

POCONO  
YOUTH  
ORCHESTRA

Winter Concerts

Saturday, January 10, 2009

Sunday, January 11, 2009

## **2008-2009 SEASON**

Christmas Tree Lighting at Stroudsmoor, December 7, 2008  
String-Along at Grace Park Retirement Community, December 16, 2008

### **Winter Concerts, January 10 & 11, 2009**

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,  
March 22, 2009

### **Spring Concerts, May 30 & 31, 2009**

2009-2010 Season Auditions, June 1, 2009

## **AUDITIONS NOTICE**

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 1, 2009, at Stroudsburg Area Junior High School. Openings are anticipated in the PYO for high school musicians playing violin, viola, cello, string bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, and percussion. All students through present high school juniors are eligible to apply. In the PJSO, performing opportunities exist for all accomplished young string instrumentalists in elementary and middle school. Minimum requirements are at least two years of private instruction and strong music reading ability.

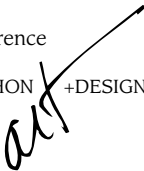
Auditions, which last about ten minutes, will be scheduled by appointment. Students will be asked to perform a prepared solo piece of their choice, and to sight read appropriate music for their instrument.

Both orchestras rehearse weekly throughout the school year on Monday evenings. They perform two formal concerts each year as well as a Christmas "String-Along," and other performance opportunities. Each year orchestra members also attend a New York Youth Symphony concert at Carnegie Hall.

To schedule an audition or for more information, please call Anthony or Audrey Simons at (610) 965-0268 or visit our website at [www.poconoyouth-orchestra.org](http://www.poconoyouth-orchestra.org).

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# POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

ANTHONY SIMONS, *MUSIC DIRECTOR*  
AUDREY SIMONS, *STRINGS ASSISTANT*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2009**

**7:30 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009**

**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

- Allegro Vivace from “The Hunt”  
String Quartet #17, K. 458  
W.A. Mozart  
arr. Tim McCarrick
- Largo from Symphony No. 9,  
“From the New World”  
Antonin Dvorak  
arr. Robert D. McCashin
- North Star to Freedom  
In Honor of the Underground Railroad  
Soon Hee Newbold
- Fiocco Allegro  
Joseph-Hector Fiocco  
arr. Elliot Del Borgo

## INTERMISSION

## Pocono Youth Orchestra

- The Hebrides (Fingal’s Cave) Overture  
Felix Mendelssohn  
ed. Steven Rosenhaus
- Variations on a Shaker Melody  
from *Appalachian Spring*  
Aaron Copland
- Serenade in F major for String Orchestra  
George Whitefield Chadwick  
I. Allegro grazioso

## — PYO Strings —

- Concert Suite from *Harry Potter and  
the Goblet of Fire*  
Patrick Doyle and John Williams  
arr. Jerry Brubaker
- I Vespri Siciliani  
Giuseppe Verdi

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Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts and the East Stroudsburg  
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# POCONO JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA

## Violin

Augustin Cavalier  
Josh Charlton  
Amy Chryst  
Marua Dougherty  
Natalie Gilbert  
William Gold  
Alexandra Kozak  
Michael Kozak  
Abigail Lantz  
Oliver Maloney  
Anna Maroney  
Nicholas Park  
Brandon Ramos  
Olivia Reed

Rosie Sobrinski  
Sabrina Steed  
Eva Marie Swartout  
Bradley Swiatkowski  
Gabrielle Truncali

## Viola

Emily Geiger  
Marisa Pagan-Figueroa

## Cello

Kristen Weaver  
Daniel Pagan-Figueroa  
Shawn Powers  
Sophia Rostock  
Sarah Tomlinson  
Sydney Warick

## Bass

John Charlton  
Nicole Weaver

\*seating rotates

# POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

## Violin

Chris Ballentine  
Crystal Cho  
Aislinn Crank  
Enya Cunningham  
Kelsey Day  
Ashley Gyarmaty  
Antonia Harris+  
Holly Holmes  
Erica Jack  
Maddison Kendrick  
Elizabeth Korp+  
Rebecca Kuc  
Emily Lantz  
Anne Lloyd  
Dominic Macrini+  
Kyle Mahaney  
Cindy Mathiesen  
Lauren Noyes  
Karim Osman  
Nina Ramirez+  
Lanique Roberts  
Natasha Roberts  
Ella Vidal+  
Brianna Weaver

## Viola

Jordan Greenwood+  
Kaitlyn Lessard  
Alex Mikels  
Chandler Klein  
Maria Vecchio  
Danielle Wyckoff

## Cello

Krysta Fogel+  
Shelby Greenwood+  
Breanna Goldner  
Lauryn Calafiore+  
Kevin Dwyer+  
Kaitlin Tackels  
Joseph Chacra  
Nate Roseti  
Aidan Crank

## Bass

Ben Potter+

## Flute

Kathleen Doherty+  
Sara Kongkatong  
Anna Long

## Oboe

Nicole Weaver

## Clarinet

Julia Porte+  
Molly Maroney  
Cody Cannavo

## Bassoon

Dominic Panunto

## Horn

Kevin Donovan+  
Katie Battle

## Trumpet

Ryan McDermott  
Carolyn Wert  
Chris Ballentine  
Aidan Crank

## Percussion

Matt Altemose  
Weston Anderson  
Eric Dwyer  
Hayley Goldner  
Brennen Wede

+graduating seniors

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# About Our Students

## In PJSO

**Augustin Cavalier** is a homeschooled fifth grader who is playing the violin for the second year in PJSO. His favorite composer is Mozart and his favorite musical group is Casting Crowns. His favorite subjects are programming and science and his hobbies include film making and programming. Augustin enjoys reading the *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis. He hopes to become a director and/or animator. Augustin enjoys playing in the orchestra because it's fun to be doing something in front of other people.

**John Charlton** has played the bass for four years in PJSO. He is in the eighth grade at Easton Area Middle School where his favorite subject is music. John enjoys playing his electric and string basses and listening to music. His favorite band is Chiodos. John is a Boy Scout and he is planning on becoming an Eagle Scout. His favorite book is the *House of the Scorpion*. John enjoys being in PJSO because it's challenging and more fun musically than he'd ever get to do in school.

