

POCONO
YOUTH
ORCHESTRA

Winter Concerts

Saturday, January 8, 2011

Sunday, January 9, 2011

2010-2011 SEASON

Christmas Tree Lighting at Stroudsmoor, December 5, 2010
String-Along at Grace Park Retirement Community, December 14, 2010

Winter Concerts, January 8 & 9, 2011

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,
March 13, 2011

Spring Concerts, June 4 & 5, 2011

2011-2012 Season Auditions, June 6, 2011

AUDITIONS NOTICE

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 6, 2011, at Stroudsburg Area Junior High School. Openings are anticipated in the PYO for high school musicians playing violin, viola, cello, string bass, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trombone, and percussion. All students through present high school juniors are eligible to apply. In the PJSO, performing opportunities exist for all accomplished young string instrumentalists in elementary and middle school. Minimum requirements are at least two years of private instruction and strong music reading ability.

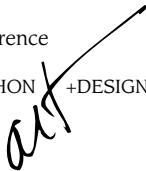
Auditions, which last about ten minutes, will be scheduled by appointment. Students will be asked to perform a prepared solo piece of their choice, and to sight read appropriate music for their instrument.

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

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

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POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

ANTHONY SIMONS, MUSIC DIRECTOR
AUDREY SIMONS, STRINGS ASSISTANT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2011

7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2011

3:00 P.M.

CECILIA S. COHEN RECITAL HALL
EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY

THE DIRECTORS

Anthony Simons, music director, maintains a career as an orchestral performer, chamber music musician, solo recitalist and music educator. Mr. Simons has been a member of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, the Pocono Pops Orchestra and the Chaminade Wind Quintet. In addition, he has served as the principal clarinetist of the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra and the Haff Chamber Music Series, and has performed with the Alexandria (VA) Symphony, Annapolis (MD) Symphony Orchestra, the Champaign-Urbana (IL) Symphony, Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra, Allentown Symphony, and Pottstown Symphony, as well as numerous theatre and opera orchestras. He received the Artist Diploma in clarinet from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, the Master of Music degree in clarinet performance and literature from the University of Illinois, and a music education degree from West Chester University. Mr. Simons is presently on the music faculty at Muhlenberg College, and the East Penn School District, and teaches a private studio of young clarinetists. In 2005, he was selected for inclusion in the 9th Edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Audrey Simons, assistant music director, is an active cellist and instructor. Mrs. Simons is a cellist in the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, and is a founding member of the 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

Eureka!	Keith Sharp
Brandenburg Concerto, No. 3 I. Moderato	Johann Sebastian Bach arr. Merle J. Isaac
Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24	Paul O'Neill and Robert Kinkel arr. Bob Phillips
Wonderland Variations	Richard Meyer

INTERMISSION

Pocono Youth Orchestra

Strike Up the Band	George Gershwin arr. John Whitney
Russlan and Ludmilla Overture	Mikhail Glinka
Piano Concerto No. 5 in D major, K. 175 I. Allegro	W.A. Mozart
<i>Lynda Chryst, piano soloist</i>	
Porgy and Bess Medley	George Gershwin arr. John Whitney
It Ain't Necessarily So - Summertime - I Got Plenty O'Nuttin' Bess, You is My Woman - There's a Boat Dat's Leavin' Soon for New York	
Russian Christmas Music	Alfred Reed arr. Clark McAlister

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POCONO JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA

Violin

India Baker
Tristan Boheim
Augustin Cavalier
Josh Charlton
Nichele Cruz
Cameron Dougherty
Luke Dougherty
Maura Dougherty
Nia Esposito
Elias Fernandez
Leah Jardel
Alexandra Kozak
Michael Kozak
Abigail Lantz
Kiera Martin
Becca Meisse

Kariem Morssy
Sarah Osman
Evalyn Palmer
Nicholas Park
Olivia Reed
Richard Sarker
Adam Snyder
Joseph Snyder
Grace Sobrinski
Lily Sobrinski
Kaiti Stylianides
Eva Marie Swartout
Elise Tomaszewski
Alexa Vaghenas

Viola

Emily Geiger
Miranda Powers

Maci Kendrick
Lexi Meisse
Marissa Mesko
Kira Darlington

Cello

Sophia Rostock
Elizabeth Whidden
Tereya Edwards
Emma Kowzun
Maria Biery
Nell Kopytnik

Bass

Adam DeSchraver
Roger Acker

*seating rotates

POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Violin

Adam Barth
Brianna Brown
Amy Chryst
Enya Cunningham+
Kelsey Day
Natalie Gilbert
William Gold
Maddison Kendrick
Rebecca Kuc
Emily Lantz
Anne Lloyd
Kyle Mahaney+
Anna Maroney
Cindy Mathiesen
Karim Osman+
Natasha Roberts+
Rosie Sobrinski
Gabrielle Truncali
Brianna Weaver+

Viola

Kaitlyn Lessard+
Iris Rosario
Danielle Wyckoff

Cello

Kaitlin Tackels+
Joseph Chacra
Kristen Weaver
Aidan Crank
Gabrielle Truncali

Bass

John Charlton
Nicole Weaver

Flute

Victoria Visceglia+
Anna Long
Ty Gable

Oboe

Rachel Salmon+
Nicole Weaver

Clarinet

Cody Cannavo
Devin Diaz
Adam DeSchraver
Luke Simons

Bassoon

Megan Hockman

Horn

Ana Cohen

Trumpet

Ryan McDermott+
Kaitlyn Weiss
Mac Tasetano+
Steven Pasciak
Aidan Crank

Trombone

Chris Mason+

Tuba

Ronald Bogart

Percussion

Eric Dwyer+
Max Ecke
Chris Revak
Joseph Visceglia

Piano,

Mallet Percussion

Lynda Chryst+

*string seating rotates
+graduating seniors

About Our Students

In PJSO

Roger Acker is playing bass with the PJSO for the first year. He is a 6th grade high honor student at the Stroudsburg Middle School. His favorite subject is math, and he likes both pop and rock music. He enjoys reading, music and playing basketball. His favorite authors are Rick Riordan, John Flanagan and J.K. Rowling. His favorite books include *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*, *Ranger's Apprentice* and *Harry Potter*. He enjoys orchestra because he like playing and listening to music. He hopes to attend a culinary institute or music school.

India Baker is playing violin for the second year in PJSO. She is a 6th grader at Swiftwater Intermediate School. Her favorite subject is math, and she enjoys classical music, pop, and rock and roll. She likes the music of composers Beethoven, Bach, and Dvorak Her favorite authors are Shel Silverstein and Kate DiCamillo. She enjoyed reading *The Tale of Despereaux*, *The Magician's Elephant*, and *The Tiger Rising*. Her hobbies are reading, playing sports, singing, writing, cooking and ballet at the Notara School of Dance. She enjoys PJSO because it is a way to tell stories through music. Someday she hopes to travel the world and write a book about it.

Maria Biery is in 9th grade at Pleasant Valley Middle School and is playing cello for the first year in PJSO. She also plays piano, alto saxophone, and tenor saxophone and is in the Pleasant Valley Marching Band and District Band. Her favorite subject is science. She likes the music of Robert Schumann and Bach and enjoys listening to country and pop. Besides practicing her instruments, her hobbies are swimming and reading. Her favorite authors are Maggie Stiefvater, Stephenie Meyer, and Laurie Faria Stolarz, and she enjoyed reading *Shiver*, *Twilight Saga*, *Linger*, and *Deadly Little Secret*. She enjoys playing the cello and joined the orchestra to play with others. She would like to attend Duke University, become a marine biologist and study whales.

Tristan Henry Boheim is in 7th grade at Swiftwater Intermediate School with 2 years in PJSO playing violin. He also plays the saxophone. His favorite subject is geography. His favorite composers are Handel and Bach, and he enjoys listening to rock, hip-hop, Celtic, and bluegrass. His favorite authors are Rick Riordan and John Flanagan, and he enjoyed reading *The Lightning Thief* and *Ranger's Apprentice*. His hobbies are soccer, snowboarding, and tennis. He enjoys PJSO to play a variety of music with other string players. He plans to attend college in Vermont.

