned Vizzini and the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling. Kristen’s hobbies include photography, musical Theater and spending time with friends. She enjoys meeting and making new friends as well as the challenges faced while being a member of the PYO. For the future Elizabeth sees herself finishing college and moving on to a career in Graphic Design in New York City.

Violinist **Stephen Kozak** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. He also plays the saxophone. This is his first year with the PYO. At school he likes math, plays football and belongs to the Chamber Orchestra and the National Honor Society. His favorite composer is Bach and his favorite book is *Madame Bovary*. In his extra time he likes to snowboard. Orchestra allows him to do something he enjoys with others that share a common interest. He hopes to become a doctor.

Rebecca Kuc is a eighth grade student at Pleasant Valley Middle School who lists math as her favorite subject. This is her first year playing violin in PYO after spending four years in PJSO. She is also a member of the Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association and enjoys horseback riding. She has received many awards for her riding as well as receiving two trophies for solo violin performances, one trophy for violin duets and one trophy for music theory from the PFMC. Rebecca enjoys most types of music, with the exception of Rap. Lauren Brooke's *Chestnut Hill Series* are her favorite form of reading. She enjoys being part of the orchestra because she finds the music challenging and appreciates the opportunity it gives her to perform with others her age.

Kaitlyn Lessard attends Stroudsburg Junior High school as a ninth grade student. She had been a member of the PJSO for 3 years and is now playing her viola for the first year with PYO. Her favorite composers are Vivaldi and Soon Hee Newbold. Kaitlyn enjoys dancing and writing as well as Alternative music and Rock. Kaitlyn is a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council and the Elite Studio competition team and was a Triple Gold winner at the Regional Talent competition. She enjoys the authors Stephanie Meyer and J.K. Rowling and the books, *Twilight*, *Eclipse*, *New Moon* and the *Harry Potter* series. The orchestra is important to her because it allows her to express her feelings in an artistic way. Kaitlyn's goal is to become an Orthopedic Surgeon while maintaining her hobbies of music and dance.

Grace Loudon is playing viola for the fifth year in PYO. She also plays violin and piano. She is a senior honor student at Stroudsburg High School where her favorite subject is calculus. Her school activities include Chamber Orchestras, Show Choir, Model Congress and National Honor Society. She likes all music but country and lists Chopin and Rachmaninoff as her favorite composers. She has won a number of music awards including Stillman Kelley Piano Award and first place at Aikings Cadmen Audition that allowed her to move to the next level. Her hobbies include painting and pottery. She hopes to attend college and medical school to become an oral and maxillo-facial surgeon.

Dominic Macrini, a violinist, is in his first year with the PYO after four years with the PJSO. He is an 11th-grader at Stroudsburg High School, where his favorite subject is music theory. Although Dominic's favorite composer is Vivaldi, his favorite music spans most genres of rock. Playing guitar and windsurfing are his hobbies, and he enjoys reading magazines such as *Rolling Stone* and *Sports Illustrated*. He enjoys PYO because "I love music and everything about it. Playing in an orchestra lets me play the music I love." He aspires to become a high school orchestra conductor.

Derek Maloney is playing bass for the first year in PYO. He is a senior honor student at Stroudsburg High school where he is president of the Student Government. His favorite subject is math. He likes jazz, funk, rock, hip-hop and music by John Williams. JK Rowling is his favorite author. At school he participates in Mock Trial, Chess team and Scholastic Scrimmage. He belongs to the national Honors Society, the top 10% of the class and is vice president of Model Congress. He is a polevaulter. He hopes to become a doctor and/or a professional gamer.

Violinist **Cynthia Mathiesen** is in her first year with PYO after two years with PJSO. She is an eighth-grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School where her favorite subject is orchestra. She enjoys the works of Gershwin, J.S. Bach and Mozart, although, in addition to classical music, she likes classic rock and country tunes. Her favorite authors are J.K. Rowling, Joan Lowery Nixon and Wilson Rawls. *Harry Potter*, *A Light in the Dark* and *Where the Red Fern Grows* are her favorite books. Cynthia also belongs to the Junior String Philharmonic and the Stroudsburg Chamber Orchestra. She enjoys camping, practicing the violin, hiking and being with friends. "I enjoy orchestra because I enjoy listening to the other parts of the music and listening to all of the parts of the piece coming together," says Cynthia, who hopes to become a "professional crazy music teacher."

Molly Maroney is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. This is her second year playing clarinet in PYO. Her favorite subjects include Music and History. Molly enjoys jazz, classical, and classic rock music, and her favorite composers are John Williams, Vivaldi, and Schumann. She also enjoys books by J.K. Rowling, Robert Jordan, Terry Goodkind, and Mary Stewart. In her spare time, Molly enjoys participating at Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, going to her church youth group, reading, fencing, canoeing, camping, playing and writing music, and conducting. Molly enjoys orchestra because "it gives her an opportunity to play different styles from concert and jazz band." In the future, she hopes to go to college to be a conductor or a professional chef.