**Joshua Charlton** is a sixth grader at Easton Area Middle School and is enjoying playing the violin for his second year in PJSO. His favorite subject in school is Math and Joshua enjoys running, playing with toy soldiers, building Lego cities, and reading. His favorite authors are Erin Colfer, Jeanne DuPrau and Bill Waterson. His favorite books are the *Artemis Fowl* series and *Calvin and Hobbes*. Joshua is on the Honor Roll and has won First Place trophies in kayaking and running races at camp. His ambition is to become a Lego sculptor like Nathan Sawaya (<http://brickartist.com/>), Joshua enjoys playing in PJSO because it's fun and the music is challenging.

Amy Chryst is an 8th grade home school student, who is in her 4th year playing violin with the PJSO. The school subjects she finds most enjoyable are math and music. Tchaikovsky and John Williams are two of her favorite composers, and she enjoys listening to classical and Celtic music. Her favorite authors are Brian Jacques, C.S. Lewis, and J.R.R. Tolkien and has enjoyed reading the Redwall series, The Chronicles of Narnia and The Lord of the Rings. Amy plays violin in the First Baptist worship team and for other parts of the church services. Recently she played violin for the 82nd Philadelphia District Conference of the Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs held in Saylorsburg, Operation Christmas Child in the Stroudsburg Mall, and at the Old Time Christmas event, held at Quiet Valley Living Historical Museum. Amy is also involved in volunteering at Quiet Valley Living Historical Museum in other areas, is on the swim team, and plays tennis in the summer. She has acted in a number of plays, enjoys singing, and making jewelry. Amy has won an Ensemble Award from



the Pocono Arts Council's Excellence in Youth in Music, along with her sister Lynda Chryst, and Bethany Randall. She has also won a Superior Cup for both the Music Festival Violin Solo and Music Theory. Amy enjoys being part of the PJSO because she likes playing violin with others and loves music. Amy would like to continue playing violin and have a career involving music.

**Maura Dougherty** is in the 6th grade at Easton Area Middle School. This is her first year in PJSO. She plays the violin. Maura's favorite subject is reading. Her favorite composer is Leonard Bernstein. Maura enjoys listening to pop and show tunes. Her favorite authors are J.K. Rowling and Lemony Snickett. Some of her favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series, *The Westing Game* and *Inkheart*. Maura is on the honor roll at school and is also involved in her school newspaper and Girl Scouts. Her other hobbies include drawing and writing. She enjoys orchestra because she likes playing her instrument in a group and hearing all the different sounds. In the future she would like to be a newspaper journalist.

**Emily Geiger** is in the 6th grade at Stroudsburg Middle School and has been playing violin in PJSO for 3 years. Her favorite subjects are reading and math. Her favorite composer is Vivaldi. She enjoys listening to anything she can dance to. Her favorite author is Erin Hunter and her favorite book is the *Warriors* series. Emily is also involved in her school's orchestra, has been student of the marking period and is on the high honor roll. Emily enjoys playing in PJSO because she gets to play and learn new music and meet new people. In the future, Emily plans to be a lawyer, veterinarian or musician.

**Natalie Gilbert** is in the eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her third year playing violin in PJSO. Her favorite subject is Language Arts. Her favorite composers are Beethoven, Mozart and Haydn. Natalie likes to listen to Rock, Pop and Christian music. Her favorite authors are Stephenie Meyer and J.K. Rowling, and her favorite books are the *Twilight* series. Natalie is also a member of her school orchestra, show choir, Chorus, and her church's hand bell choir. She was selected for the Intermediate District Orchestra. Natalie also enjoys singing, acting, drawing and reading. She enjoys PJSO because she loves the sound and feels good when she plays her violin. Natalie hopes to go onto Broadway or become a zoologist.

**William Gold** is an 8th grader at the Pocono Mountain West Junior High School. He is playing violin in the PJSO for the third year. He also plays the trumpet and likes classical and rock music. His favorite composer is John Williams and his favorite author is H.G. Wells. His favorite book is *Moby Dick*. He is a distinguished honors student and is active in the band, Boy Scouts and Chess Club. He likes to ski and play baseball, soccer, basketball and chess. He likes orchestra because the music is challenging and the Simons are "the best!"

**Alexandra Kozak** is in the 7th grade at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her first year playing violin in PJSO. Her favorite subjects are art and music. Her favorite composer is Mozart and her favorite music is rock. Louisa Mae Alcott and *Little Women* are Alexandra's favorite author and book. Her hobbies include drawing, swimming and making jewelry. She also plays field hockey. She enjoys PJSO because she likes playing and listening to music. In the future she hopes to be a doctor.

**Michael Kozak** is in the 8th grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is his first year playing violin in PJSO. Michael's favorite subjects are math and science. Mozart is his favorite composer and heavy metal is his favorite type of music. Michael's favorite author is Christopher Paolini and some of his favorite books is the *Harry Potter* series and the *Eragon* series. Michael plays football, wrestles and is on the swim team. He enjoys PJSO because he likes playing his violin. In the future he would like to be a heart surgeon.

**Abigail Lantz** is in the 6th grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. She has played her violin in PJSO for one year. Abigail also plays the flute and piano. Her favorite subject is science. Her favorite music is Country. Abigail's favorite author is Jade Parker and her favorite book is *To Catch a Pirate*. Abigail is a high honor roll student. Her hobbies include singing and playing the piano. She enjoys PJSO because she enjoys playing her violin with other kids. In the future, Abigail hopes to be a famous singer.

This is **Oliver Maloney's** first year as a violinist for the PJSO. He's a sixth grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. His favorite subject is math and his favorite composer is Beethoven. When Oliver's not playing the violin, he might be playing soccer for Stroudsburg United, skiing, or reading *The Lord of the Rings*. Oliver has participated in District Math Contest and has been Student of the Month. His future plans include studying to be a doctor.

**Anna Maroney** is in the 8th grade at Stroudsburg Jr. High and has been playing with PJSO for 3 years. Anna plays violin and piano. Her favorite subjects are music and language arts. Her favorite composers are John Williams and Mozart. She enjoys listening to pop, rock and classical. Her favorite authors are Stephenie Meyer and J.K. Rowling. Her favorite books are the *Twilight* series and the *Harry Potter* series. Anna is also involved with her school orchestra, chamber orchestra, chorus and church youth group. She also participated in the PMEA District Middle School Orchestra. Anna likes to ride her bike, read and write songs. She enjoys orchestra because she likes the challenge of harder music. Her future plans are to be a musician.