Augustin Cavalier is 12 and is homeschooled as an 8th grader. This is his fourth year in PJSO playing violin. His favorite subjects are math and science. His favorite composers are Koji Kondo and Yoko Shimomura, and he enjoys listening to Christian rock. His favorite author is Brian Jacques, and he enjoyed reading the *Redwall* series. He was on the crew for Tiny Tim's Christmas Carol. His hobbies are toying around with computers and writing software. He enjoys orchestra because it's fun to perform with other people.

Josh Charlton is an eighth grade student at Easton Area Middle School. He has been in PJSO for four years. He is an honor roll student, and World History is his favorite subject. He likes punk music. Kenneth Oppel is his favorite author, and *Airborn* and *Skybreaker* are favorite books. Josh is a member of Boy Scouts of America, and his hobbies include skateboarding and listening to

music. He enjoys orchestra because of the variety of styles of music, and the challenge and excitement of playing more difficult music.

Nichele Cruz is in 7th grade at J.T. Lambert Intermediate School. Her favorite subject is English. Her favorite composer is Beethoven, and she enjoys listening to pop music. Her favorite author is Stephenie Meyer, and she enjoyed reading the *Twilight* series and the *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. Her hobbies include dancing, listening to music, movies, and being outdoors. She enjoys orchestra because she likes to learn new things. Her future plans include taking honors classes in high school.

Kira Darlington is in 6th grade at Stroudsburg Middle School where her favorite subject is art. This is her first year playing viola in PJSO, and she also plays French horn. Her favorite composers are Mozart and Beethoven, and she enjoys listening to any kind of music. Her favorite author is Masashi Kishimoto and she enjoys Manga books. Her hobbies include reading, watching TV, playing games on the computer and DS, and playing instruments. She would like to be an artist or a Manga artist.

Adam DeSchriver is a seventh grader at Stroudsburg Middle School and enjoys Language Arts. Adam plays the double bass for the PJSO and the clarinet for PYO. He also plays the cello and the piano. He hopes to one day play the clarinet professionally in an orchestra. His favorite composers are Beethoven, Brahms, R. Vaughan Williams and Franz Liszt, and he enjoys listening to an array of folk and classical music. When he's not listening to music, Adam enjoys reading the work of Alexandre Dumas and Suzanne Collins. Favorite books include *The Count of Monte Cristo* and *The Hunger Games*. He was chosen to participate in the PMEA Intermediate District 10 Band Festival in 2009 & 2010 and is a member of the Stroudsburg Middle School Jazz Band and the Stroudsburg Junior High School Chamber Orchestra. Adam enjoys travelling, reading and composing. The PJSO/PYO offers Adam more challenging music to play.

Cameron Dougherty is in 7th grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School, and his favorite subject is science. This is his first year playing violin with PJSO, and he is also in the school orchestra and competes in the PFMC Junior Music Festival. His favorite composer is Weird Al Yankovic, and he enjoys Alternative Rock and Comedy. His favorite author is Rick Riordan, and he enjoys reading sci-fi and fantasy. He would like to get a job as a chef.

Luke Dougherty is a fifth grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. His favorite subjects are math and science. Luke has been playing violin for 5 years. This is his first year playing for PJSO and the Stroudsburg Middle School Orchestra. His favorite composer is Weird Al Yankovic, who he got to see in concert this year at the Sherman Theater. Luke likes rock and roll best but listens to a variety of music at home. He's read the entire Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan and is very interested in Mythology. He swims for the YMCA and is a Sentinel in the Boys Brigade. Luke achieved a superior rating in the NFMC Junior Music Festival in 2009 and is the happiest when he's collecting seashells on the beach. Luke thinks he would like to be in law enforcement one day.

Maura Dougherty is an 8th grade student at the Easton Area Middle School playing violin for the 3rd year with the PJSO. At school her favorite subject is French. She participates in chorus and the theatre group. Her favorite book is *Pretty Little Liars* and her favorite author is Sara Shepard. She is a Book Contest

winner and an Allentown Symphony Youth Orchestra Participant. Her favorite composer is Bach, and she also likes hip-hop and pop music. She enjoys playing challenging music with other string players. Her hobbies include singing, acting, and hanging out with friends. She wants to be involved in theatre, go to college and study a year in France.

Tereya Edwards is a seventh grader at the Stroudsburg Middle School playing cello in the PJSO for the second year. She also plays the piano and likes both classical music and hip-hop. Her favorite composer is Bach. Her favorite subject is mathematics, her favorite authors are Laura Dower and Mimi McCoy, and her favorite book is *Candy Apple*. At school she is on the student council and is a distinguished high honor roll student. Her hobbies are dancing and singing. She wants to become a teacher or a dance teacher. She enjoys orchestra because it helps her with the piano, and it is fun!

Nia Esposito is in 4th grade at The Learning Place home school, and her favorite subjects are history, art, and reading. This is Nia's second year playing violin in the PJSO. Her favorite composers are Bach, Mozart, Handel, Bizet, and Beethoven, and she enjoys listening to jazz, classical, and hip-hop music. Her favorite authors are C.S. Lewis, Gertrude Chandler Warner, and Lemony Snicket, and she enjoyed reading *Narnia*, *the Boxcar Children*, and *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. Her hobbies include golfing and swimming. She enjoys orchestra because she has "learned to play songs from my favorite composers and I made musician friends." She would like to become a teacher.

Elias Fernandez is a 4th grader at Barrett Elementary Center. He is playing violin for the second year in the PJSO. He also plays the piano and likes science and math. His favorite composer is J.S. Bach; he also likes pop music. He belongs to the Jehovah's Witness and the Odyssey of the Mind. He enjoys soccer and running. Being in the orchestra is fun because he likes to play the violin!

Emily Geiger is an eighth-grade high honor student at the Stroudsburg Junior High School. Emily has been playing viola for five years with the PJSO. She also plays the violin and the cello. Her favorite subject is science. She likes all kinds of music as long as she can dance to it. At school she participates in chorus, orchestra, art club, and a newly formed string quartet. She has received superior ratings in PFMC's Junior Music Festival. Her favorite composer is Vivaldi, and her favorite authors are Nicholas Sparks, J.K. Rowling and Meg Cabot. Her hobbies include field hockey, tennis, reading, photography and art. She would like to become a lawyer and hopes to continue pursuing her interest in art. Emily would like to volunteer her time to help animals in need. She enjoys the PJSO because she loves music and likes to play with other people.

Leah Jardel is in 4th grade at East Stroudsburg Elementary School, and her favorite subject is writing. This is her first year in PJSO playing violin. Her favorite composer is Bach and her favorite author is Jeff Kinney. She enjoyed reading *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. Her hobbies are Irish dancing, swim team, and field hockey. She would like to become a teacher.

Maci Kendrick is a seventh grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her second year playing viola in the PJSO. At school, she enjoys Language Arts and belongs to Girls on Track as well as student council. She has achieved high honor status at school and has been chosen to play with the PMEIA Intermediate District Orchestra Festival. Hobbies include running, reading and writing. Maci's favorite composers are Seitz, Vivaldi and Bach. She enjoys listening to pop, rock and alternative music. Her favorite authors include Alyson

Noel, J.K. Rowling, Cassandra Clare, Kelley Armstrong, and Ally Carter. *Dark Flame*, *Deception*, *City of Bones* and *The Summoning* are just a few of Maci's favorite reads. Maci enjoys the challenging pieces offered by PJSO and would like to be a music teacher or an author.

Nell Kopytnik is a seventh grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. She plays cello and enjoys the group atmosphere of PJSO. Her favorite subjects include social studies and history. Nell's favorite composers include Mozart and Chopin, and she enjoys listening to classical and romantic music. Her favorite authors are Suzanne Collins and Cassandra Clare, and she enjoys *The Mortal Instruments* and *The Hunger Games* series best. Nell aspires to become an architect one day.

Emma Kowzun is a fifth grader at Faith Christian School. She plays the cello for the PJSO and also plays the piano and bells. She thinks playing cello in the orchestra is "...fun to do!" She is a member of her church choir and bell choir. Emma enjoys science and a variety of music. Mozart is her favorite composer, and Judy Blume is her favorite author. *Super Fudge* is one of the books at the top of her reading list. Hobbies include drawing, arts and crafts, and swimming. Emma hopes to study Marine Biology and music in college.

