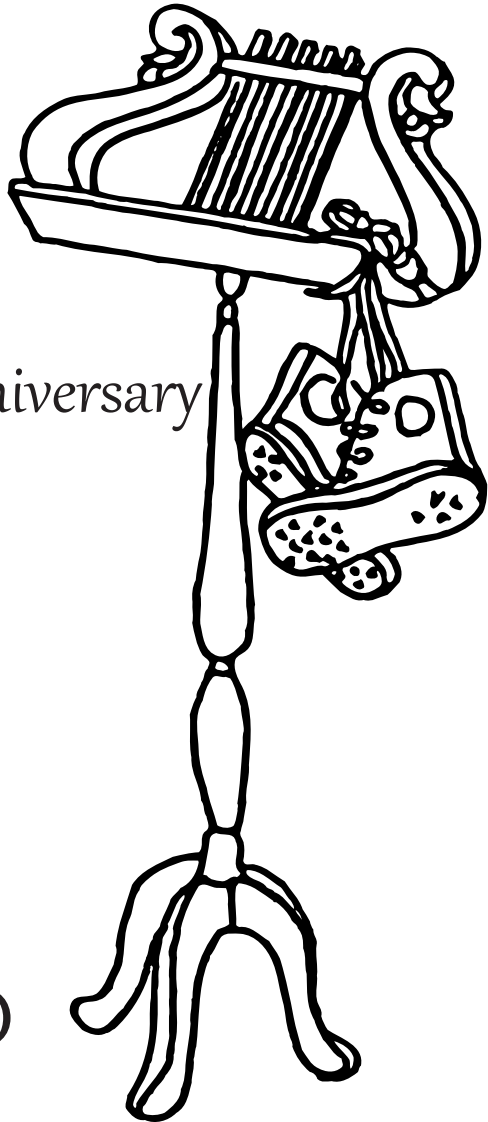


25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary



POCONO  
YOUTH  
ORCHESTRA

Winter Concerts

Saturday, January 19, 2013

Sunday, January 20, 2013

## **2012-2013 SEASON**

Christmas Tree Lighting at Stroudsmoor, December 2, 2012

String-Along at Grace Park Retirement Community, December 11, 2012

### **Winter Concerts, January 19 & 20, 2013**

Carnegie Hall Trip to New York Youth Symphony Concert,  
March 24, 2013

### **Spring Concerts, June 1 & 2, 2013**

2013-2014 Season Auditions, June 3, 2013

## **AUDITIONS NOTICE**

Auditions for new members for both the PYO and the PJSO will be held on Monday, June 3, 2013, 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, and tuba. All students through present high school juniors are eligible to apply. In the PJSO, performing opportunities exist for all accomplished young string instrumentalists in elementary and middle school. Minimum requirements are at least two years of private instruction and strong music reading ability.

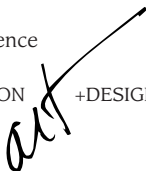
Auditions, which last about ten minutes, will be scheduled by appointment. Students will be asked to perform a prepared solo piece of their choice, and to sight read appropriate music for their instrument.

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

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

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# POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2013**

**7:30 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2013**

**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 Chestnut Hill Chamber Players, based in the Lehigh Valley. She also performs with the Pennsylvania String Ensemble. 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

Warrior Legacy Soon Hee Newbold

Swan Lake, Act II, No. 10 Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky  
arr. Michael Hopkins

Symphony No. 2 in A Major William Boyce  
I. Allegro assai arr. Robert D. McCashin

*India Baker and Grace Sobrinski, Violin 1 Soloists*  
*Nia Esposito and Christie Lee, Violin 2 Soloists*

Irish Whistle Traditional  
*Variations on "The Star of the County Down"* arr. Bob Phillips

Requiem (The Fifth) Ludwig van Beethoven, W.A. Mozart and Paul O'Neill  
arr. Bob Phillips

*Combined PJSO and PYO Strings*

INTERMISSION

## Pocono Youth Orchestra

Rienzi Overture Richard Wagner

"Chacun le Sait" from *Daughter of the Regiment* Gaetano Donizetti  
(See notes on next page)

*Natalie Gilbert, Soprano Soloist*

Casus Belli Andrew Boysen, Jr.

Flute Concerto No. 1 in G Major, K. 313 W.A. Mozart  
I. Allegro Maestoso

*Ty Gable, Flute Soloist*

Selections from Les Miserables Claude-Michel Schonberg  
*At the End of the Day - I Dreamed a Dream* arr. Bob Lowden  
*Master of the House - On My Own - Do you Hear the People Sing?*

Symphony No. 4 in F Minor, Op. 36 Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky  
IV. Finale: Allegro con fuoco

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

## ***Notes on Donizetti's Daughter of the Regiment***

*La Fille du Régiment* (The Daughter of the Regiment) is an opéra comique in two acts by Gaetano Donizetti (1797-1848). It was written in 1840 while the composer was living in Paris, with a French libretto by Jules-Henri Vernoy de Saint-Georges and Jean-François Bayard.

Donizetti's *Daughter of the Regiment* tells the story of an energetic, tomboyish young orphan, Marie, who is raised by a regiment of French soldiers, who falls in love with the peasant Tonio and who discovers she's the niece of a Marquise. Set in an alpine enclave at the end of a battle during the Napoleonic wars, it's two hours of fun and frivolity.