**Daniel Pagan-Figueroa** is a homeschooled tenth grader with the PA Cyber School. This is his second year playing cello with the PJSO. He also plays the drums and piano. His favorite subjects are algebra and

chemistry. Daniel enjoys listening to a variety of music including jazz, rock, hip hop, and rap. His favorite authors are Stephenie Meyer and Timothy Zahn. Daniel's hobbies include reading and hanging out with friends. Daniel enjoys orchestra because "I find it to be fun to take on some challenging pieces of music."

**Marisa Pagan Figueroa** is in the 9th grade through PA Cyber School. This is her second year playing with PJSO. Marisa plays the viola and piano. Her favorite subject is Literature. Her favorite author is Dee Henderson. Her favorite book is *The Guardian*. Marisa's other hobbies include snowboarding, skiing and swimming.

**Nicholas Park** is in the 6th grade at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is his first year playing with PJSO. Nicholas plays the violin, piano and guitar. His favorite subject is Math, his favorite composer is Handel. Nicholas enjoys listening to both classical and rock music. His favorite book author is Masatishi Kusakabe and his favorite book is *Naruto*. Nicholas sings with the Korean Church Choir and practices tae kwon do. His hobby is card collecting. Nicholas enjoys orchestra because his heart is into it and learning new things makes him happy. In the future Nicholas would like to play in the best orchestra.

This is **Shawn Powers'** second year playing cello for the PJSO. He attends 7th grade at the Stroudsburg Middle School. His favorite subject is Physical Education and he enjoys listening to hip hop music. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows* by J.K. Rowling is his favorite book. Shawn has attended 6th Grade District Orchestra. His hobbies include baseball, tennis and video games. He enjoys orchestra because the music is challenging and the kids are nice. Shawn hopes to be a major league baseball player some day.

**Brandon Ramos** attends the ninth grade at Pleasant Valley Middle School. This is his third year playing the violin for the PJSO. Brandon also plays the alto sax for the PVMS Band. In the PFMC's Junior Festival, he received a "superior" 3 years in a row for the violin solo event. Christopher Paolini's *Eldes* and the *Harry Potter* series are Brandon's top reading choices. His hobbies include snowboarding, soccer and drawing. He enjoys orchestra most for the musical selections that are chosen. Brandon's future plans include becoming an artist and a professional snowboarder. He would also like to explore as many countries as possible.

**Olivia Reed** is in the sixth grade at Stroudsburg Middle school. This is her first year playing violin in the PJSO. Olivia also plays the drums and loves all kinds of music. She especially likes the music of John Lennon and Paul McCartney. Her favorite subject in school is language arts while her favorite books include Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* series and Melissa De La Cruz' *Blue Bloods* series. She enjoys

orchestra since she has “loved music ever since I can remember.” In addition to music, she also loves acting. Olivia hopes to someday become a lawyer or a doctor and always keep playing music.

**Sophia Rostock** is a sixth grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her first year playing cello for the PJSO. She also plays the piano and enjoys reading and listening to pop music. Her favorite composer is Bach and her favorite books include *Dive*, *A Series of Unfortunate Events* and *Because of Winn Dixie*. Sophia also participates in Girls on Track, softball and dance. Honors include a Presidential Award and Student of the Marking Period. Sophia’s hobbies include swimming, reading and collecting penguins. She enjoys being a part of the orchestra because of the cool music they get to play. Her future plans include snorkeling in the Caribbean; becoming a penguin trainer; and playing at Carnegie Hall.

**Rosie Sobrinski** is in the 7th grade. She is homeschooled. This is her 4th year playing violin with the PJSO. Rosie also plays the piano. Her favorite subject is reading. Her favorite composers are Mozart and Gershwin. She enjoys listening to the music of the Beatles and ABBA. Her favorite author is J.K. Rowling and her favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series and the *Warriors* series. Rosie is also involved with Girls on Track and Quiet Valley Historical Farm. Her hobbies included knitting, playing music and collecting toy pigs. Rosie says she enjoys playing with PJSO because it’s fun to learn challenging pieces of music.

**Sabrina Steed** is in the eighth grade at Northampton Area Middle School where her favorite subject is science. At school, she sings in the chorus and maintains Distinguished Honor Roll status. This is her second year playing violin with the PJSO. One of her favorite composers is George Gershwin, and she enjoys most types of music with the exception of country and rap. She enjoys being a part of the orchestra to learn new music and perform with her Stroudsburg friends. In the future, she would like to be an architect or a pharmacist and own a 13-inch beagle.

**Eva Marie Swartout** is in the 7th grade at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her first year playing with PJSO. Eva plays the violin and the piano. Her favorite subjects are reading and science. Her favorite composer is Andrew Lloyd Webber and she enjoys listening to rock and pop. Her favorite authors are Stephenie Meyer and Ann Rice. Her favorite books are the *Twilight* series and *The Vampire LaStat*. Eva’s hobbies include playing soccer, playing in orchestra and horse back riding. She enjoys PJSO because she loves music. Her future plans are to go to college and be successful in life.

**Bradley Swiatkowski** is in the 8th grade at Pocono Mountain East. He plans the violin and the drums. Bradley’s favorite subject is math.

His favorite composer is Beethoven and he enjoys listening to punk rock. His favorite author is J.K. Rowling and the *Harry Potter* series. Bradley's hobbies include playing video games, RC planes and cars. He enjoys orchestra because he just enjoys playing music. In the future he hopes to get a job that includes music.

This is **Sarah Tomlinson's** first year playing cello with the PJSO. She is a home-schooled eighth grader whose favorite subjects are history and English. Sarah likes to listen to Maroon 5, Yo Yo Ma, John Williams, Group 1 Crew and Superchic[k]. Some of her favorite books include *The Edge Chronicles*, *Ranger's Apprentice*, *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *The Seventh Tower series*. Sarah is an avid reader...sometimes reading several books in one day! She hopes to graduate from a culinary school and open a gourmet restaurant in France.

**Gabrielle Truncali** is in the 8th grade, She is homeschooled. This is her second year playing for PJSO. Gabrielle plays the violin and the cello. Her favorite subject is Language Arts. Her favorite composers are Mozart and Bach. Her favorite book is the Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants series. Her hobbies include playing basketball and listening to music. She enjoys playing with PJSO because she loves learning new pieces.