Alexandra Kozak is a high honor ninth grader at the Stroudsburg Junior High School playing violin in the PJSO for the third year. Her favorite subjects are English and marine science. Bach is her favorite composer, and she also likes rap and hip-hop music. Her favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series by her favorite author, J. K. Rowling. She is the wrestling manager and plays winter field hockey. She also likes skiing, snowboarding and kayaking. She enjoys orchestra because she gets to play her instrument and learn new things with it. She hopes to go to college to be a vet or psychologist.

Michael Kozak is an honor student in the 10th grade at Stroudsburg High School. He is playing violin for the 3rd year with the PJSO. He also plays the piano and the guitar. His favorite subjects are math and science. His favorite composers are Bach and Mozart. He likes classical and heavy metal music. Stephenie Meyer and J.R.R. Tolkien are his favorite authors with *Twilight*, *Harry Potter* and *The Lord of the Rings* as his favorite books. He plays football and enjoys fishing, biking, football and wrestling. He likes orchestra because he enjoys playing the violin! He plans to go to college and become a biochemist.

Abigail Lantz is an eighth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her fourth year playing violin for PJSO. Abigail also plays the piano and flute. She is a member of the show choir, chorus and band. Her favorite subject is Language Arts and she enjoys a variety of music. She achieved eight straight superiors at the PPMC Junior Music Festival for piano and was awarded first place as a junior composer for two years. Abigail's hobbies include singing, piano, dancing, and reading. She enjoys reading Nicholas Sparks, and her favorite books are *Dear John* and *At First Sight*. Abigail loves learning new things in the orchestra and hopes to one day inspire children through singing and work as a police officer.

Kiera Martin is a sixth grade student at the Commonwealth Connections Academy. She is an honor roll student, and science is her favorite subject. Her favorite composer is Beethoven, and she enjoys listening to contemporary Christian music. Favorite authors include J.K. Rowling and Rick Riordan. Her favorite books are *Harry Potter*, *The Lightning Thief*, and *The Owls of Ga'Hoole*.

Kiera is a member of the East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church and Ice World Figure Skating. Her hobbies are ice skating, dance, and computer games. She likes playing in the orchestra because she enjoys all kinds of music, and playing with people who also love music. In the future, she would like a career as a biotech.

Becca Meisse is a sixth grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her first year playing violin for the PJSO. Her favorite subject is Language Arts, and she is a high honor roll student. Becca's favorite composer is Mozart, and she enjoys listening to pop and dance music. Hobbies include soccer, basketball, track, and hanging out with friends. Becca enjoys playing violin in the PJSO because it gives her a chance to share her love of music with her peers. Favorite authors include Stephenie Meyer and Joan Bauer. The *Twilight Series* and *Peeled* are among her favorite books. Becca plans to continue playing the violin as well as play soccer and basketball while studying to become a vet.

Lexi Meisse is a seventh grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. She has played viola for two years in the PJSO. Lexi's favorite composer is Mozart, and she also enjoys listening to pop and rap music. She has achieved high honor roll status at school, and Language Arts is her favorite subject. Hobbies include basketball, soccer and hanging out with friends. Lexi's favorite books include *Double Cross*, *City of Bones*, and *Don't Judge A Girl By Her Cover*. Her favorite authors are Cassandra Clare, James Patterson, and Ally Carter. PJSO challenges Lexi's brain and is interesting. She hopes to continue her music and athletics while attending college.

Marissa A. Mesko is an eighth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. Marissa plays viola for her second year in PJSO and also plays in her school's chamber orchestra. Her favorite composers include Vivaldi, Elliot Del Borgo and Brian Balmages. Marissa enjoys listening to pop music, reading books by Ann Rinaldi and Sarah Dessen and counts *Fifth of March* and *Someone Like You* as two of her favorite books. Math is her favorite subject, and when she's not playing viola, Marissa swims for the Piranhas, plays golf and enjoys making jewelry. She has achieved awards in spelling, music and academics.

Kariem Morssy is an 8th grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High School. He has been playing the violin for PJSO for two years. He is also interested in the guitar. His favorite subject is science. Some of his favorite composers include Stravinsky and Mozart. He likes pop, dance, classical and oldies music. Among his favorite authors are Rick Riordan, Stephenie Meyer, and J.K. Rowling. His favorite books are *The Lightning Thief*, *Eclipse*, and *The Chamber of Secrets*. Kariem plays in his school orchestra and enjoys reading, music and sports as hobbies. He enjoys orchestra because it gives him a chance to look deeper into the capabilities of himself and his instrument. In the future he hopes to be a doctor, but still wants to carry on his music and teach it to others.

Sarah Osman is in the eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her second year playing violin in the PJSO.

Evalyn Eileen Palmer is a ninth grader at Warren County Technical High School. This is her first year playing violin for the PJSO. Evalyn's aspirations include advancing her skills as a violinist and becoming a famous performer one day. She has competed in the Lehigh Valley Regional Competition for the Scripps National Spelling Bee during fifth and eighth grade. She enjoys studying theater arts at school and is also on the soccer team. Evalyn enjoys all music

except heavy metal, and Bach is her favorite composer. She likes to read and watch television.

Nicholas Park is currently attending Stroudsburg Junior High School and is in the 8th grade. This is his third year playing violin in PJSO. He also plays piano, guitar and the cello. He likes listening to rock music and playing video games. His favorite subject in school is math, and he has achieved high honor roll. J.K. Rowling is his favorite author. He also likes the *The Last Apprentice* series. Nicholas finds PJSO fun and challenging. He plans on becoming a computer programmer.

Miranda Powers is an 8th grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. She has been in the PJSO for 3 years playing the viola. She also enjoys playing the piano and cello and listening to classical music. Miranda's favorite composer is Bach. She's a member of the school orchestra and has made it into the PMEA Intermediate District Orchestra Festival. Her favorite author is Stephenie Meyer, and she obviously enjoys the *Twilight* series. Miranda also plays softball. She enjoys the challenging pieces PJSO offers.

Olivia Reed is an 8th grader at the Stroudsburg Junior High School playing violin in the PJSO for the third year. She also plays cello. Her favorite subject is French. Her favorite composers are Ferdinando Carulli and Mozart. Her favorite music is pop. At school, she participates in the orchestra and S.A.D.D. She has been a Youth in Music award winner for two years. Her favorite authors are Ellen Hopkins, Anna Godbersen, and Melissa de la Cruz. Her favorite books are *Glass*, *Bright Young Things* and *Blue Bloods*. Her hobbies include reading and cooking. She plans to go to college and start a café.

Sophia Rostock currently attends Stroudsburg Junior High School and is in the 8th grade. She has played cello for three years in the PJSO. Her favorite composer is Mozart, and she likes rap music. Sophia's favorite subject in school is Language Arts. She enjoys the author, Stephenie Meyer and the *Twilight* series. She also enjoyed the book *Pretty Little Liars* by Sara Shepard. At school, Sophia is a member of the Art Club and S.A.D.D. Her string trio won first place in the Youth in Music Competition. Sophia's favorite hobby is hanging out with her friends. When asked about PJSO she says, "I like playing the music." In the future, Sophia plans on attending college.

Richard Sarker is an 8th grader at Dallas Middle School. He has been a member of PJSO for 1 year and plays the violin. He has two favorite composers, Bach and Mozart. Richard's favorite subject in school is science. His favorite authors are J.K. Rowling and Anthony Horowitz, author of the *Alex Rider* series. He's on the honor roll at school and a member of a string ensemble. When asked why he likes PJSO, Richard said, "It's a fun experience to learn new music and play it with others." He plans on continuing with the violin, going to college and becoming a doctor.