Act 1 is set in the Tyrolean Mountains. On their way to Austria, the terrified Marquise of Berkenfield and her butler, Hortensius, have paused in their journey because a skirmish has broken out. When the Marquise hears from the villagers that the French troops have retreated, she comments on the rude manners of the French people. Sulpice, sergeant of the 21st regiment, assures everyone that his men will restore peace and order. He is joined by Marie, the mascot, or "daughter", of the regiment, which adopted her as an orphaned child. When Sulpice questions her about a young man she has been seen with, she explains that he is Tonio, a local Tyrolean who once saved her life. Troops enter with Tonio as their prisoner, having taken him for a spy. When Marie tells them that Tonio saved her life, they release him, and he explains that he approached the troops only to see the girl he loves. The soldiers decide to toast their daughter's savior rather than shoot him, and the festivities include Marie's rendition of the 21st's regimental song ("Chacun le Sait"). Then, Tonio is ordered to follow the soldiers, but he escapes and returns to declare his love to Marie. Sulpice reminds Marie of her promise to marry only within the ranks of the 21st.

The story follows Marie and Tonio as they declare their love for one another and are torn asunder by the Marquise de Berkenfield and ultimately helped back together by the same Marquise and Marie's beloved regiment.

# POCONO JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA

## Violin

India Baker  
Ashley Catarino  
Keyanna Colon  
Luke Dougherty  
Nia Esposito  
Elias Fernandez  
Leah Jardel  
Christie Lee  
Adam Snyder  
Grace Sobrinski  
Elise Tomaszewski  
Terease Tomaszewski  
Juliet Whidden  
Justin White

## Viola

Melissa Salvadeo  
Antonios Stylianides  
Brooke Givens  
Samantha Tsang  
Kara Lawlor

## Cello

Sienna Fernandez  
Emma Kowzun  
Anthony Wong

## Bass

Timothy Geiger  
Meredith Constable

\*seating rotates

# POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

## Violin

Adam Barth+  
Amanda Berwick  
Tristan Boheim  
Augustin Cavalier  
Josh Charlton  
Amy Chryst+  
Cameron Dougherty  
Maura Dougherty  
Emily Fleming  
Natalie Gilbert+  
William Gold+  
Jennifer Jolivert  
Alexandra Kozak  
Michael Kozak+  
Abigail Lantz  
Meaghan Lawlor  
Jessie Liu  
Anna Maroney+  
Kariem Morssy  
Sarah Osman  
Evalyn Palmer  
Olivia Reed  
Richard Sarker  
Joseph Snyder  
Rosie Sobrinski  
Kaiti Stylianides  
Eva Marie Swartout  
Alexa Vaghenas

## Viola

Emily Geiger  
Maci Kendrick

## Cello

Kristen Weaver  
Gabrielle Truncali+  
Sophia Rostock  
Maria Biery  
Elizabeth Whidden  
Nell Kopytnik  
Sarah Chesko  
Tereya Edwards

## Bass

John Charlton+  
Nicole Weaver+  
Zachary Carson, Guest

## Flute

Ty Gable+  
Anna Long+  
Meghan Ertle

## Oboe

Nicole Weaver+  
Woodrow Battle

## Clarinet

Luke Simons  
Eric Papa  
Jessica Ng

## Horn

Ana Cohen+  
Tristan Flanagan  
Jeremiah Boeman  
Stephanie Fritz

## Trumpet

Kailtyn Weiss+  
Barbara Martinez

## Trombone

Eric Wolf  
Bryce Pandolfo  
Dan Magan, Guest

## Tuba

Josh Charlton  
Ronald Bogart, Guest

## Percussion

Nicholas Fleming  
Eric Galante  
Liuba Miranosava  
Joseph Visceglia

## Piano

Jessie Liu

\*string seating rotates  
+graduating seniors

# Our Students in PYO

**Adam Barth** is a senior at Pocono Mountain East High School. He has been a member of the PYO for four years playing the violin. He also plays piano and tenor saxophone. His favorite subject in school is music theory and his favorite composers are John Williams, Hans Zimmer, and Marc Shaiman. He listens to any music that has a great melody and the right amount of emotion. His favorite author is J.K. Rowling and he enjoyed reading *Maze Runner*. His other activities include Drum Major at Pocono Mountain East Marching Band, Scholastic Scrimmage, Jazz Band, Choir and Pit Orchestra. His hobbies include listening to music, teaching violin, and arranging/composing music. He enjoys the orchestra because it provides an opportunity to play challenging music with other great musicians. In the future, he plans to attend either West Chester University or Temple University to study music composition and later become a film composer.

**Woodrow Battle** is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. In his second season with PYO, Woody plays the oboe and also plays the alto and tenor saxophones. At school, he participates in Marching Band and Jazz Band. He lists Hans Zimmer as one of his favorite composers and history as his favorite school subject. Woody enjoys running and wants to always keep laughing. He values PYO since he has the opportunity to play alongside another accomplished oboe player.

**Amanda Berwick** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her second year as a member of the PYO playing the violin. She also plays bass guitar and enjoys math and science at school. Her favorite composer is Vivaldi and she listens to all types of music. She read the *Twilight* series and enjoys books by Nora Roberts and Stephenie Meyer. In her free time, she enjoys playing softball, riding bike, hiking, dancing and photography.

**Maria Biery** is an eleventh-grade student at Moravian Academy. She is in her second year of the PYO, following one year in PJSO. Maria plays the cello in PYO, but also plays piano and saxophone. Maria likes studying history in school. Her favorite composers are Bach, Mozart, Schumann, and Debussy, and she prefers jazz, pop, and classical music. Her favorite authors are George Orwell, Stephenie Meyer, and Suzanne Collins, and her favorite books are *1984*, the *Twilight Saga*, and *Hunger Games*. She is a member of the newspaper club, cross country team, Jazz Band, and Orchestra. Her awards and honors include seven consecutive superior ratings for her piano performances in the in the National Federation of Music Clubs Festival, National Junior Honor Society, Highest Academic Average in Sophomore Class, and Outstanding Social Studies Student. Her hobbies include running and practicing instruments. She enjoys orchestra because it gives her the opportunity to play with different people and play challenging music. In the future, Maria would like to attend Duke University to study political science and music.