**Sydney Warick** is an eighth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High school. This is her first year in the PJSO playing the cello. In her free time, she plays viola, cheerleading, softball, and basketball. Her favorite subject is math, and enjoys playing music by Beethoven. She has received the Outstanding Academic Excellence and Outstanding in Math awards. She enjoys orchestra because she likes the challenge of the music. Sydney plans on attending college and becoming a sports broadcaster and journalist.

**Kristen Weaver** is a seventh grader at the PA Virtual Charter School. This is her third 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, J.K. Rowling, and Stephenie Meyer, and her favorite book is *Breaking Dawn*. 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 an eighth grader at PA Virtual Charter School. This is her third year playing bass in the PJSO and her first year playing oboe in PYO. Her favorite composer is Beethoven, and she enjoys listening to pop and rock music. Her hobbies include dance, skiing and karate. Her favorite authors are Cornelia Funke and Stephenie Meyer, and she likes reading *Inkheart* Trilogy and *Twilight* Trilogy. 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.

## And in the PYO

**Matthew Altemose** is a junior at Pleasant Valley High School and is playing percussion for the third year in the PYO. He likes rock music and his favorite composer is Hans Zimmer. His favorite subject is math and his favorite book is *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. He belongs to the Key Club and enjoys snowboarding and soccer. He plans to go to college.

**Weston Anderson** is a homeschooled 10th grader who is playing percussion in his third year of PYO. Weston's favorite authors are J.K. Rowling, Eric Nylund, and Christopher Paolini, and his favorite books are *Harry Potter*, *The Inheritance Cycle*, and the *Halo* novels. He also takes part in the Zen Shin Karate Club, the United Astronomy Club of New Jersey (UACNJ), and does Shio-Karate Do. Weston enjoys orchestra because "it is fun to play different instruments and nice to see friends." Weston hopes to eventually become an astronomer.

**Christopher Ballentine** is playing in his second year of PYO after 2 years in PJSO. He is a sophomore at Easton Area High School who plays the trumpet and violin. Christopher's favorite composer is John Williams, and enjoys the music of *Summon the Heroes* and *Rhapsody in Blue*. His favorite book is also 1984 by George Orwell. He also participates in EAHS chamber strings, pit orchestra, jazz lab bands, Boy Scouts, marching band, concert band, and symphony orchestra. Christopher hopes to become a Special Education teacher in either Math or History, or possibly a music teacher.

**Katie Battle** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School where she plays in the jazz and marching bands. This is her first year playing horn in the PYO. She also plays the trumpet and the mellophone. Her favorite subject is architectural design. Katie favorite authors include Dan Brown and his novels, *The Da Vinci Code* and *Angels and Demons* and Robert Ludlum's *The Hades Factor*. She enjoys playing in an orchestra because of the full sound produced with the addition of the strings. Her future plans include attending college for either the study of architecture or music education.

**Lauryn Calafiore** is a senior honors student at Stroudsburg High School. This is her fourth year playing cello in the PYO. She also played in the PJSO for two years. She also plays the piano and likes alternative music. She has won two gold cups in piano and two in cello in the PFMC Festivals. Her favorite subject is history, her favorite composer is Tchaikovsky and her favorite authors are V.C. Andrews, Sarah Dessen and Ellen Hopkins. Her favorite book is *The Perks of being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chobos. She is on the newspaper staff and enjoys reading and listening to music. She likes playing in the



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PYO with others who like playing and being challenged. She would like to go to college to become an architect.

**Cody Cannavo** is a 8th grade student at Bangor Area Middle School playing the clarinet in his 1st year of PYO. Cody also plays the saxophone, participates in Bangor Slatebelt Youth Soccer, and enjoys video games and all genres of music. Cody's favorite subject is math, and his favorite composer is Charlie Parker. Cody enjoys orchestra "because of the group feeling, and playing with others is a big plus for me." Cody one days hope to be accepted into a good college.

Thus is **Joseph Chacra's** first year playing cello in the PYO after playing in PJSO for three years. He is a homeschooled ninth grader. He also plays the piano and hopes to someday learn guitar. His favorite composers are Bach and Nancy Faber. His favorite subject in school is math, but he loves to learn new things about all subjects. His favorite authors are Ray Bradbury and Ken Follett. His hobbies include Karate where he has won trophies and superior ratings. He also participates in Boy Scouts and the Berean Youth Group. He likes orchestra because he is exposed to a variety of musical styles. In the future, Joseph hopes to study physics and help advance our academic world with his expertise as a professor.

**Crystal Cho** is in the 8th grade at Lehman Intermediate and had played violin in PJSO for 4 years before joining PYO. Her favorite subject is math. She enjoys pop music and reading books by Stephenie Meyer and Jenny Nimmo. Some of her favorite books are the *Twilight* series and the *Artemis Fowl* series. Crystal also enjoys running and playing field hockey. She enjoys PYO because there is a great variety of music and because of the challenge in learning new music. Crystal's future plans would be to go to college and become an engineer.

**Aidan Crank** is currently in the 9th grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is his first year in PYO following 5 years in PJSO. He plays the cello and trumpet in the orchestra and enjoys listening to music by The Killers, Coldplay, Amy Winehouse, and the White Stripes. Aidan is a member of the school soccer team, school band, chamber orchestra, FBLA, and scholastic scrimmage. He enjoys climbing trees and he plans on attending a 4-year college.

**Aislinn Crank** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her 3rd year playing violin in the PYO following 5 years in PJSO. Her favorite subjects are Spanish and English. She enjoy reading books by Louise Rennison and Jane Austen. Aislinn is a member of the tennis team, National Honor Society, Key Club, Model Congress, Mock Trial, Chamber Orchestra, and Medical Explorers. She enjoys volunteering at Pocono Medical Center and hopes to become a doctor.

**Enya Cunningham** is a 10th grade student from Stroudsburg High School who is playing the violin for her 2nd year in PYO after 2 years in PJSO. Enya also plays the bass, cello, and bass guitar. Her favorite



subject is Art, and she enjoys reading, painting, and tennis, playing the Stroudsburg field hockey and soccer teams, and participating in Jazz band and Orchestra. Her favorite authors are Stephenie Meyer, J.K. Rowling and Scott Westerfield, and her favorite composers are George Gershwin and John Lennon. Enya enjoys orchestra because of the “sense of accomplishment when the concerts are a success.” Enya hopes to possibly study fashion or psychiatry, and live a fabulous life.