Adam Snyder is a 5th grader in Commonwealth Connections Cyberschool Academy. This is his first year in PJSO playing the violin. Adam's favorite composer is Paganini, and he likes classical, pop and country music. His favorite school subjects are science and math. Adam has achieved distinguished honor roll. The *Percy Jackson* series by author Rick Riordan are among Adam's favorite books. He also likes *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. He takes karate and enjoys reading and playing video games. Adam likes, "seeing how the violin fits into the larger group of instruments" when asked why he likes being a member of the PJSO. He plans on becoming a famous violinist or a veterinarian.

Joseph Snyder is an 8th grader at Notre Dame Middle School. This is his second year in the PJSO, and he plays the violin. His favorite composer is Vivaldi and he likes classical, hip-hop, rap and pop music. Joseph enjoys social studies and the *Harry Potter* series. He's a black belt candidate who enjoys all sports, but especially baseball and motorcross. Joseph likes to play music with the other members of the PJSO and the feeling of camaraderie. His future plans include becoming a lawyer or a pilot.

Grace Sobrinski is a sixth grade student at Stroudsburg Middle School. She has been playing the violin in PJSO for three years. She plays piano and ukulele, and is now beginning the cello. She is a high honor roll student, and Language Arts is her favorite subject. Her favorite composer is Vivaldi, and she enjoys music by La Roux. Among her favorite authors are J.K. Rowling, and Christopher Paolini. Favorite books include *Harry Potter*, *Eragon*, *Emily Windsnap*, and *Guardians of Gabrielle*. As a hobby, she enjoys drawing. She takes karate classes and is a member of her school's chamber orchestra. Grace enjoys orchestra because it challenges her to work hard.

Lily Sobrinski is a seventh grade student at Stroudsburg Middle School. She has been playing the violin in PJSO for three years. She also plays the harp, ukulele, and piano. Her favorite subject is Language Arts. Her favorite composers are Tchaikovsky and Andrew Lloyd Webber. She likes music by Lady Gaga, Sara Bareilles, and The Essentials Acapella. Her favorite authors include Tamora Pierce, and J.K. Rowling. Favorite books include the *Harry Potter* series, *The Immortals*, and *The Hunger Games*. She has played with the PMEA Intermediate District Orchestra Festival, received awards for her poetry, and was a winner of the Shortie Awards for film. Lily is active in chamber orchestra, karate, and cross country running. Her hobbies include writing stories and poetry, and drawing. She enjoys playing with the orchestra because it is a challenge and a lot of fun. She aspires to be a writer and a poet.

Kaiti Stylianides is a 7th grader at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her first year in PJSO, and she plays the violin. She is also learning the flute and plays piano. She likes all types of music. Kaiti's favorite school subject is Language Arts, and she has "a lot" of favorite books. She's a member of the school orchestra and book club, and plays soccer and basketball. Kaiti achieves honor roll status consistently. PJSO gives her a challenge and is really fun.

Eva Marie Swartout currently attends Stroudsburg Junior High School and is in the 9th grade. She has been playing the violin in PJSO for three years, and her favorite composer is Beethoven. She also plays the piano and likes to sing. Her favorite subject is Language Arts, and she maintains high honor roll. Eva enjoys soccer and horseback riding. When asked about orchestra, she responds that she likes the selection of music. Eva plans on attending college in the future.

Elise Tomaszewski is a 6th grade homeschooled student. This is her first year in PJSO, and she plays the violin. Her favorite composer is Bach. Her favorite subjects are grammar and composition. She also really enjoys poetry. Elise's favorite author is Lois Lenski, and she also likes the *Dear America* series. She likes baking, reading, and listening to Taylor Swift. When asked why she likes PJSO, Elise says, "I like playing the music with a group and meeting other kids." Elise plans on being a teacher when she grows up.

Alexa Vaghenas is a seventh grade student at Stroudsburg Middle School. She is a new member of PJSO and is playing the violin. As a high honor roll student, Language Arts and lunch are her favorite subjects. She enjoys the music



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The Snyder Family

Allegro (\$25-\$49)

The Fernandez Family

The Whidden Family

This list includes all contributions received as of December 8, 2010

Shakira and Owl City, and listening to pop music. Some of her favorite authors are Sharon Creech, Kristin Cashore, Jerry Spinelli, and Cassandra Clare. Her favorite books are *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series, *Graceling*, *The Mortal Instruments* series, and *The Hunger Games*. She is a member of Girls on the Run where she holds last year's record on the mile run, and she is a member of the Antlers Club. She is a state handwriting contest winner, and was selected for a leadership conference. Her hobbies include running, playing her violin, singing, dancing, acting, laughing, painting, reading, or relaxing on the beach. She enjoys orchestra because whenever she is stressed or needs to express herself, she can pick up her violin and create beautiful music. In the future, Alexa plans to travel the world and be a photographer and teacher. She wants to play the violin for her entire life, and learn how to play other instruments. She would also like to audition for a movie one day!

Elizabeth Whidden attends Stroudsburg Junior High School and is in 8th grade. She has been a member of PJSO for 3 years and plays the cello. She also plays the piano and likes the composer Beethoven. Her favorite music is pop. Her favorite books are *Kira-Kira* and the *Harry Potter* Series. Elizabeth's favorite subject is science. She has attained high honor roll status at school and also received superior ratings for 6 consecutive years for her performances on piano at the PFMC Junior Music Festival. She's a member of Notara Dance Company and has trained in classical ballet and achieved the level of pointe. She also likes to cook and read. When asked why she likes PJSO, Elizabeth responds, "I like to play new songs and meet new people." Her future plans include becoming a pediatrician.

And In PYO

Adam Barth is a sophomore at Pocono Mountain East High School and in his second year in the PYO. He plays violin in the orchestra but also plays tenor saxophone, alto saxophone, soprano saxophone, and piano. His favorite subject is Band. Adam's favorite composers are John Williams and Hans Zimmer. Some of his favorite music are marching band and Irish/Celtic. Adam plays in the Pocono Mountain East Marching Band, Jazz Band, Musical Pit, and Trinity Centennial Band and enjoys his hobbies of playing different instruments and arranging music. He would like to be drum major for Pocono Mountain East Marching Band and pursue a career in music education or music production.

Ronald Bogart Jr. is a tenth grade student at East Stroudsburg High School South. He is a new member and joins PYO as tuba player. He also plays drums, piano, and guitar. His favorite subject is math. He received the Academic Honors Award in May of 2010. He is a member of the East Stroudsburg South Marching Band, East Stroudsburg South Jazz Band, and East Stroudsburg South Choraliers. Ronald is a member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 86, and Order of the Arrow Lodge 44. His hobbies include music and collecting Boy Scout memorabilia. Frank Ticheli and Mark Camphouse are his favorite composers and he likes listening to jazz and rock. He is enjoying the orchestra because he can play with other people who enjoy playing music because they want to, not because they have to. He plans to study music education.

Brianna Brown attends Stroudsburg High School School and is in the tenth grade. This is her second year playing violin in the Pocono Youth Orchestra. She also plays the piano. In addition to classical music, Brianna enjoys rock and also rhythm and blues. Her favorite classical composer is Tchaikovsky. She also enjoys reading books by such authors as Stephenie Meyer and Lois Duncan. In school, she has achieved high honor roll for the past five years and

participates in student council, the student ambassador program and chamber orchestra. She enjoys orchestra because "it allows me to express my feelings creatively." Future plans include becoming a fashion designer.

Cody Cannavo is a sophomore at Bangor Area High School, and in his third year playing clarinet with the PYO. He also plays alto, baritone, tenor, and soprano saxophone and is in the marching band. History is his favorite subject. Cody's favorite composers are Charlie Parker, and Coltrane and he enjoys listening to classic, rock, jazz, punk, pop, and alternative. His favorite authors are J.R.R. Tolkien and Poe and his favorite books are *Finding Lubchenko*, *In Cold Blood*, and *Lord of the Flies*. He enjoys the variety of music played in the orchestra and playing in a group.

Joseph Chacra is a junior homeschooled cello player in the PYO for the third year following 3 years in the PJSO. He also plays piano and guitar and lists math and psychology as his favorite subjects. He likes rock and acoustic and lists OneRepublic as his favorite band. *Pollyanna* is his favorite book. He also participates in Boy Scouts and Berean Youth group. His hobbies include skiing, chess and playing in his string quartet. He likes orchestra because the music is usually a ton of fun. He is still trying to determine his future plans and ambitions.