Nicholas Migliacci is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. This is his third year playing the violin in the PYO following two years in the PJSO. His favorite composers include Chopin, Joplin, and Vivaldi, and he enjoys listening to rock, hip hop, alternative, rap, and classical music. During school hours, he is in the National Honor Society, Key Club, Science Olympiad, Chamber Orchestra, and Scholastic Scrimmage. He is also a member of the Boy Scouts. Nick has received a NFMC Festival superior ranking in piano for eight years, violin for three years, and theory for two years. In his free time, he plays baseball, collects coins, reads, and sleeps. Nick enjoys orchestra because it "gives me an opportunity to play with more experienced musicians and play more advanced music." In the future, he plans to attend a four year college to study biology or pre-med.

Alexandra Mikels is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. This is her second year playing the viola in the PYO following three years in the PJSO. Her favorite composers include Beethoven and Vivaldi, and she enjoys classic rock and oldies music. During school hours, she participates in FBLA, Model Congress, Show Choir, Chorale, and plays varsity tennis. Alexandra is on the high honor roll and placed first in Business Math at FBLA regionals.

In her free time, she enjoys tennis, playing the viola and electric bass, and cheering for Penn State football. Alexandra finds orchestra “an opportunity to further my playing experience while being with my friends.” In the future, she hopes to attend college and become an archivist or curator in/near Washington, D.C.

Lauren Noyes is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. This is her second year playing the violin in PYO following two years in the PJSO. Her favorite books include *Wicked*, *Awakening*, and *Animal Farm*, and she favors the author Gregory Maguire. In school, Lauren participates in the school orchestra (in which she is seated first chair), chamber orchestra, Science Olympiad, and plays varsity volleyball. She is on the high honor roll in the top ten percent of her class, and a Science Olympiad competition medalist. In her free time, Lauren enjoys playing volleyball, reading, singing, and running. She finds orchestra an opportunity to challenge herself with music that is not only tricky but interesting. Lauren hopes to attend college, find a career in the medical field, and minor in music and Spanish.

Emiko Okamoto is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her fourth year playing violin in the PYO, following her previous three years in the PJSO. Her favorite composer is Mozart, and she enjoys listening to any type of music. Math is her favorite subject, and for hobbies she enjoys snowboarding, tennis, dance and violin. Her favorite author is J.K. Rowling, and favorite books include *Harry Potter* and *A Wrinkle in Time*. Emiko is a member of the National Honor Society, Kathy Kroll Dance and Paper Theatre and School of Visual and Performing Arts. She is in the top ten percent of her class, and won first place in MVC tournament for tennis. Emiko likes being in the orchestra because “I like hearing the songs come together, from day one until the concert.” Her future plans are to become a doctor.

Karim Osman is a freshman at Stroudsburg Junior High School, where his favorite subject is Technology Education. This is Karim’s first year in PYO playing violin, after 2 years with PJSO. His favorite composer is Vivaldi and he also enjoys rock and classical music. Karim enjoys reading books by Stephen King, Arthur C. Clark, and Alan Dean Foster. He is a member of the Technology Student Association, and the Boy Scouts, as well as being certified in Scuba diving. Karim hopes to become a Cosmonautical Engineer and a master SCUBA diver.

Julia Porte is in her 2nd year with PYO, playing clarinet. She is a junior at Stroudsburg High School, where she enjoys German. Julia likes all music except for rap and country, and especially likes John Williams. She enjoys reading books by Jodi Picoult and Sophie Kinsella. Julia is a member of the tennis team, marching band, and National Honor Society. She “enjoys playing her instrument and playing with a full orchestra instead of just a concert band.” She hopes to attend college, majoring in German.

Ben Potter is an eleventh grader at Stroudsburg High School. This is his fourth year playing bass for the PYO, he also played for a year in the PJSO. His favorite composer is Dvorak, and he likes to listen to rock music. In school his favorite subject is physics, out of school he enjoys reading, playing bass and weight lifting. Ben is in the top ten of his class, and has earned Science Olympiad medals. His favorite author is Robert Jordan, and his

favorite books are the *Wheel of Time* series. Ben is also involved in Jazz Band, Marching Band, School Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Wrestling. He likes being in PYO because "I get a chance to play bass." His ambitions are to go to MIT and become an engineer.

Tyler Potts, a violinist, has performed with the PYO for five years and was with the PJSO for four years. He is an 11th grader with the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School. His favorite subject is psychology, his favorite composer is Chopin, his favorite music is jazz, and his favorite author is Frank Herbert. A boy scout, Tyler's hobbies include piano, violin, reading, paintball and skiing. He enjoys orchestra because, "I like listening to all the instruments harmonize." His future plans include college.