**Kelsey Day** is a 9th grade student from Stroudsburg playing the violin in her 1st year of PYO, following 3 years in PJSO. Kelsey also plays the cello and viola, and enjoys playing instruments and hanging out with friends. Her favorite subject is math, and her favorite type of music is of the alternative genre. Kelsey enjoys PYO because “it challenges me with new music.” Her plans for the future are to continue with her instruments.

**Kathleen Doherty** is a senior at Notre Dame High School who is participating in her 5th year in PYO playing the flute and piccolo. Kathleen also plays the piano, and her favorite subject is French. Kathleen enjoys the compositions of Bach and Scarlatti, and her favorite music is by Jethro Tull, Simon and Garfunkel, and Tryo. She enjoys skiing, knitting, biking, singing, and theater, and enjoys PYO because she is introduced to new composers and works. Her future ambition is to go to France.

**Kevin Donovan** has played French horn with the PYO for four years and viola in the PJSO for 3 years. He is a senior at Stroudsburg High School where he is in the top 10% of his class, a participant in the PMEA District Band, a 4-time PIAA District XI Swimmer, a 6-time PennDel East District qualifier, 2-time All MVC Swim team member, and a 3-time National Medalist in Science Olympiad. He is also a Boy Scout, and a member the National Honor Society, Scholastic Scrimmage Team, and FBLA. His favorite subjects are calculus and science, his favorite music is rock, and his favorite composer is Robert W. Smith. His hobbies include map reading and watching the weather channel, and his favorite author is Rand McNally. He plans to attend a four-year college and major in earth sciences and become a teacher.

**Eric Dwyer** is a 10th grade student and Stroudsburg High school who is playing percussion in his 2nd year in PYO. Eric’s favorite subject is History, and he enjoys the music of Elton John, oldies, Broadway, and rock. His favorite author is John Grisham, and his favorite book is *Shadow Divers*. Eric also participates in the Boy Scouts of America, and is an honor student and life scout. Eric enjoys theatre, theatrical lighting, set building, and architecture. Eric enjoys orchestra because “I like trying the different styles of music and being with friends” and one day hopes to become a lighting designer on Broadway.

**Kevin Dwyer** is a cello playing senior in his 5th year of PYO, following 2 years of PJSO. Kevin’s favorite subject is the fine arts, and his favorite composers are Wagner and Rachmaninoff. Kevin also is par-

ticularly fond of music that can change his mood or brighten his day. He participates in Mock Trial, Model Congress, Science Olympiad, Key Club, Scholastic Scrimmage, Cross Country, Chorale, and Show Choir. Kevin enjoys orchestra because of the "social freedom of expression." Kevin plans on attending college for theatre, concentrating on stage management.

**Krysta Fogel** is a senior at Pen Argyl High School where she has achieved membership in the National Honor Society. She has received Highest Achievement in Music for grades 9, 10 11, and is a Moravian College Dean's Scholar for 2008. This is Krysta's fourth year as a cellist in PYO. She also plays the oboe, French horn, mellophone, and alto, tenor and baritone saxophone. She listens to the music of Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, and Prokofiev, and her favorite subject is Human Anatomy and Physiology. Krysta is a member of the 2008 Cota Cats. She has made District X, Regional and All State Orchestra. Her hobbies include playing music and sleeping. Krysta enjoys the orchestra because she enjoys playing challenging music. She plans to go to college and major in cello performance.

**Breanna Goldner** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her fourth year playing cello in the PYO following two years in the PJSO. Her favorite subjects are chemistry and English, and likes to read, write, and play with her dog in her free time. Breanna is a member of the National Honor Society, chamber orchestra, the East Stroudsburg University community orchestra, Stroudsburg High School's pit orchestra, FBLA, cross country, and Pocono Medical Center's medical explorers. She volunteers at Pocono Medical Center and the VNA Hospice House, and serves as secretary of her school's Key Club. She is in the top 10% of her class, placed second at FBLA regional's in Business Math, and has received five consecutive superior ratings for cello in the NFMC. Breanna plans to attend a four year college, medical school, and become a physician of pediatric oncology or neurology.

**Hayley Goldner** is a 10th grade student at Stroudsburg High school playing percussion in her 1st year in PYO. Hayley also plays piano, and enjoys anything having to do with music, sleeping, or eating. Hayley's favorite subject is Biology and the sciences, her school activities include SHS Show Choir, the school musical, FBLA, Model Congress, concert choir, and concert band. Her favorite books are *Sellevison* and *How I Paid for College*, and her favorite authors are Augusten Burroughs, David Sedaris, and Marc Acito. Hayley enjoys orchestra because "it allows me to do even more with music." She hopes to attend a good college to major in Neuroscience and eventually become an Emergency/Trauma physician.

**Jordan Greenwood** attends Stroudsburg High School, where she is in 12th grade. Jordan has spent 7 years with the orchestras playing viola; she also plays kazoo. She enjoys reading books by J.K. Rowling and Daniel Emrani. Her favorite composers are Shelby Greenwood and David John Lantz, III. She is a member of National Honor Society

and is in the top 10% of her class. In her spare time, she loves knitting and caring for her goldfish. Later in life, Jordan plans to become an anthropologist.

**Shelby Greenwood** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School, where her favorite subject is German. Shelby enjoys the music of Hans Zimmer and Aaron Copland, and her favorite book is *The 13 1/2 Lives of Captain Bluebear*. Shelby is a member of National Honor Society, along with both Chamber and Pit Orchestras. Shelby has spent 7 years with the orchestras on cello. She enjoys orchestra as time to see friends and play music. In her spare time, she loves reading and knitting. She hopes to become a high school German teacher.

**Ashley Gyarmaty** is in the eleventh grade at Stroudsburg High School. This is her third year playing violin with PYO, and she played for PJSO for two years. Ashley is also a member of the FBLA, Key Club and National Honor Society, and her favorite subjects are Biology and Anatomy & Physiology. Her hobbies include horseback riding and photography. Ashley's favorite composer is Hans Zimmer and she enjoys listening to all kinds of music. Her favorite author is Stephenie Meyer and her favorite books are the *Twilight* series. Ashley enjoys being in PYO because it gives her a good opportunity to meet new people and it poses a different challenge each year. She plans to major in Biology in college and pursue a career in science. She also plans to continue improving herself as a violinist.