**Jeremiah Boeman** is a junior at the Pleasant Valley High School. He plays the French horn in his second year with PYO. His other instruments include tuba, baritone, and electric bass. His favorite subject in school is music theory and his favorite composers are Camille Saint Saens, Richard



Strauss, and Mozart. He enjoys listening to classical music, classic rock, metal, and game soundtracks. His favorite authors are Greg Keyes and Dan Brown and he enjoyed reading *The Infernal City* and *The DaVinci Code*. His extracurricular activities include the Pleasant Valley HS Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz Stage Choir, Pep Band, and Tri-M Music Honor Society. He is the recipient of the Certificate of Academic Excellence for tenth grade band for the 2011-2012 school year and participated in the 2012 PMEA District 10 Orchestra as well as the Allentown Band Side by Side concert. In the future, he hopes to work towards a career in recording engineering.

**Tristan Boehm** is a ninth grader at the Pocono Mountain East High School. He plays the violin and has been a member of the PJSO for three years and is in the PYO this year. He also plays the saxophone. His favorite subject in school is history and his favorite composers are Bartok, Mozart, and Bach. He listens to rap, hip-hop, and dub step. He is a member of the Pocono Mountain East High School Concert Band and his hobbies include tennis, snowboarding, basketball and soccer. He enjoys the orchestra because it provides an opportunity to socialize and play music with his peers. In the future, he plans to attend Boston College and major in engineering.

**Augustin Cavalier** is a 10th-grade homeschooled student. This is his first year in PYO after 5 years in PJSO. He plays violin in the orchestra and just started practicing viola. His favorite subject is math. Augustin's favorite composers are Mozart and Beethoven. He enjoys listening to Christian music (any style: rock, classical, etc.) Augustin volunteers at Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm. His favorite authors and novels are Wayne Thomas Batson (*The Door Within* Trilogy), and G.K. Chesterton (*The Complete Father Brown*). He has received the Bishop's Youth Award, and 2 gold cups from the NFMC Junior Music Festival in violin solo. He completed Junior National Novel Writing Month 3 times. His hobby is writing computer software. In the orchestra, he enjoys being with other people who share a love for music and being challenged with new pieces. He would like to have a career in a technology industry.

**John Charlton** is senior at Easton Area High School. As a double bass player, he was a member of PJSO for four years, and is in his fourth year with PYO. He participates in his school's Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Pit Orchestra. Last year, he performed with the PMEA District 10 Orchestra. John also plays the trombone in EAHS's Marching and Concert Bands. He was selected for the rhythm section of the COTA Cats Jazz Band at the 2012 Celebration of the Arts in Delaware Water Gap. Playing with PYO is enjoyable for him because it allows him to perform symphonic literature in an orchestral ensemble, and he notes his favorite composer is Dmitri Shostakovich. Earlier this year, he fulfilled his goal of earning the rank of Eagle Scout, and he plans to attend college next fall with the aim of studying geology.

**Josh Charlton** is a tenth-grade student at Easton Area High School. He was a member of PJSO for four years playing violin, and is in his second year with PYO playing both violin and tuba. His favorite composers are Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich and Chopin, and he enjoys both classical and indie music. He and his brother John also have performed for two years in the pickup band at Honk! Festival in Somerville and Cambridge, MA. His

favorite school subject is science and a favorite book is *The Catcher in the Rye*. He also is a member of Boy Scout Troop 29. Josh enjoys the musical literature that he has the opportunity to play with PYO.

**Sarah Chesko** is in 9th grade at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year in the PYO. She plays cello in the orchestra and also plays violin and piano. An honor student, Sarah's favorite subjects are math and biology. Sarah's favorite composer is Tchaikovsky. She enjoys listening to pop and Contemporary Christian. Sarah also is a member of the St. Luke's youth group and the SJHS Chamber Orchestra. Her favorite novels are the *Hunger Games* series. She enjoys orchestra because she likes to be challenged and exposed to different kinds of music. She would like to work in an educational setting, possibly as a speech therapist, and to play and teach cello on the side.

**Amy Chryst** is a senior homeschool student, who is in her fourth year playing violin in the PYO following five years in the PJSO. Music is her favorite subject. J.S. Bach, Mozart, Mendelssohn, and Tchaikovsky are her favorite composers and she enjoys listening to classical, romantic, and much more! She has been playing the violin for a little over ten years; she also thoroughly enjoys voice and has been taking lessons for five years as well as piano lessons for a little over a year. Amy's favorite authors are Victor Hugo, Charles Dickens, and Mary Stewart. Some favorite books include *Les Miserables*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, *The Crystal Cave*, and the book of *Psalms*. In the National Federation of Music Clubs Festivals, Amy has received 6 consecutive superior ratings for solo violin, two superior ratings for concerto, and 4 for theory. She has won Youth in Music Excellence Awards competitions in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2012. She also participates in various worship teams at First Baptist Church of East Stroudsburg. Amy has several violin students and thoroughly enjoys teaching; she also takes pleasure in performing and playing for weddings. Amy's hobbies include clay sculpting, making jewelry, drama productions, and Irish dancing. She enjoys playing in the PYO because it gives her a chance to do what she loves, playing the violin, with others who also enjoy music. Amy plans to continue to improve her skills as a violinist by majoring in violin performance at college.