John Charlton is a tenth grade student at Easton Area High School. As a double bass player, he was a member of PJSO for four years, and PYO for two years. He also plays the trombone. His favorite composer is Arcangelo Corelli. John is involved with his school's chamber orchestra and pit orchestra. He especially likes to play with his own band as a hobby. Playing with PYO is enjoyable for him because it allows him to perform music at an advanced level in an ensemble; he especially enjoys chamber music. A future ambition is to become an eagle scout.

Amy Chryst is a sophomore home school student, who is in her second year playing violin in the PYO following four years in the PJSO. She also studies voice. Music is her favorite subject. Tchaikovsky, J.S. Bach, and Andrew Lloyd Webber are her favorite composers, and she enjoys listening to classical, Broadway musicals, romantic, Celtic, and movie soundtracks. Amy's favorite authors are Victor Hugo and Charles Dickens, and she has enjoyed reading *Les Miserables*, *Great Expectations*, and the book of *Psalms*. Amy plays violin for the Worship Team at First Baptist Church of East Stroudsburg. She has won Youth in Music Excellence Awards competitions in 2008, 2009, and 2010 and has won 5 consecutive superior ratings for solo violin, one superior for concerto, and 4 for theory from the National Federation Music Clubs. Amy's hobbies include drawing, clay sculpting, making jewelry, reading, singing, drama productions, and Irish dancing. She enjoys playing in the PYO because she likes playing with other musicians and hearing the final result. Her future plans are to continue improving in voice and violin.

Lynda Chryst is a senior who is home schooled. She plays the piano and is in her second year with the PYO, and has also played piano with the PJSO in a number of the concerts. She also plays recorder, bells, drums, and the clarinet. The subjects most enjoyable to Lynda are music and English literature. Her favorite composers are; Debussy, Chopin, and John Williams, and she enjoys the music of Adie, "Seven Years in Tibet" soundtrack. Her favorite books are *Remains of the Day* and *Millicent Min*. Lynda is active in First Baptist Worship Team as a pianist and the National Federation of Music Clubs. She has won 5 consecutive awards for different categories in Youth in Music Excellence Awards competition, best essay for Pennsylvania in the National Federation of

Music Clubs (NFMC), and earned two gold cups in piano solo and 1 cup for theory also from the NFMC. Her hobbies include journaling, chess, and tennis. Lynda enjoys playing in the orchestra because "Its neat to see how all the pieces come together in such a short time." In the future, Lynda would like to major in Piano Performance or Music Education and "I would like to make it to Carnegie Hall or Lincoln Center some day".

Ana Cohen is in tenth grade at East Stroudsburg High School - South. She is in her second year with the PYO, and plays the French horn. Her favorite subjects are math and science. John Williams is her favorite composer, and her favorite music is "The Planets" by Gustav Holst. Some of Ana's favorite books are *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin, *Alex Rider* series by Anthony Horowitz, and the *Hunger Games* series by Susan Collins. She is involved in the Girl Scouts and the Choraliers – East Stroudsburg High School Select Choir. Ana has won a Girl Scout Silver Award and an award for ACDA Children's Choir 2010 and is working toward the Girl Scouts Gold Award, equivalent to the Eagle Scout Award. Her hobbies include reading, singing, and hanging out with friends. Ana enjoys orchestra because "It is an extra challenge for me, which I love," and "It's also lots of fun to meet people who love playing music as much as I do."

Aidan Crank is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. This is his third year in PYO following five years in PSJO. He plays cello and trumpet in the orchestra. In his spare time, he enjoys playing the piano. He is a member of the National Honor Society, soccer and tennis teams, chamber orchestra, scholastic scrimmage, FBLA, Science Olympiad and Key Club. He would like to attend a four-year college after graduating.

Enya Cunningham is a senior at Stroudsburg High School playing violin in the PYO for the fourth year following two years in the PJSO. She also plays the bass and lists art as her favorite subject. Her favorite composers are George Gershwin and Mozart. She likes to listen to the Kid Cudi, the Killers and the Beatles. Her favorite authors are Kurt Vonnegut and Sophie Kinsella while her favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series, *Remember Me?* and *Wuthering Heights*. She belongs to the Pit Orchestra, the National Honor Society, Varsity Field Hockey and the soccer team. Her honors include MVC Field Hockey Scholar Athlete, 1st Team MVC Field hockey, high honor roll, first place district art show 2009 and 2010, 2nd team MVC soccer 2010 and Coach's Award 2010. In her spare time, she likes to shop and work out. She enjoys being in PYO because she gets to play new and interesting music, and because she continues to play the violin. She is planning to attend a liberal arts college to study international relations and then work for an international relief organization.

Kelsey Day is an eleventh grade student at Stroudsburg High school. She played the violin for PJSO for three years and PYO for three years. Kelsey also plays the viola, cello and piano. Her favorite subject in school is math. Kelsey's favorite composer is Vivaldi, and she likes many different kinds of music. She enjoys playing with the orchestra because she finds the music challenging. She plans to attend college in the future.

Devin Diaz is a junior at Stroudsburg High School, plays the clarinet in orchestra and is in his second year with the PYO. He also plays the alto saxophone and the piano. Devin's favorite subject is music theory. Classical, jazz, and rock are among his favorite music types and Aaron Copland, Mozart, and Brahms are among his favorite composers. His favorite books are *The World in Six Songs* and *This is Your Brain on Music*, and his favorite author is Daniel J. Levitin.

Devin is involved the Stroudsburg Marching Band and the Stroudsburg Chorale and enjoys composing, art, and singing as hobbies. He enjoys the PYO because, "It provides challenges that regular school music programs don't necessarily provide." Future plans include majoring in music performance or music education at Temple's Boyer College of Music or West Chester University.

Eric Dwyer is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and a four year member of PYO. Eric can be found in the percussion section of the orchestra. His other instruments are trumpet and voice. Favorite subjects in school are journalism and music theory. Some of Eric's favorite composers are Alan Menken, Hans Zimmer and Jason Robert Brown. He likes the music of Broadway, Motown and Classic Rock. Eric enjoys reading books by Thornton Wilder, Neil Simon and Robert Kurson. His favorite book is *Shadow Divers*. In addition to music, Eric is also involved in Boy Scouts and is an Eagle Scout. In school, he is a member of the Show Choir, Chorale, Cross Country Team, School Newspaper and FBLA. Some hobbies include climbing, acting, technical theater, running and scuba diving. Eric enjoys PYO because of the camaraderie of individuals with similar interests and the challenges of performing intricate pieces. Future plans are to attend a conservatory program in Theatrical Design and Production with a concentration in lighting design. Eric would like to design lighting for national tours, regional theatre, film, commercials and Broadway.

Max Ecke, a tenth grader at Stroudsburg High School, is playing percussion for the first year with the PYO. He also plays the double bass and likes jazz, fusion and indie music. His favorite subject at school is English, with J.R.R. Tolkein, Stephen King and E.A. Poe among his favorite authors. His favorite books are *The Hobbit*, *The Shining*, and *Scar Tissue*. His favorite composers are Herbie Hancock, John McLaughlin, Miles Davis and Wayne Shorter. He belongs to COTA Cats, Marching Band, Varsity Chess Team and Jazz Band. The music is what makes orchestra enjoyable for him. He hopes to obtain a career in literature and/or jazz.

Ty Gable is a sophomore at East Stroudsburg South High School. This is his second year as a member of PYO. Ty plays the piccolo and flute. His favorite subject is Band. Favorite composers are Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky, Holst and Prokofiev. Ty enjoys listening to classic wind ensemble and orchestra pieces as well as solo flute. He enjoys reading books by Dean Koontz and Dan Brown. Ty's favorite book is *The Man with the Golden Flute* by James Galway. Ty is also a member of the Wyoming Seminary's Performing Arts Institute. Ty is a 2008 Youth in Music Excellence Award winner as well as the 2008 Band Director's Award. He also received the 2010 Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Performance from Wyoming Seminary's Performing Arts Institute. In addition Ty's hobbies are playing the flute and tennis. The reason he enjoys PYO is because of his love of the flute and playing with other talented flutists. His future plans are to become a principal flutist in an orchestra and teach flute performance at a college level.