**Antonia Harris** is playing in her fourth year in PYO after 3 years in PJSO. She is a senior at Stroudsburg High School where her favorite subjects are English, Social Studies and anything art related. She likes all kinds of music except Country. She has many favorite composers, some of whom are John Williams, Yann Tiersen and Hans Zimmer. She has many favorite books, authors and hobbies ranging from arts and crafts to reading, cooking and singing. Antonia is a member of Venture Crew, Youth Council, Girl Scouts and the Yearbook Club. She is on the honor roll, has won the Spelling Bee Award as well as trophies for superior violin performance in the PFMC festival. Antonia is looking forward to going to college.

**Holly Holmes** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her third year playing violin in the PYO following 3 years in the PJSO. She also plays the electric violin. She is a high honor student whose favorite subjects are math and English. Her hobbies include reading, listening to music, hanging out with friends and working with children. She likes seeing her friends at PYO and enjoys improving her talents as a musician by learning more about music and discovering new techniques with her instrument. Her favorite books are *Out of the Dust*, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, and *Secret Life of Bees*. She belongs to the National Honor Society, FBLA, Key Club, Third Degree and Student Ministries. After attending college, she would like to become a teacher, possibly a college professor. One day she wants to live in another country doing mission work with children.

**Erica Jack** plays violin in her 6th year in PYO after spending 4 years in PJSO. She is a junior at Stroudsburg High School, where her favorite subject is art. Her favorite composer is Vivaldi, and she enjoys listening to alternative Pop. Erica's favorite author is J.K. Rowling and loves the *Harry Potter* series. Erica plays drums for the COTA Cats, violin for the Chamber Orchestra, and is a member of the Art Club, Jazz Band, and Chorale. She has received MVC Gold Medal for Tennis, 1st place Art, is in the top 10% of her class, and is a member of PMEA District Chorus and District and Regional Band. Erica enjoys orchestra for the cookies. She plans to attend college to study music and art.

**Maddison Kendrick** is a ninth grader at the Stroudsburg Junior High School where her favorite subject is French. She is playing violin in the PYO for the first time following 1 year in the PJSO. Her favorite composers are John Williams and Hans Zimmer and her favorite authors are J. K. Rowling and Stephenie Meyer. She is an honors student who has been selected for PMEA Intermediate District Orchestra twice. She belongs to the Young People's Philharmonic, the Show Choir, chorus and the Notara School of Dance. She likes pop and classical music and enjoys being in the PYO and listening to all the parts come together. In the future she plans to go to college to major in music or theatre.

**Chandler Klein** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her third year playing the viola in the PYO following two years in the PJSO. Her favorite subjects are art and math, her favorite composer is Beethoven, and she enjoys listening to all kinds of music. Chandler's favorite authors include Jodi Picoult, Khaled Hasseini and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Some of her favorite books include *The Kite Runner*, *Catcher in the Rye* and *Arc of the Dream*. She's a member of the Student Council, Key Club and runs on the track team. Chandler is in the top 10% of her class, and is a member of the National Honor Society. In her free time, she enjoys art and snowboarding. Chandler enjoys PYO because it is a great place to challenge herself and learn. Also it's somewhere to meet people who share that common interest. She hopes to become a veterinarian and one day live in another country.

**Sara Kongkatong** is spending her second year in PYO playing flute and piccolo. Sara is a senior at Stroudsburg High School where she is in the top 10% of her class and the National Honor Society. She also plays in the Young People's Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley and has participated in PMEA District and Regional Band and District Orchestra. She is a co-captain for Stroudsburg Varsity Field Hockey, who, in 2008, became the mountain valley conference champions, District XI runners up and state championship contenders. She hopes to attend Colgate University next fall to study biology and continue playing field hockey and flute.

**Elizabeth Korp** is a senior at Easton Area High School and has been playing with PYO for 4 years, after being a member of PJSO for 4 years. She also plays the clarinet, bass clarinet and plays the mellophone in her high school marching band. Elizabeth's favorite subjects are English and Art History. Her favorite composer is Vivaldi, and she enjoys listening to Ska, Rock and Jazz. Elizabeth's favorite author is Augusten Burroughs and her favorite books are *Running with Scissors* and *It's Kind of a Funny Story*. She is a member of the marching band, chamber orchestra, pit orchestra and Art Honor Society. In her free time, Elizabeth enjoys hanging out with friends, playing video games and photography. She enjoys PYO because she gets to meet great people and the music is challenging. Elizabeth plans on going to college and majoring in Graphic Design or Music.

**Rebecca Kuc** is a 9th grade student at LVPA who is in her 2nd year of playing the violin in PYO after 4 years of PJSO. Her favorite subjects are Spanish and math, and her favorite music is "anything but rap". Rebecca enjoys books by Sarah Dessen, and enjoys horseback riding and hanging out with friends. She has won numerous awards for horseback riding, and likes orchestra because "it gives me challenging music and lets me play with a lot of other instruments." Rebecca hopes to go to a 4 year college after graduating high school.

**Emily Lantz** is a 9th grader at the Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year playing in the PYO following 5 years playing the violin in the PJSO. She also plays the flute and piano. Her favorite subject is English and she likes to read and watch movies. Her favorite books are the Harry Potter series and *Breakfast of Champions*. In addition to J.K. Rowling, she likes the work of Kurt Vonnegut. Her favorite composers are Bach and Mozart but her favorite music is by The Beatles. At school, she is in the Jazz Band, Chorus and Band. She likes playing music that is challenging.

**Kaitlyn Lessard** is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. This is her second year playing viola in the PYO following three years in the PJSO. Her favorite subjects are biology and psychology, and she enjoys playing music by Soon Hee Newbold. Her favorite author is Stephenie Meyer, and she likes the *Twilight* series and *Go Ask Alice*. She is in her school's student council, chamber orchestra, and is a competitive dancer. She has earned many dance awards, Miss Broadway 2008, the JHS music award, and is on the honor roll. She enjoys orchestra because she can express herself without words. Kaitlyn plans to go to John Hopkins and become a great orthopedic surgeon.