**Ana Cohen** is a senior at East Stroudsburg High School South, where she likes studying chemistry, physics, and calculus. This is her fourth year playing horn in the PYO, and she also plays mellophone, piano, and the kazoo. Her favorite composers include Gershwin and Queen, and she enjoys listening to Broadway show tunes, Disney songs, classical music, and Holst's Jupiter. She likes to read books by J.K. Rowling and Suzanne Collins, and her favorite books are the *Hunger Games* trilogy, the *Harry Potter* series, and the *Westing Game*. Ana also belongs to the Girl Scouts, Marching Band, Choraliars, and the National Honor Society. She is an active participant in PMEA festivals, and is working toward completing a Gold Award. When she is not doing schoolwork or other activities, she likes singing in the shower and reading. Ana enjoys the PYO because playing with strings players adds another dimension to the sound that one doesn't get playing with a band. Ana's future plans include studying the physical sciences, attending a top college, and maintaining music as a part of her life.

**Cameron Dougherty** is a sophomore at Scranton Prep and his favorite subject is German. Cameron has been playing violin for 10 years and the cello for a year. Cameron spent two years in PJSO and this is his first year

in PYO. The most enjoyable part of playing in an orchestra is being part of such a dynamic group of musicians and seeing friends. Cameron likes listening to alternative rock music best and his favorite author is Frank Herbert. Some of the books he enjoys reading include Frank Herbert's *Dune*, James Lovegrove's *The Age of Odin*, and Dante's *Inferno*. Cameron runs cross country and long distance in track and field, and is a member of Prep's chess club and German club. Cameron has achieved superior ratings in the National Federation of Music Clubs Festivals, has been chosen to perform in the PMEA District 10 Intermediate Orchestra Festival, and made it to Districts in cross country this year. He enjoys creating things and drawing in his spare time.

**Maura Dougherty** is a tenth-grade student in Easton Area High School, where she likes studying French. This is her second year playing violin in PYO following three years in PJSO. Her favorite composers are Tchaikovsky, Bernstein, and Mozart, and she enjoys listening to rock and metal. Her favorite authors are Jane Austen and Amy Reed, and she particularly liked reading *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *Clean*. Maura is involved in Chamber Strings, Chamber Singers, Easton Area Catholic Youth Group, Pit Orchestra, Key Club, French Honor Society, and she volunteers at the public library. She has received the Achievement in French Award. Her hobbies include playing piano, reading, writing, and hiking. She likes participating in PYO because she likes playing original classical pieces with other talented musicians. She plans to major in Linguistics and be able to speak seven languages.

**Tereya Edwards** is a freshman at Stroudsburg Junior High School and joins PYO for her first year following three years in PJSO. She plays cello in the orchestra and also plays piano. As a high honor roll student, Tereya's favorite subjects are math and history. Tereya's favorite classical composer is J.S. Bach. She also enjoys listening to jazz and pop. Her favorite author is Taylor Morris (*Class Favorite*.) Tereya also participates in volleyball, Show Choir, Chorus, and Orchestra. In orchestra, she likes hearing all of the instruments blend together. In the future, she would like to be a 2nd grade teacher.

**Meghan Ertle** is a junior at Pleasant Valley High School. This is her first year in PYO. She plays flute in the orchestra and also plays trombone. Her favorite subject is math. Meghan's favorite composers are John Powell, James Newton Howard, and James Horner. She enjoys listening to Mumford & Sons. Her favorite authors and novels are George R.R. Martin (*Game of Thrones*) and James Dashner (*Maze Runner*). Meghan also is in The Music Honor Society (Tri-M). Her hobbies are recreational swimming, attending zumba-thons, and baking. She would like to have a career in the field of music education.

**Tristan Flanagan** is a sophomore at Stroudsburg Junior High School playing French horn in the PYO for his third year. He also plays mellophone, trumpet and piano and likes music by John Williams and Alfred Reed. He plays in the Marching Band, the Concert Band, the Jazz Band and sings in the Chorale. He also does lighting design for Black Sheep Productions. Tristan's hobbies include filmmaking, arranging music and lighting design. He enjoys the *Harry Potter* series. He says that the PYO "provides a unique learning experience and lets me learn different styles of music." Tristan plans to go to film school and become a professional filmmaker.

**Emily Fleming** is a freshman at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year in PYO. She plays violin in the orchestra and also plays flute. Her favorite subject is English. Emily's favorite composers are Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. She enjoys listening to alternative, country, rock, and pop. Her favorite author is Nicholas Sparks and her favorite books are *A Walk to Remember*, *Beastly*, and the *Hunger Games*. Emily also is in FBLA, model congress, SHS Marching Band, SJHS Chamber Orchestra. She was named to the 2011-2012 PMEA District 10 Intermediate Orchestra Festival. Her hobbies are gardening, cooking, and hiking. She finds playing the violin is a great way to unwind at the end of the day. In orchestra, she enjoys working toward a goal with people who share the same interests. She would like to have a career in education, music, or a medical field.

**Nick Fleming** is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School. This is his second year in PYO. He plays percussion in the orchestra and also plays keyboard. His favorite subjects are math and music. Nick's favorite composers are David Brubeck and Brian Balmages. He enjoys listening to Jazz/Alternative. His favorite book is David Baldacci's *Hell's Corner*. Nick also participates in Marching Band, Jazz Band, and ski club. He is an alumnus of People to People Student Ambassadors and NYLF. His hobby is snowboarding. He enjoys orchestra for the music and friends. He would like to have a career in Architectural/Aerospace Engineering with a minor in Music.

**Stephanie Fritz** is a freshman at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her 2nd year in PYO. She plays French horn in the orchestra and also plays mellophone, trumpet, and piano. Her favorite subject is biology. Stephanie's favorite composers are Gershwin, Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. She enjoys listening to classical and jazz music. Her favorite author is Suzanne Collins and favorite books are the *Hunger Games* series. She has received Science Olympiad recognition, softball awards, piano "most improved" 2006, flashcard champion 2012, PFMC piano award 2008, Lehigh Valley Idol finalist, LVI semifinalist winner 2008. Her hobby is softball. She enjoys orchestra because the French horn usually has an important part to add to the orchestra. She would like to have a career as a musician, epidemiologist, or neuropharmacologist.