Violinist **Alex Prufer** has performed with PYO for two years. A sophomore at Stroudsburg High School, he enjoys gym, composers Mozart, Haydn and Vivaldi, and authors Terry Goodkind and Stephen King. His favorite books include the *Sword of Truth* series, *Can't Stop Won't Stop*, and the *Dark Tower* series. He belongs to Chamber Orchestra and has received a Spelling Bee award. His hobbies include poetry and music production. Alex enjoys PYO because it allows him to "meet new friends, learn new things and overcome challenges." His future plans include the Air Force and college.

Nina Ramirez is an eleventh grader at Stroudsburg High School. This is her third year playing violin in the PYO. Her favorite composers are Stravinsky and Mozart. In school her favorite subjects are math and science, and she is regularly on the High Honor Roll. Her hobbies are color guard, reading and playing the violin. Favorite author is Sonya Sones, and her favorite book is *Stop Pretending*. Nina is also a member of the Stroudsburg High School Color guard. She enjoys being in PYO because "I enjoy working for the goal of completing a piece and playing it well." Her ambition is to get a PhD in medicine.

Lanique Roberts, a violinist and sophomore at Notre Dame High School, is debuting with the PYO this year. She enjoys math, composer Leroy Anderson and music that includes Christmas arrangements and Pachelbel's Canon. Her favorite authors are J.K. Rowling, Katherine Paterson and Lois Lowry and her favorite books are the *Harry Potter* Series, *Jacob Have I Loved*, and *The Bluest Eye*. She belongs to the Key Club and National Junior Honor Society. She has received academic awards, seven New York State Student Music Association awards, the President's Education Awards, Who's Who Among American Students. Her hobbies include staying active, reading, writing, and spending time with friends. Being in an orchestra allows her to be with a group of people who share a common love of music, Lanique says. Journalism, communications and an Ivy League education are among her ambitions.

Natasha Roberts is a violinist in her first year with PYO. She is a ninth-grade student at Notre Dame High School. Science and social studies are the favorite subjects of Natasha, a fan of Bach and Tchaikovsky and "any type of music." She enjoys J.K. Rowling, Lois Lowry and Maya Angelou. Her favorite books are *Harry Potter*, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* and science fiction works. Other organizations she belongs to include the New York State Student Music Association. Natasha is an honors student and class leader

who enjoys playing instruments, reading, writing and graphic design on the computer. Orchestra, Natasha says, “makes me feel free. I can share things in common with others.” Her future plans include continuing to play the violin and attending an Ivy League school to become a doctor.

Flutist **Bridgette Saba**, a third-year member of the PYO, is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School. She enjoys Vivaldi, Bach and Yann Tiersen, as well as music from the '70s. Roald Dahl is her favorite author, and *The Secret of the Ruby Ring* is her favorite book. In addition to school music programs she is president of the Leo Club and active in the National Honor Society. Bridgette's hobbies are “analyzing the meaning of lyrics and instrumental parts of songs and hanging out with my friends.” PYO is enjoyable because it allows her to play a variety of classical music instead of modern composers. Her future plans are ambitious: “I want to major in microbiology and maybe go on to graduate school, research in the Amazon and minor in modern ballet.”

Madeleine Smyth is a clarinetist in her first year with PYO. She is a senior at Lehigh Valley Charter School for the Performing Arts where her favorite subject is music theory. A rock aficionado, Madeleine's favorite composers are Mozart and Brahms. She enjoys authors Clive Cussler, Stephanie Meyer and Anne Rice. Indeed, her favorite books are Cussler's *Sahara* and Meyer's *Twilight*. A recipient of the “President's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement,” Madeleine was chosen for “Who's Who Among American High School Students.” Hobbies include reading and tennis. She enjoys orchestra because she loves playing music with musicians who are fun and interesting people. As for her future, Madeleine says, “I intend on attending a four-year college or conservatory for instrumental performance.”

Matt Steffens is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. This is Matt's fourth year playing cello in PYO following two years in PJSO. Matt's favorite composer is Tchaikovsky, and his favorite authors are Jonathan Safran Foer, Ernest Hemingway, Dave Egger, and Dr. Seuss. Matt is active in the National Honors Society, Key Club, Model Congress, Science Olympiad, and Chamber and Pit Orchestra. Matt has also attended Pennsylvania Governors School for International Studies, and has received six consecutive superior ratings in festival. Outside of school, Matt's hobbies include taxidermy, playing scrabble, going to Dunkin' Donuts, asking questions, and studying the production possibilities curve. Matt enjoys PYO because it “fills his Monday nights with joy and happiness.” In the future, Matt hopes to study abroad, attend college, and drive trucks in Europe.