**Anne Lloyd** is in the 9th grade at Stroudsburg Jr. High. This is her first year in PYO following a year in PJSO. She plays the violin, piano and accordion. Her favorite subject is Language Arts. The composers she likes the most are Bach, Clementi and Vivaldi. Anne's favorite type of music is country and classical. She enjoys readings books by Maurine

F. Dahlberg and her favorite book is *Play to the Angel*. Anne also plays in her school's Orchestra, is on the honor roll and has received the gold cup award at piano festival. Anne enjoys orchestra because you get to play with others and be in a great musical group. In the future she hopes to have a career in the medical field.

**Anna Long** is in eighth grade at Notre Dame Middle School. This is her first year playing flute in the PYO. Her favorite subject is algebra, and enjoys the authors Garth Nix, J.K. Rowling, and Laura Ingalls Wilder. She belongs to the Quiet Valley Historical Farm, and enjoys soccer, basketball, reading, biking, and computer games. She enjoys orchestra because she loves playing the flute and hearing the finished product after all of her hard work.

**Dominic Macrini**, a violinist, is in his second year with the PYO after four years with the PJSO. He is a 12th-grader at Stroudsburg High School, where his favorite subjects are music theory and English. Although Dominic's favorite composers include Vivaldi and Rachmaninoff, his favorite music spans most genres of rock. Playing guitar, windsurfing, talking to bears, and picking blueberries are among his hobbies, and he enjoys reading the works of Dr. Seuss. He enjoys PYO because "I love playing and learning new music." He aspires to become a high school music teacher in New York City and learn to fly.

**Kyle Mahaney** is a homeschooled sophomore. This is his first year playing the violin with the PYO following three years in PJSO. His favorite composers are John Williams and Bach, and likes contemporary Christian and rock music. He belongs to the Fireside Academy and the Berean Youth Group. He has earned two gold cups for the NFMC in violin, and enjoys photography, computers, and theater in his free time. He enjoys orchestra because "it's a time for me to be with other musicians and to expand my skills." In the future, he hopes to go into the computer field.

**Molly Maroney** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School who is playing the clarinet for her 3rd year in PYO. She also enjoys playing the piano, baritone saxophone, and singing. Molly's favorite composers are John Williams, Mendelssohn, and Eric Whitacre. She loves all music and book by Terry Goodkind, Robert Jordan, and Dan Brown. Molly participates in her church youth group, and is in the top 10% of her class, PMEA District Band, District Chorus, and Regional Chorus. Molly enjoys orchestra because she "enjoys getting to play with a full orchestra so you get the full orchestra experience." Molly eventually hopes to major in either culinary arts or music education/performance.

**Cynthia Mathiesen** is a 9th grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High School playing the violin in her second year of PYO following 2 years in PJSO. Cynthia also enjoys playing the cello, and her favorite subject is orchestra. Her favorite composers are Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn, and Gershwin, and she enjoys classical, country, and classic

rock music. Cynthia enjoys orchestra because "it's fun", and she one day hopes to become either a music teacher or a performer.

**Ryan McDermott** is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. This is his second year playing trumpet for the PYO. Ryan also plays guitar, piano and harmonica, and his favorite subjects are band and chorus. He performed for 2 years in the Off-Broadway musical "The People Garden." When Ryan's not on stage, you'll find him recording music, making movies or writing songs. His favorite books include *Sam's Letters to Jennifer* by James Patterson and *Hop on Pop* by Dr. Seuss. Ryan enjoys playing in PYO because it allows him to play in a different type of surrounding and to play an instrument that stands out in an ensemble. He plans to attend a music college and eventually open a recording studio.

**Allie Mikels** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her third year playing viola in the PYO following 3 years in the PJSO. She also plays piano and bass. Her favorite composer is Handel and she also likes classic rock and oldies. Her favorite authors and books are C.S. Lewis – *Chronicles of Narnia* and Stephenie Meyer – *Twilight* series. At school she belongs to the National Honors Society, the Show Choir, Chorale, pit orchestra, ESU orchestra, varsity tennis team, FBLA and Model Congress. Her hobbies include tennis, going to museums and Penn State football. She likes PYO because we play a variety of styles and genres of music and it presents a fun challenge. In the future she hopes to attend college in either history or political science.

**Lauren Noyes** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her third year playing violin with the PYO She played with the PJSO for 2 years before that. Her favorite subject is English and her favorite composers are Bach, Beethoven, and Tchaikovsky. She enjoys music of all kinds including rock, reggae, alternative, r&b and country. Lauren's favorite books include the *Twilight* series and *Looking for Alaska*. She also plays with the ESU Orchestra, SHS Chamber and the SHS Pit Orchestra. She's a member of the National Honor Society, Science Olympiad and is in the top 10% of her class Her hobbies include reading, playing violin, writing and volleyball Lauren enjoys playing in the orchestra "because it erases my problems of the day and replaces them with pure musical bliss!" Her future plans include college and a career as a forensic medical examiner.

**Karim Osman** is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School who is playing the violin in PYO for his second year following two years in the PJSO. His favorite composer is Antonin Vivaldi and he likes India rock music. His favorite authors are Stephen King, Alan Dean Foster and S. M. Stirling. His favorite books are *Pet Cemetery*, *Wizard and Glass*, *Dies the Fire* and *Mony Moore*. His favorite subject is science and he belongs to the Technology Student Organization, BSA and Venture Crew. He won second place at the TSA National Conference. He enjoys working with computers, building things and scuba diving.

He likes the challenge of playing music with the PYO. He hopes to become a cosmonautical engineer.

**Julia Porte** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School playing clarinet in the PYO for the third year. She also plays to oboe. Her favorite composers are John Williams and Hans Zimmer and she likes all kinds of music except country. Her favorite authors are Sophie Kinsella and Jodi Picoult. At school she belongs to the National Honors Society, the Marching Band, the Tennis Team and the Key Club. Her favorite subject is German and she likes playing tennis, watching movies and sleeping. She likes playing with a full orchestra and meeting people from other schools in the PYO. Her future plans include going to college where it snows a lot and becoming an Elementary ESL teacher.