**Ty Gable** is a senior at East Stroudsburg Senior High School South. This is his 4th year in PYO. He plays flute and piccolo in the orchestra. His favorite subjects are history, statistics, and English. Ty's favorite composers are Richard Wagner, Dmitri Shostakovich, and Aaron Copland. He enjoys listening to classical (especially flute), world music, R&B, and hip-hop. His favorite authors are John Steinbeck and Dean Koontz and favorite reads are *Flute Talk Magazine*, *A Soprano on Her Head*, and *Of Mice and Men*. Ty also participates in Wyoming Seminary Performing Arts Institute, Pocono Flute Society, ESU Orchestra, and Pennsylvania Lyric Opera Orchestra. He was selected to perform in the PMEA District and Regional Festivals, and was awarded 1st Prize in Pocono Flute Society's Young Artist Competition in 2011 and 2012. His hobbies are tennis, hanging out with friends and family, and reading. He enjoys orchestra because he likes to make music with his friends and provide the community with classical music. He would like to major in flute performance and eventually play in an orchestra and teach at a college/conservatory level.

Percussionist **Eric Galante** joins PYO for his first season and is enjoying the performance of different styles of music than he is accustomed to. Some of his favorite classical composers include Bach, Handel and Mozart and favorite contemporary bands include Blink-182 and the Dave Matthews Band. Eric has participated in the PMEA District 10 Band Festival for the past 3 years and the PMEA District 10 Orchestra Festival for the past two years. At Pleasant Valley High School in the 11th grade, Eric is a member of the Concert Band, Jazz Band and Marching Band. His favorite subject is history, and he prefers the literature of Christopher Paolini and Rick Riordan. His hobbies include skiing and playing tennis. In the future, he plans to attend Penn State University and march snare in the Blue Band.

**Emily Geiger** is a sophomore at Stroudsburg High School and is returning for her seventh year playing viola with the youth orchestras. She also plays the cello and the violin and her favorite subjects in school are German, psychology, and science. At school, she participates in Orchestra, Mock Trial, FBLA, varsity sports club, bowling club, and the varsity tennis team. She has received superior ratings in the NFMC Junior Music Festival at ESU and participated in the Pocono Arts Council-sponsored Youth in Music Excellence competition with the Sound of Strings Quartet. This past summer, she attended a three-week summer camp at the Performing Arts Institute of Wyoming Seminary in Kingston. She loved the experience and made some new international friends. Her favorite composers are Vivaldi and Hindemith, and her hobbies include playing tennis, reading, hanging out with friends, and shopping. She loves animals and the beach. She plans to attend college, travel, and play tennis.

**Natalie Gilbert** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her 4th year in PYO after 3 years in PJSO. She plays violin in the orchestra and also studies voice. Her favorite subject is English. Natalie's favorite composers are Vivaldi, Mozart, and Handel. She enjoys listening to Disney, show tunes, and classic rock. Her favorite authors are J.K. Rowling and Nicholas Sparks and her favorite books are *Harry Potter* series and *Water for Elephants*. Natalie is a member of the National Honor Society, Show Choir, Chorale, and cross country team. Her hobbies are running, writing fiction, singing, and theater. She loves orchestra for the feeling when she can make her violin "sing." She would like to attend a 4-year college for vocal performance and become a best-selling author.

**William Gold** is a senior at Pocono Mountain West High School. This is his 3rd year in PYO after 4 years in PJSO. He plays violin in the orchestra and also plays trumpet. His favorite subject is history. William's favorite composer is John Williams. His favorite music includes movie themes. One of his favorite authors is Stan Lee and his favorite books are *Moby Dick* and *Murder on the Orient Express*. William participates in Boy Scouts Venture, debate club, chess club, and tennis club. He is also an Eagle Scout and is in the National Honor Society. His hobbies are basketball, playing video games, reading, comic books, and paintball. He enjoys playing the violin in orchestra and adds that the Simons are great. His future plans include attending college.

**Jennifer Joliver** is an eleventh-grade student at Stroudsburg High School. This is her second year playing the violin for PYO. She also plays the viola, flute, and guitar. She enjoys all of her classes at school, however math is her favorite. Corelli and Vivaldi are among her favorite composers and she enjoys listening to alternative rock. *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* are her favorite books. Jennifer is in the top

ten percent of her class and a member of Chamber Orchestra, Marching Band, and track and field. Her hobbies include learning Japanese, listening to music and comedy, journaling, playing Sudoku, and skateboarding. She enjoys orchestra because it helps her improve as a musician by being a part of a group. She aspires to become a neurologist with a private practice.

**Maci Kendrick** is a ninth-grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High School where her favorite subject is English. She has been playing the viola for PJSO for three years and this is her first year in PYO. Maci also plays the cello. Alexandre Desplat, Vivaldi, and Christina Perri are her favorite composers. She enjoys listening to pop, rock, alternative, and French pop. J.K. Rowling and Cassandra Clare are her favorite authors. The *Harry Potter* series, *Infernal Devices* scenes, and the *Mortal Instruments* series are among her favorite books. She is a high honor roll student and a member of her school's student council and tennis team. Maci enjoys reading, writing, listening to music, and playing tennis. She loves the challenge and sense of accomplishment orchestra gives her. Her future plans include becoming an editor at a publishing company or a physician's assistant.