Natalie Gilbert is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School, plays the violin in her second year in PYO, following 3 years in PJSO. She also plays hand bells. English is her favorite subject and Vivaldi, Bach, Beethoven, and Mozart, her favorite composers. She enjoys a good mix of many types of music, except rap, punk, and country. *The Hunger Games* Trilogy and *Harry Potter* are favorite books and Nicholas Sparks, J.K. Rowling, and Susan Collins are favorite authors. Natalie's hobbies include running on the cross country team, writing, reading, and being involved in community theater groups. Natalie says she enjoys

orchestra because "It's a great challenge, and I just love playing to express myself." She plans on becoming an English teacher and a well-known novelist.

William Gold is in 10th grade at Pocono Mountain West High School, and his favorite subject is history. This is his first year in PYO after 4 years in PJSO playing violin. He also plays trumpet. His favorite composer is John Williams, and he enjoys listening to classical music. His favorite author is Charles Dickens, and he enjoyed reading *A Christmas Carol*. He is involved in Boy Scouts, Speech and Debate, Chess, PYBA, and ski club. His hobbies include shooting hand guns, camping, biking, seeing plays, and skiing. He enjoys orchestra for the music and the challenge. He will attend college but hasn't made plans beyond that.

Megan Hockman is at Junior at Pocono Mountain East High School. This is her second year in PYO. Megan plays the bassoon, mellophone and piano. Her favorite subject in school is history. Megan enjoys listening to works by Beethoven, Brahms and James Newton Howard. Her favorite music is Classical and Acoustic/Indie. Megan's favorite books are *Memoirs of a Geisha* and *A Clockwork Orange*. Megan also plays with the Trinity Centennial Band. Her hobbies include music, chess, writing and composing. Megan enjoys orchestra because she gets to play music that isn't usually performed in her school concert band. Future plans are to go to East Michigan University and major in Music Theory.

Maddison Kendrick is in her junior year at Stroudsburg High School and plays the violin in orchestra. This is her third year in PYO, following one year in the PJSO. French is her favorite subject. Pop and classical are her favorite types of music, and John Williams and Hans Zimmer are a few of her favorite composers. *Harry Potter* and *Twilight Saga* are books she enjoys and J.K. Rowling is her favorite author. Maddison is a member of the National Honor Society and is involved in the Stroudsburg High School Show Choir. Her hobbies include dance and high school musicals. She enjoys the PYO "because it's a symphony orchestra". Future plans include becoming a music teacher.

Rebecca Kuc is a junior at Lehigh Valley High School for the Performing Arts and has been playing violin in the PYO for 4 years, following 4 years in the PJSO. Her favorite subjects are math, orchestra, and music theory. Rebecca's favorite composers are Beethoven and Haydn and Sarah Dessen is her favorite author. She is very involved in the horse back organization Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association (ESDCTA) and has won numerous awards, including multiple champion and reserve champion titles. Her hobbies include horseback riding, playing violin, and hanging with friends. Orchestra is enjoyable to Rebecca because, "PYO gives me the opportunity to play in a large group, playing challenging music with people my age." In the future, she wants to continue teaching horseback riding lessons and attend college for music and either psychology or math.

Emily Lantz is a junior at Stroudsburg High School and has been playing violin in the PYO for 3 years, following 5 years in the PJSO. She also plays flute and piano, and her favorite subject is French. Nicholas Hooper is her favorite composer, and she also enjoys the music of John Mayer and Norah Jones. Emily's favorite author is J.K. Rowling, and *Harry Potter*, *The Time Traveler's Wife*, and *Nineteen Minutes* are some of her favorite books. Emily is a pianist for Show Choir and is a member of Jazz Band and the National Honor Society. Some of Emily's hobbies are reading, painting, and singing. Emily enjoys orchestra because she can be with her friends. Her future plans include attending Lafayette College to study French, art, and/or English.

Kaitlyn Lessard is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. Kaitlyn plays the viola and was in PJSO for three years then in PYO for four years. Her favorite subject is photography, and her favorite composer is Tchaikovsky. Kaitlyn enjoys easy listening and alternative music. Her favorite authors are Ellen Hopkins and Chelsea Handler. Her favorite books are *Go Ask Alice* and *Crank*. Kaitlyn is also involved with K and K Dance Team and National Honor Society. Kaitlyn is also a member of a local String Quartet and plays in her school's Pit Orchestra. She has been in PMEA's District Orchestra for four years, Region Orchestra for two years and State Orchestra for one year. Her favorite hobbies are dance and photography. Kaitlyn enjoys orchestra because it is a stress release and also for meeting new people. Future plans include going to medical school to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Anne Lloyd is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. She was a member of PJSO for one year and has been in PYO for three years. She plays the violin and piano. Her favorite subject in school is English. Mozart and Bach are Anne's favorite composers. She also enjoys listening to classical and classic rock music. Anne's favorite author is Nicholas Sparks. Her favorite book is *The Notebook*. Anne is an accompanist for Show Choir and also plays in the school orchestra. Anne is an honor student and has won the Gold Cup Award for Piano in the PFMC Junior Music Festival. She enjoys riding her go-cart, fishing, boating and spending time with her yellow Lab, "Sadie". The reason Anne enjoys orchestra is because she can meet new people and spend time with kids who enjoy the same things she does. Future plans include going to college to study Music.

Anna Long is a sophomore at East Stroudsburg South High School. She has been playing the flute in PYO for three years. Her favorite subject in school is English. Mendelssohn and Debussy are Anna's favorite composers. Garth Nix, Christopher Paolini and J.K. Rowling are favorite authors. Anna's favorite book is *The Inheritance Cycle*. Anna is also a member of Quiet Valley Living Historical Museum. Anna received Summa Cum Laude for the National Latin Exam. Her hobbies include reading, tennis, softball and singing. Anna enjoys orchestra because she enjoys playing classical music outside of the normal high school setting. Future plans include attending an Ivy League University and majoring in Psychology or Psychiatry.

Kyle Mahaney is a homeschooled twelfth grade student who finds English to be his favorite subject. He plays the violin and was in PJSO for three years, and PYO for three years. Kyle finds playing with the orchestra a great way to exercise his musical skills and learn more about music history. His favorite composers are Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky, and Handel. He also enjoys listening to John Lennon, Green Day, Styx, Pink Floyd, The Who, and Ska punk. Kyle's favorite authors are Vladimir Nabokov, Sue Monk Kidd, and Kurt Vonnegut. Among his favorite books are *Slaughterhouse Five*, *Atonement*, *Lolita*, and *Fahrenheit 451*. Active in cinematography and photography, Kyle plans to pursue a career as a cinematographer.

Anna Maroney is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. She played violin in PJSO for three years and is in her second year playing violin in PYO. Anna's other instruments are piano and voice. Her favorite subject in school is history. Mozart, J.S. Bach and John Williams are among her favorite composers. Anna will listen to just about any type of music...except Rap! Her favorite author is Stephenie Meyer. Some of Anna's favorite books are *The Host* and the *Twilight Saga*. Anna is in Color Guard, Chorale and Chamber Orchestra. She is also a member of Stroudsburg United Methodist Youth Group and Quiet Valley Living

Historical Museum. Hobbies include reading, playing music, songwriting and hanging out with friends. What Anna enjoys most about orchestra is that it is fun and helps her relax. Future plans include playing in a professional orchestra.

Chris Mason is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. This is his first year in PYO. He plays the trombone. His favorite subject is Science. His favorite composer is Basshunter, and his favorite music is "Techno". Chris enjoys reading books by Christopher Paolini; *Eragon* being one of his favorite books. Chris is a member of his school's swim team and has also received the Presidential Achievement of Physical Fitness Award. His hobbies are gaming and break dancing. Chris enjoys orchestra because he likes making noise with his trombone!! In the future, he hopes for success in whichever career path he chooses.