**Ben Potter** is a twelfth grader at Stroudsburg High School. This is his fifth year playing bass for the PYO; he also played for a year in the PJSO. In school his favorite subject is calculus; out of school he enjoys reading, sleeping, spending time with friends and weight lifting. Ben is in the top 10% 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, Concert Band, School Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, National Honor Society and Wrestling. He likes being in PYO because "it gives me a chance to play bass, and it's a nice social activity." Ben has been accepted into West Point Military Academy and hopes to go on to a successful career.

**Nina Z. Ramirez** is currently a senior at Stroudsburg High School. She's been playing violin for the PYO for 4 years. Her favorite composers include Copland and Tchaikovsky and she listens to Indie, Pop and Classical music. Her favorite subject is biology and she enjoys reading books by Stephenie Meyer and Ellen Hopkins. Nina also belongs to the SHS Marching Band, SADD, FBLA, Key Club, and Debate Team. Her hobbies include reading and writing. Nina's future plans include a medical degree in pathology and a bachelor's degree in Spanish.

**Lanique Roberts** is a junior at Notre Dame High School who is playing the violin for her second year in PYO. Her favorite composers are Scott Joplin and Leroy Anderson, and her favorite type of music is contemporary/modern orchestra arrangements. Lanique enjoys books by Katherine Paterson, J.K. Rowling, Toni Morrison, and Maya Angelou. She also participates in and enjoys reading, volunteering, and playing music. She enjoys orchestra because "it feels good to be with people who share a common love of music." Lanique hopes to eventually major in journalism and broadcasting to hopefully become an anchorwoman.

**Natasha Roberts** is a violinist in her second year with PYO. She is a tenth grade student at Notre Dame High School. She also plays the piano. Science is the favorite subject of Natasha, a fan of Bach,



Dvorak, and Tchaikovsky and “any type of music.” She enjoys J.K. Rowling and the Harry Potter series. Natasha is an honors student and class leader who enjoys playing instruments, singing, graphic design on the computer and sports. Orchestra, Natasha says, “makes me feel free. It’s a way to express myself, and I love the violin.” Her future plans include continuing to play the violin and becoming a doctor or lawyer.

**Nate Roseti** is a homeschooled sophomore who is playing cello in the PYO for the first year after 3 years in the PJSO. His favorite subject is biology and his hobbies include gymnastics, oil painting and snowboarding. He hopes to become an Olympian. His favorite music is R&B and his favorite authors are Ted Dekker (*Thr3e*) and Agatha Christie (*Murder of Roger Ackroyd*). He likes to play in the PYO because he enjoys being with his friends.

This is **Kaitlin Tackles’** second year playing cello for the PYO. She has played with the PJSO for 3 years as well. She is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. Her favorite subjects include chorus and orchestra. She enjoys listening to Broadway music and some of her favorite composers include Alan Menken, John Williams and Antonio Vivaldi. She enjoys reading *The Secret Life of Bees*, *Eragon*, *Before the Storm* and *The Secret Life of Cece Wilkes*. Kaitlin belongs to the FBLA and her honors include: PFMC Gold Cup, President’s Education Awards Program and she is ranked in the top 3% of her class. Kaitlin’s hobbies include singing, acting, dancing, painting and performing with the Pocono Lively Arts. Her future plans include going to a good music school, performing on Broadway and becoming a music or elementary school teacher.

**Maria Vecchio** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. She has played the viola with the PYO for 4 years and the PJSO for 3 years. She also plays the piano, violin and cello. Her favorite subjects include Science and English. Maria likes to listen to anything she can dance to and her favorite composers are Mozart and Bach. She is a member of the SHS orchestra, SHS Chamber Orchestra and the ESU Orchestra. Her hobbies include horseback riding and dancing. Maria enjoys playing with so many other talented musicians in the PYO. Her future plans may include studying Criminal Justice, Veterinary Medicine, or Forensic Science.

**Ella Vidal** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her third year with the PYO following two years in the PJSO. Ella also plays the piano. She enjoys classical music composers Bach and Vivaldi. Ella’s favorite subject in school is art. Her hobbies include playing the piano, cheerleading, and reading! She likes being a member of the PYO because “she likes playing with other musicians who also enjoy playing music .” She hopes to attend FIT and pursue a career in fashion.

**Brianna Weaver** is a tenth grader at the PA Virtual Charter School. This is her second year playing violin in the PYO, following her previ-

ous three years playing in the PJSO. Her favorite composers are Robert Kinkel, Paul O'Neill, Hawk Nelson, Mozart and Bach, and she enjoys listening to Trans Siberian Orchestra, 80's and Hawk Nelson. In school her favorite subject is history, and out of school her hobbies are karate and skiing. Her favorite authors are Michael Scott, J.K. Rowling and D.J. McHale, and favorite books are *The Secrets of the Immortal Series*, *Twilight Series* and *Harry Potter* series. Her accomplishments include numerous awards in regional and national dance competitions. 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 involved in science.

**Brennen Wede** is a homeschooled junior. This is his second year playing percussion in the PYO. He also plays the piano and guitar. His favorite subject is mathematics, and enjoys playing music by Hans Zimmer. He enjoys playing paintball and basketball in his free time, and his favorite author is Tom Clancy. He enjoys orchestra because it is challenging, fun, and a way to learn different percussion instruments and songs. In the future, Brennen plans on getting a degree in criminal justice.

This is **Carolyn Wert's** first year playing trumpet with the PYO. She is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. Carolyn also plays the piano and sings. Her favorite subjects are French and English. She enjoys a variety of music including Jazz, Classical, Electronica, Alternative, Rock, R&B, Rap and the Blues. Her favorite books include the Harry Potter series and *Eat Pray Love*. Carolyn also belongs to Show Choir, Chorale, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Musical and French Club. Honors include 2 years in District Chorus and 1 year in Regional Chorus (ranked second). Carolyn's hobbies include singing, dancing, water-skiing and traveling. She enjoys the challenge of PYO and performing with her friends. Her future plans include attending a small liberal arts college in New England to study music and French. She also plans to do plenty of traveling.

**Danielle Wyckoff** is a freshman at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year playing viola in the PYO following three years in the PJSO. Danielle also plays piano, guitar, and sings. Her favorite subject is English, and enjoys playing music by Vivaldi and Mozart. She is involved in her school's student council, tennis team, chorus, and show choir. She participated in the PMEA Intermediate District Orchestra in 2006 and 2008. In her free time, she likes to ski, read, and hang out with friends. In the future, Danielle plans to go to a four year college.

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