Kaitlin Tackels is a freshman at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year playing the cello in PYO following three years in PJSO. Her favorite composers include Alan Menken, John Williams, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Jean Baptiste Breval. She also enjoys listening to pop, country, classical, jazz, and rock music. Kaitlin enjoys participating in FBLA, and has also made High Honor Roll, Intermediate District Orchestra, and has received 3 superior rating at NFMC. When not playing cello, she also enjoys painting, drawing, singing, dancing, and acting. Kaitlin enjoys orchestra because she “gets to meet other musicians and play challenging music.” In the future, she hopes to perform on Broadway and major in elementary education.

Maria Vecchio is playing viola for the third year with the PYO following 3 years with the PJSO. She also plays the violin. She is in the tenth grade at Stroudsburg High School. Her favorite subject is English and she likes any music she can dance to. Her favorite books are *She said Yes* and *Lucky*. She plays with the Chamber Orchestra and the ESU Community Orchestra. She enjoys horseback riding and snowboarding. Orchestra is important to her because it is something she is good at and enjoys. She plans to go to Cornell and study Veterinary Medicine.

Lucas Watson is a senior at Stroudsburg High School where his favorite subject is music, with history at a distant second. This is his second year playing the clarinet in PYO. Lucas is a member of the Boy Scouts and has been a member of PMEA District Band in 2006 and 2007, as well as Susquehanna Honors Band 2007. He enjoys trying to keep out of too much trouble, watching football, and being in orchestra. Lucas "someday hopes to take over the world or, at the very least, do something with music."

Brianna Weaver is a ninth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year playing violin in the PYO, following her previous three years playing in the PJSO. Her favorite composers are Robert Kinkel, Paul O'Neill, Hawk Nelson and Mozart, and she enjoys listening to Trans Siberian Orchestra, 80's and Hawk Nelson. In school her favorite subject is honors biology, and out of school her hobbies are tap dancing, karate and skiing. Her favorite authors are Michael Scott, J.K. Rowling and D.J. McHale, and favorite books are *The Secrets to the Immortal Series*, *Harry Potter* series and *Nicholas Flamel* series. Brianna is also a member of FBLA at the Stroudsburg Junior High School. Her accomplishments include numerous awards in regional and national dance competitions and high honor roll in eighth grade. Brianna enjoys being in the orchestra because it is fun, challenging and she sees a lot of friends. Her plans for the future are to be a famous violinist, play in the Trans Siberian Orchestra and be an interior designer.

Percussionist **Brennen Wede** is a home-schooled 10th-grader in his first year with PYO. He favors art, composer Hans Zimmer, music from "Pirates of the Caribbean," author Tom Clancy and the books *Black Hawk Down* and *Marine*. Other organizations he is involved in include the SELAH Learning Center and PCHEC. Brennen's hobbies include playing, skateboarding and playing video games. He likes PYO because "everyone is very friendly." Future plans include attending college to study computer-aided design and joining the Marine Corps.

Violinist **Brielle Wede** is a home-schooled 12th-grader who performed with PJSO for one year and is in her second year with PYO. Brielle enjoys science, especially biology. Her favorite composers are Beethoven, Debussy and Mozart, and she enjoys music by the Wilds, Majesty Music and Steve Pettit. Her favorite authors are Tim LaHaye/Jerry Jenkins and their *Left Behind* series, and Dee Henderson and her *O'Malley* series. Brielle belongs to Calvary Baptist Church and the SELAH Learning Center, and has received five NFMC Gold Cups. Her hobbies include swimming, reading, drama, piano and photography. "I enjoy PYO because I like getting to know other musicians and playing as a group – it's more fun than playing by yourself," Brielle says. She wants to attend either Bob Jones University or Maranatha Baptist Bible College to pursue a music and/or medical degree.



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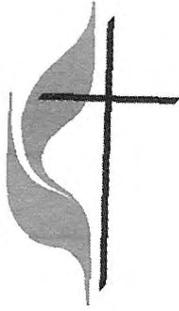
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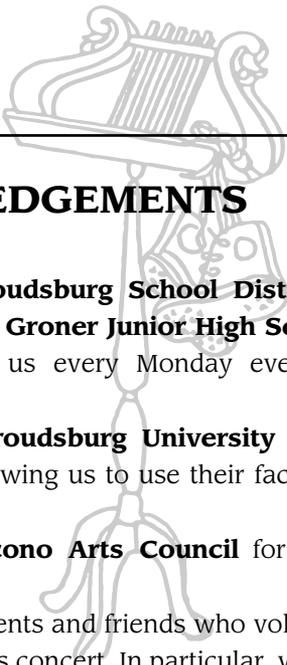
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