**Nell Kopytnik** is a ninth-grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High School where biology and French are her favorite subjects. She has played the cello in PJSO for two years and is in her first year with PYO. She also plays the piano. Antonio Vivaldi is her favorite composer. She enjoys listening to foreign language, pop, and classical music. Her favorite author is Scott Fitzgerald. *Life of Pi*, *House of Sand and Fog*, *Hunger Games*, *The Little Prince*, and *The Great Gatsby* are her favorite books. Nell is a member of FBLA and Chamber Orchestra at SJHS. Her hobbies include reading, traveling, camping, hiking, badminton, and baking. She enjoys being a member of orchestra because it gives her a chance to cooperate with other members in order to perform a variety of music. In the future, she plans to study computer science.

**Alexandra Kozak** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School playing violin in the PYO for the second year following three years in the PJSO. She likes indie pop and punk rock music, lists History and Global Issues as her favorite subject, calls *Daddy's Girl* her favorite book and likes Penguin Café Orchestra. Alexandra belongs to the Medical Explorers, Best Buddies for students with disabilities, Asthma Camp and Stroudsburg field hockey team. Her hobbies include kayaking, canoeing, swimming, hiking, playing field hockey, scuba diving and skiing/snowboarding. She enjoys orchestra because she gets to become a better violinist and meet new people. Alexandra plans to attend college and enter the medical field. She hopes to become a pediatric oncologist or a cytotechnologist.

**Michael Kozak** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School playing violin for the second year in the PYO after three years in the PJSO. He also plays guitar and piano. He likes classical music, jazz and indie rock and lists Bach and Mozart as his favorite composers. Michael's favorite author is Alexandre Dumas and he likes the *Twilight* series and the *Count of Monte Crisco*. Michael belongs to Building Buddies and Pocono Medical Explorers as well as playing football for SHS. He is an honor student and lists skiing, hiking, biking and weight lifting as his hobbies. Michael enjoys the opportunity to play violin in the PYO, playing with other fine musicians. Math, chemistry and physics are his favorite subjects, and he plays to major in biotechnology at ESU and eventually become a medical doctor specializing in genetics.

**Abby Lantz** is a tenth-grade student at Stroudsburg High School, where

she enjoys studying Spanish. This is her second year in PYO, following four years in PJSO. Abby plays the violin in PYO, but also plays piano and flute, and studies voice. Her favorite composers are Michael Giacchino, Hans Zimmer, and Alexandre Desplat, and she enjoys listening to film scores and today's pop hits. She likes reading books by Jodi Picoult, Suzanne Collins, and Nicolas Sparks, especially the *Hunger Games* and *Nineteen Minutes*. Her honors and awards include superior ratings in the NFMC Junior Music Festival, and Youth in Music Excellence. Abby's hobbies include playing piano, writing music, and hanging out with friends. She enjoys PYO because it gives her a chance to be in something musical with other people outside of school, and to make new friends. Abby's future plans involve becoming a film score composer and a singer/songwriter.

**Meaghan Lawlor** is a tenth-grade honor student at Pocono Mountain East High School playing violin for the first time in the PYO. Mozart and Beethoven are her favorite composers. She hopes to play the cello soon. She likes many kinds of music, especially songs by Foo Fighters, Coldplay, Nirvana, Mumford & Sons, and My Chemical Romance. Meaghan's favorite authors are Maggie Stiefvater, Cassandra Clare, and John Green. She lists the *Mortal Instruments*, *Hunger Games* and *Maximum Ride* as her favorite books. She enjoys writing, biking and chilling with her buds and belongs to the liberals. She loves the violin and says it feels good to play music with and talk to the crazy Stroudsburg people. Meaghan's ambitions include becoming a New York Times journalist, a traveler, a screenwriter, a NJ representative and attend either NYU, Boston College or Georgetown University.

**Jessie Liu** is an eleventh-grade student at Stroudsburg High School. She plays the violin in her second year with PYO. She also plays the piano and cello, and math is her favorite subject. Jessie likes composers such as Bach, Chopin, Liszt, Debussy, Mozart, and many more. She enjoys classical, romantic, and pop/modern music. Favorite authors include Sarah Dessen, James Patterson, P.C. Cast, and Melissa Marr. *The House of Night* series, *Harry Potter* series, *Hunger Games* and *Vampire Academy* are among her favorite books. She is a member of the SHS Chamber Orchestra and SHS Pit Orchestra. She is a high honor roll student, and an ABRSM grade eight pianist. Her hobbies include playing instruments, reading, and composing. Jessie finds she is very comfortable playing with the orchestra and loves learning and experiencing as many things as possible. Jessie is exploring different options for her future such as Juilliard's pre-college program for her last years in high school. She also has a strong interest in math and science.

**Anna Long** is a senior at East Stroudsburg High School South. She has been playing the flute in PYO for five years. She also plays guitar and ukulele. Mussorgsky and Mendelssohn are among her favorite composers, and she enjoys listening to all types of music. Christopher Paolini, Garth Nix, and Scott Westerfeld are among her favorite authors. She is a member of the Brodhead Watershed Association, Pocono Flute Choir, and East Stroudsburg University Orchestra. Anna is the President of the National Honor Society, Captain of the Quidditch Team, and Captain of Science Olympiad. Her hobbies are Quidditch, sleeping, and reading.

**Anna Maroney** is a senior at Stroudsburg High School where her favorite subject is history. She played the violin for three years in PJSO and four years for PYO. She also plays piano and studies voice. John Williams, Brian Crain, and Yiruma are among her favorite composers. She enjoys listening to Lindsey Stirling, piano and violin duets, and Celtic music.

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Stephenie Meyer, Lauren Kate, and Sophia Sharp are Anna's favorite authors. Favorite books include the *Hunger Games* series, *Fallen* series, and *Mythology*. Anna is a member of Stroudsburg's Chamber Orchestra, Chorale, Marching Band, Color Guard, and her Church Youth Group. Her hobbies include writing, composing, recording and editing music, and biking. She enjoys orchestra because it provides a time to enjoy real music that's both challenging and fun to play and listen to. Anna plans to attend a four-year college or university to study music technology and ultimately become a successful recording technician for movie soundtracks.