Cynthia Mathiesen is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. She played violin in PJSO for two years and is in her fourth year in PYO. Cindy's favorite subject is American History. Her favorite composers are Niccolo Paganini, Fritz Kreisler, Mozart, Brahms, Bach, Beethoven, Copland, Gershwin and Vitali. She listens mostly to Classical music. Among Cindy's favorite authors are J.K. Rowling and Kato Havas. Favorite books include the *Harry Potter* series and *Stage Fright*. Cindy is also involved with Strings International Music Festival, Young People's Philharmonic, Pocono String Quartet, her high school Chamber Orchestra and Chorale. She is a member of National Honor Society and is in the top 10% of her class. Hobbies include hiking, biking and canoeing. What Cindy enjoys most about orchestra is playing in ensemble with other people and ultimately communicating to the audience what composers were trying to communicate in their music. Future plans are to teach violin and play in a professional orchestra.

Ryan McDermott is a high honor student in his senior year at Stroudsburg High School. He has played trumpet in the PYO for the past four years. He also plays the ukulele. He likes both classic and rock music and lists Eric Whitacre as his favorite composer. His favorite subject is forensic science. Jim Allen is his favorite author, and he lists *4-Wheelers Bible* as his favorite book. He participates in Show Choir, Chorale, Marching Band, Jazz Band, school musicals, Percussion Ensemble, District Chorus, County Chorus and Community Theater. In his spare time, he likes off-roading, playing ukulele, and being with friends. He enjoys orchestra because, as a brass player, it is a very different experience from any band. He plans to attend a 4-year college to major in criminal justice with a minor in music.

Karim Osman is a senior at Stroudsburg High School playing violin for the fourth year in the PYO following two years with the PJSO. He likes chemistry, computers, running and scuba diving. His favorite authors are George Orwell, Norman Mailer, and Ray Bradbury. His favorite books are *1984*, *The Executioner's Song*, and *Fahrenheit 9/11*. At school, he belongs to the National Honor Society and the Venture Crew 8 and won first place at the TSA National Leadership Conference. Karim likes experimental music, folk music and classic rock. He enjoys the sound of the final performance of the orchestra. Eventually Karim wants to have a career in biochemistry, learn to play the lute, cure cancer and establish world peace.

Steven M. Pasciak is in the eighth grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. He plays the trumpet, and this is his first year in PYO. Steven also plays the French horn. Math and Music are his favorite subjects. Favorite composers are Miles Davis, Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong. Steven enjoys listening to jazz and classic rock. Tom Clancy is his favorite author, and *Elsewhere* and

Splinter Cell are favorite books. Steven is a member of the Stroudsburg Junior High School Marching Band and Jazz Band. He has also participated in the PMEA District 10 Intermediate Band and Orchestra Festivals. Hobbies include dirt biking, soccer and snowboarding. Steven enjoys learning new music in PYO. Future plans are to go to college as a music major and eventually own his own music store.

Christopher M. Revak is an eleventh grade student at Stroudsburg High School. This is his first year with PYO and is playing percussion. Other instruments that he plays are the clarinet, upright bass and guitar. As a high honor roll student, Christopher enjoys math and chemistry and is involved in the Marching Band, Jazz Band, and, and Show Choir. His favorite composers are Carlos Santana, Jaco Pastorius, and Charlie Parker. He enjoys listening to jazz, fusion, classic rock, progressive rock, and alternative rock. His favorite authors are J.K. Rowling and Cormac McCarthy. His favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series and *The Road*. Among his hobbies are biking, frisbee, and playing with his fusion band. Christopher enjoys orchestra because it's fun and gives him an opportunity to perform with others his own age. He plans to graduate from high school and go to either Juilliard or Berklee for music.

Natasha Roberts is a twelfth grade student at Notre Dame High School. She has been playing the violin in PYO for four years. Her favorite subjects are Biology and English. Chopin, Bach, and Mozart are among her favorite composers. Her favorite authors are C.S. Lewis, and Toni Morrison. Her favorite book is *The Wasteland* by T.S. Eliot. Natasha is a member of the National Honor Society, Mock Trial, and is involved in the Peer Listening Program. She also attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine. Her hobbies include school plays, and helping out with school activities. She enjoys orchestra because it provides a way to express any kind of emotion; also, in orchestra, you are surrounded by people who love music. Her future plan is to major in biochemistry and continue on to medical school.

Iris Kristina Rosario is a junior honor student at Stroudsburg High School playing viola for the first time in the PYO following 3 years in the PJSO. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the student government, the Chamber Orchestra and the Light of the World Church Choir. Math is her favorite subject. She lists Bach and Mozart as her favorite composers and also likes R&B music. Her favorite book is *To Kill a Mockingbird* while her favorite author is Nicholas Sparks. She enjoys orchestra because she feels that music is a way to release emotions that can be expressed in no other way. Orchestra helps her have motivation and dedication to something she loves - music! Iris plans to major in nursing at ESU and dreams of studying in New York City and abroad.

Rachel Salmon is a senior at Pocono Mountain East High School playing oboe and English horn for the second year in the PYO. She also plays tenor sax, mellophone, alto horn, and piano and says that music is her favorite subject at school. She likes both classical and jazz and lists John Markey, Rachmaninoff, Cesar Cui, Beethoven and Schumann as her favorite composers. Shannon Hale, Charles Dickens and J.R. Ward are her favorite authors while *Tale of Two Cities* and *Electric Sky* are her favorite books. She belongs to marching band where she is the section leader, jazz band, concert band, musical pit orchestra, Young People's Philharmonic, Trinity Episcopal Church Choir, Marywood University wind ensemble, and company libben bluot, a dance company that she directs. Her hobbies include dancing, reading and playing music. Orchestra gives her a chance to approach music in a different setting and play more chal-

lenging music. She plans to attend college or university to double major in oboe performance and astrophysics.

Luke Simons is in his first year with the PYO playing clarinet. He is a seventh grade Principal's List Honor student at Southern Lehigh Middle School where his favorite subject is math. Luke also plays the piano and saxophone. Mozart is one of his favorite composers, and Rick Riordan is his favorite author. He has thoroughly enjoyed reading the *Percy Jackson* series. His hobbies include reading, playing musical instruments, and baseball. Luke is a member of the Southern Lehigh Little League. For the past four years, he has received superior ratings for his piano performances at PMTA's Achievement Award Auditions. He has also played clarinet in the PMEA Elementary Band and Orchestra Festival. Last year, he participated in the Young Writers Program at school and composed a 10,000-word novel. He enjoys playing in the PYO because it gives him a chance to perform with other advanced musicians.

Rosie Sobrinski is a ninth grade high honor roll student at Stroudsburg Junior High School. She was a member of PJSO for five years and this is her first year in PYO. She also plays piano, guitar, ukulele, and is now studying the viola. She enjoys listening to ABBA. Her favorite subject is Orchestra. Her favorite authors include Christopher Paolini and Rick Riordan. Some of her favorite books are *The Inheritance Cycle*, *Percy Jackson and The Olympians*, and *Harry Potter*. Rosie is a member of the Stroudsburg Cross Country team; she plays with the Stroudsburg Junior High Chamber Orchestra, practices karate, and makes short films. In 2009 she was the winner for the Shortie Film awards, and in 2010 she was a runner up. Her hobbies include reading, music, running, and art. She enjoys orchestra because it is fun and challenging.

Kaitlin Tackels is a twelfth grade student at Stroudsburg High School. She played the cello for PJSO for three years and PYO for four years. Kaitlin's favorite composers are Alan Menken and John Williams. She enjoys listening to Glee soundtracks, Broadway and pop. Her favorite authors are Sara Gruen, Diane Chamberlain, and Sara Shepard. Among her favorite books are *The Pretty Little Liars Series*, *Water for Elephants*, and *The Secret Life of Ceecee Wilkes*. Her favorite subjects are Orchestra, Chorus, and English. She is also a member of the show choir and chamber orchestra. She is a member of the National Honor's Society, received the PFMC Gold Cup, and the President's Education Award. She is ranked in the top third percent of her class. Her hobbies include performing in musicals, singing, acting, painting, and volunteering. Kaitlin enjoys playing challenging music in orchestra with peers who share her passion for music. She hopes to become an elementary school teacher, joining together with other teachers, to improve the United States Educational System.