**Barbara Martinez** is a senior trumpet player from East Stroudsburg High School South playing for the first time in the PYO. She likes indie rock and music by composer Edvard Grieg. Her favorite authors are Bukowski and Hemingway, and she lists her favorite books as *A Separate Peace*, *Brave New World* and *A Farewell to Arms*. Barbara's favorite subject is biology, and she likes keeping up to date. She participates in Speech and Debate, Scholastic Scrimmage and Mock Trial. She enjoys orchestra because it is an entirely different perspective on music from her history in band. She hopes to attend Barnard College and major in anthropology and history.

**Liuba Miranosana** is ninth-grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High School where her favorite subject is French. This is her second year playing percussion in PYO. Her favorite music is indie, alternative, and classic rock. J.K. Rowling, Philip Pullman, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Jack London are among her favorite authors. Her favorite books are *Gone with the Wind*, *White Fang*, *Wuthering Heights*, and *Harry Potter*. Liuba is a member of the Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and the swim team. Honors include the Achievement Academy and Citizenship Award. Her hobbies are cooking, reading, and swimming. Liuba enjoys orchestra because it gives her an opportunity to experience a different type of music. In the future, she plans to explore the medical field, anthropology, and psychiatry.

**Kariem Morssy** is a tenth-grade student at Stroudsburg High School playing for the first year in the PYO after three years in the PJSO. He enjoys classic rock and his favorite school subject is social studies, while his preferred authors are Felix J. Palma and Charles Dickens and his favorite books are *The Map of Time* and Rick Riordan's *Percy Jackson* series. He also enjoys reading graphic novels. Kariem would like to become a journalist for a major network or newspaper. He enjoys PYO because "it gives me a chance to play with other very talented musicians."

**Jessica Ng** is a tenth-grade student at Stroudsburg High School where her favorite subjects are math and French. This is her first year playing the clarinet for PYO. Her favorite composers are Antonio Vivaldi and John Williams. She enjoys listening to classical music. Her favorite author is J.K. Rowling and she has "way too many favorite books to name!" Jessica is a member of the Stroudsburg cross country team and was in the top ten percent of her ninth-grade class. Her hobbies include Concert Band, running, and playing with bunnies. She enjoys the amazing sounds that come out of her instrument in orchestra, and finds it incredible to hear it mixed with everyone else. Jessica aspires to become a surgical oncologist, but also hopes to continue playing in an orchestra or band as long as she possibly can.

**Sarah Osman** is a tenth-grade student at Stroudsburg High School where her favorite subjects are math and science. She played the violin for two years in PJSO and two years in PYO. She also plays the piano. Her

favorite composer is Vivaldi and she appreciates all genres of music. Sarah's favorite author is Charles Bukowski. She is a member of FBLA, model congress, and Chamber Orchestra. Sarah finds orchestra to be relaxing. In the future, she hopes to become a neurologist.

**Evalyn Palmer** is a junior at Warren County Technical School playing violin for the second year following a year in the PJSO. She likes alternative music and theatre and lists J.K. Rowling and J.R.R. Tolkien as her favorite authors with the Harry Potter books on the top of her list. She sings with an a cappella group and enjoys reading and performing. Evalyn likes the challenge of playing in the PYO.

**Bryce Pandolfo** is an eleventh-grade student at Pleasant Valley High School, where his favorite subject is math. This is his first year playing trombone in the PYO. His favorite types of music are alternative rock and post-grunge, and his favorite authors are Steven King, James Patterson, and Dan Brown. He has especially liked reading *The Dark Half*, *Digital Fortress*, and *The Beach House*. Bryce is a member of FBLA, National Music Honor Society, Marching Band, and WESL. In his free time, he enjoys playing trombone, soccer, and basketball. Bryce enjoys PYO because he can play challenging music that he can work at to better his playing. In the future, Bryce would like to attend a prestigious college and become an engineer.

**Eric Papa** is an eleventh-grade student at East Stroudsburg High School South where his favorite subject is music. This is his first year playing the clarinet for PYO. He also plays piano and guitar. Mahler, Chopin, Barber, Mendelssohn, Brahms, and Weber are among his favorite composers. He enjoys all kinds of music. His favorite author is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The *Sherlock Holmes Mysteries* are his favorite books. Eric is a member of PMEA District 10 Band, Allentown Band, and his school's Concert Band, Choir, and Choraliars. He was awarded third place in the Youth in Music Excellence competition. His hobbies include practicing and listening to his music. He enjoys orchestra because he is able to create music and express himself through what he plays. Eric believes all music should be "played from the soul". His future plans and ambitions include making Districts, Regionals, and the All-State Band. He would like to go to a conservatory in either Philadelphia or New York and major in clarinet performance and orchestral conducting.

**Olivia Reed** is a sophomore violinist from Stroudsburg High School playing for the second year in PYO after three years in the PJSO. She also plays in the SHS Orchestra as well as the SHS Chamber Orchestra. She has won two Youth in Music Excellence Awards as a member of the Sound of Strings Quartet. Her favorite classes are French and History and Global Issues. Olivia performed in the premier of Phil Woods' Children's Suite as a singer and dancer. She likes to cook and bake as well as listen to hip-hop and pop music. Olivia plans to go to college and become successful.