Mac Tasetano is a senior at Stroudsburg High School playing trumpet in the PYO for the second year. At school he participates in SHS Marching Band, Jazz Band, Chess Club and Model Congress. He is a member of the National Honor Society and lists history as his favorite subject. Bach and Biggie Smalls are his favorite composers, and he likes 80's rock and 90's hip-hop. *The Pacific* is his favorite book and *Tucker Max* his favorite author. He has a 2nd degree black belt in Shorin Ryu karate and likes boxing. Orchestra gives him a new perspective on playing his instrument. He wants to study political science and law and has received a congressional nomination for the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Gabrielle Truncali is a tenth grade student at the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts. She was a member of PJSO for two years, and PYO for two years playing the violin. She also plays piano. Her favorite subjects are English, History, and Music. John Williams, Hans Zimmer, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Bach, and Tchaikovsky are her favorite composers. Gabrielle enjoys listening to Christian, pop, classical, and some jazz. Her favorite author is John Shors and her favorite books are Shors' *Beneath a Marble Sky*, and *The Time-Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger. She is in the top 10 percent of her class, participated in PMEA Intermediate District Orchestra 2007, was the recipient of the Presidential Award of Academic Excellence 2004, 2008, and traveled with People to People Student Ambassadors to China in 2009. She is a member of SHS Chamber Orchestra and plays the cello in church. She likes to run, play instruments, sing, read, write, listen to music, be with friends and family, and travel. Gabrielle enjoys PYO because Mr. and Mrs. Simons always select music that she likes to play, and they bring out a great sound in the orchestra. She aspires to improve as a musician, go to a good music college, become a world traveler, learn more languages, and possibly live in another country.

Joseph Visceglia is an 8th grade high honor student at Stroudsburg Junior High School playing percussion in the PYO for the first year. He likes math and science and mostly all kinds of music. His favorite composer is Brian Balmages and his favorite authors are Suzanne Collins and Eoin Colfer. His favorite books are the *Gregor* series and the *Artemis Fowl* series. He participates in marching band, concert band, science Olympiad and baseball. He participated in East Elementary Band Festival in 2008. His hobbies include baseball and other sports. He enjoys playing all different instruments and playing them with his friends in orchestra. He plans to become a CSI agent and grow a full handlebar moustache!

Victoria Visceglia is a senior at Stroudsburg High School and is playing flute in PYO for the second year. She also plays piccolo and lists German as her favorite subject. She likes all kinds of music and the Harry Potter series of books. At school, she participates in Marching Band, Concert Band and Pit Orchestra and belongs to the National Honor Society. She is in the top 10% of her class and has participated in PMEA Festivals and MENC All-Eastern Band. Her hobbies include martial arts and watching her brother's moustache grow. She likes the sound of the orchestra better than band instruments alone. She plans to attend a 4-year institution to study music.

Brianna Weaver is a senior at Commonwealth Connections Academy and is playing violin for the 4th year in the PYO following 3 years in the PJSO. She also play the piano. In addition to the PYO, she also plays in the Stroudsburg High School Chamber Orchestra. Her favorite subjects are music and science. She enjoys the Trans Siberian Orchestra, E.S. Posthumus, piano compositions by Isaac Shepard, and music by Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven. Her favorite authors and favorite books are the *Pendragon* series by D.J. MacHale, the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling, *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series by Rick Riordan, and *The Inheritance Trilogy* by Christopher Paolini. She has won numerous awards in dance competitions, is a 3rd degree brown belt in karate, and has been on the honor roll for several years. Her hobbies include karate, reading, skiing, and snowboarding. She enjoys orchestra because it is a chance to see friends and meet new people. Furthermore, the music is challenging and exciting. Brianna hopes to attend college and major in Environmental Science with a minor in Music

Kristen Weaver is a 9th grade honor student at Commonwealth Connections Academy. She is playing cello in the PYO for the second year following 3 years in the PJSO. She also plays piano, flute and bass. She plays in the Stroudsburg Junior High School Chamber Orchestra. Kristi's favorite subject is biology. She likes pop/rock music and lists Bach and Haydn as her favorite composers. Her favorite books are *Gregor the Overlander* series by Suzanne Collins, Percy Jackson and the *Olympians* series by Rick Riordan, *Pendragon* series by D.J. MacHale, and the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling. She has attained 3rd degree brown belt in karate and received a superior rating two years in a row at the National Federation of Music Clubs' Junior Music Festivals. She was chosen to play in the PMEA Intermediate District 10 Orchestra Festival. Her hobbies include karate, reading, skiing, and needle crafts. She enjoys orchestra because she enjoys the new, challenging music and likes to go and spend time with her friends. One of her ambitions is to become a veterinarian or something that involves helping or raising animals.

Nikki Weaver is a 10th grade honor roll student at Commonwealth Connections Academy playing bass and oboe in the PYO. This is her third year in PYO following three years in PJSO. She also plays piano and organ and participates in the Stroudsburg Junior High School Chamber Orchestra and Stroudsburg High School Chamber Orchestra. Her favorite subject is science. Her favorite composer is Mozart, and she likes both classical and pop/rock. Her favorite books are *Abundance of Katherines* by John Green and the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling. She has won numerous awards in dance competitions and has attained 3rd degree brown belt in karate. She lists scrapbooking as her hobby. Nikki enjoys orchestra because she enjoys challenging herself through music, and it's fun! Her future plans include becoming a professional musician and a photographer.

Kaitlyn Weiss is a sophomore from Pocono Mountain West High School and is playing trumpet for the PYO for a second year. Her favorite composer is John Williams and she likes jazz. At school, she belongs to the marching band and the jazz band and also plays with the COTA Cats Jazz Band. She is a member of the PMW National Jr. Honor Society and lists history as her favorite subject. Christopher Moore and Adele Geras are her favorite authors and her favorite books are *Troy*, *Ithaca*, and *Leonardo's Shadow*. She enjoys orchestra because she gets to play music she wouldn't get to play at school. She plans to go to school for music education and become a high school band director.

Danielle Wyckoff is an eleventh grade student at Stroudsburg High School. She was a member of PJSO for three years, and PYO for three years playing the viola. She also plays piano and studies voice. Her favorite composers are Vivaldi and Bach. She enjoys listening to Y beat songs! Jane Austen and Christopher Moore are among her favorite authors. Her favorite books include the *Harry Potter* series. World History is her favorite subject in school, Danielle is in the top 10 percent of her class and a member of the National Honor Society. She is active in show choir and chorale, the varsity tennis team, and a member of the National Ski Patrol. Danielle enjoys orchestra because it gives her a chance to play music that is fun as well as challenging, and provides an opportunity to spend time with her friends. She plans to attend a four-year college on the east coast to major in business communications.

Our Soloist

Lynda Chryst is a 17-year old homeschooled senior who currently resides in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. This is her second year in the PYO. Lynda has studied piano for ten years with her teacher, Scott Besser. In 2006 and 2007, she was awarded the Youth in Music Excellence Award in the junior instrumental category and also for the senior instrumental category in 2007, 2009, and 2010; in addition, she has won the senior ensemble category in 2008 and 2009. In the National Federation of Music Clubs Festival, Lynda has earned 8 solo and 5 theory superiors. In 2008, she was a guest soloist at NFMC's 82nd Philadelphia District Conference along with her sister, Amy Chryst, and David Lantz. In 2007, she was a state finalist in NFMC's National Music Week Essay Contest. Lynda is also one of the pianists for First Baptist Church and its youth group.



Last summer, she had the opportunity to attend the Ithaca Summer Piano Institute, where she worked with other pianists and the Ithaca faculty. She is kept busy giving private piano lessons, collaborating with other instrumentalists, and playing for weddings.

Outside of music, Lynda enjoys writing for the Pennsylvania Homeschooler's Accreditation Association publication, *The Excelsior*. During the summer, she also loves to participate in the Pocono Area Summer Tennis League. Her other interests include business card collecting, journaling, and reading. (Her favorite novel is *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper E. Lee.) In the future, Lynda would like to attend Eastman, Ithaca, or Penn State as a piano performance major. Additional future goals include playing at Carnegie Hall or Lincoln Center.



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