**Sophia Rostock** is a tenth-grade student at Stroudsburg High School where her favorite subjects are psychology and biology. She played the cello for three years in PJSO and two years in PYO. Her favorite composers are Antonio Vivaldi, William Henry Squire, and Gustav Mahler. Her favorite music is alternative, pop, and country. Sarah Dessen, John Green, and Suzanne Collins are among her favorite authors. Her favorite books include the *Hunger Games* series, *Looking for Alaska*, and *If I Stay*. She is a member of FBLA, SADD, SHS Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Mock Trial, and the Stroudsburg tennis team. She is an honors student, and she has received

four consecutive superior ratings at the National Federation of Music Clubs Festival. She also plays the cello for the Sound of Strings Quartet. Sophia's hobbies include playing tennis, reading, hanging with friends, and taking long walks on the beach. She enjoys playing challenging music in orchestra and the cookie breaks. Her future plans are to go to college and become a successful businesswoman.

**Richard Sarker** is a tenth-grade student at Dallas High School where his favorite subjects are science and ecology. He played the violin in the PJSO for one year and is now in his second season with PYO. His favorite composer is J.S. Bach and he enjoys almost all genres of music. His favorite authors include Harper Lee and Sapphire. *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Push* are among his favorite books. He is also a member of Arts YOUniverse Suzuki Strings. The Lehigh Valley Chapter AAA Performances have recognized Richard for his accomplishments. His hobbies include playing the violin while he enjoys orchestra for the variety of music and the opportunity to play with a large group. He plans to continue playing the violin as a hobby and aspires to become a doctor.

**Luke Simons** is in his third year with the PYO playing clarinet. He is a ninth-grade honor student at Southern Lehigh High School where his favorite subject is math. Luke also plays the piano and saxophone and enjoys singing. Mozart is one of his favorite composers, and Rick Riordan is his favorite author. He has thoroughly enjoyed reading the *Percy Jackson* series. Luke is a member of the SLHS Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band and Meistersingers. His hobbies include playing musical instruments, golf and baseball. Luke is a six-year member member of the Southern Lehigh Little League. For the past five years, he has received superior ratings for his piano performances at PMTA's Achievement Award Auditions. Last year, he played clarinet in the Lehigh County Band Festival and PMEA District 10 Band Festival. This winter, he looks forward to participating in the PMEA District 10 Band Festival as well as the District 10 Chorus Festival, and being on stage for his high school production of *42nd Street*. He enjoys playing in the PYO because it gives him a chance to perform with other advanced musicians.

**Joseph Snyder** is a tenth-grade student at Notre Dame High School. This is his second year playing violin in the PYO, following two years in the PJSO. His favorite subjects in school are English and social studies. Henryk Wieniawski is his favorite composer, and he enjoys listening to electric dance music, dub step, hip-hop, and rap music. Joseph's favorite author is John Grisham, and he has enjoyed reading the *Harry Potter* series. He also holds a Black belt in Tang Soo Do. An honor student, Joseph has won several awards, including Spotlight Award 2012 "Best Pit Orchestra" for production of *Sugar*, two consecutive superior ratings in 2010 and 2012 for solo violin in the National Federation of Music Clubs Festival, and a Youth in Music Excellence Award in 2012 as a member of the Sound of Strings Quartet. Joseph attended the Wyoming Seminary Performing Arts Institute for violin in the summer of 2012. Joseph's hobbies include DJing and mixing music, karate, and snowboarding. Joseph likes participating in PYO because he enjoys playing an instrument with his friends in an orchestra and ensemble as they work together on a different level. His future plans include studying business at NYU and becoming the CEO of a Fortune 500 company.

**Rosie Sobrinski** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School. This is her third year playing violin in PYO, following five years in PJSO. She also plays piano, viola, bass, and ukulele. She plays keyboards in Marching Band, vio-

lin in Chamber Orchestra, and she sings in Stroudsburg's Concert Choir and in Chorale, an a cappella singing group. She has also played violin in PMEA District 10 Orchestra, and is on the high honor roll. Other activities include karate and key club. She loves playing piano and baking. Her favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling, her favorite music is Justin Timberlake and Maroon 5, and her favorite subject is math. She enjoys orchestra because it's a challenge, and she likes the music and the people involved.

**Aikaterini (Kaiti) Stylianides** is a freshman at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her first year in PYO, following two years in PJSO. Kaiti plays the violin, flute, and piano, and her favorite composers are Mozart and Haydn. Her favorite subject is French, and she enjoys classical, alternative, pop, and rock music. In her spare time, Kaiti likes reading J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter*, Rick Riordan's *Percy Jackson* series, and Ray Bradbury's *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, and drawing. Kaiti has achieved high honor roll and has participated in Song Fest. She also belongs to the drama club, the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, and GOYA. She enjoys the PYO because it helps her relax and challenge herself at the same time.

**Eva Marie Swartout** is a junior violinist at Stroudsburg High School. This is her second year in PYO, following three years in PJSO. She also plays the piano and keyboard, and her favorite subject is history. She enjoys rock, alternative rock, rock and roll, and metal music, and her favorite classical composers are Bach and Beethoven. Eva likes to read books by Cassandra Clare, and her favorite books are the *Mortal Instruments* series. Eva has attained high honor roll, and is a member of several organizations, including NHS, ESDCTA, USDF, School of Rock, and Stroudsburg and Keystone Soccer. Eva also particularly enjoys horse-back-riding, soccer, running, and singing. She enjoys the PYO because she loves music and how all of the instruments play something different to make one beautiful piece. Eva plans to study music business in college and be involved in the music industry.

**Gabrielle Truncali** is a senior cellist in her fourth year in PYO following two years in the PJSO. She attends Notre Dame High School, and also plays the violin and sings. Her favorite subjects are world history and English, and she likes to listen to Broadway musicals, classical music, and film scores. Her favorite composers are Hans Zimmer, Eric Whitacre, and Andrew Lloyd Webber. She likes to read books by John Shors, Diana Gabaldon, and Jane Austen, and has particularly enjoyed reading *Falling Leaves*, *Girl With a Pearl Earring*, *Beneath A Marble Sky*, and *The Road*. Gabrielle belongs to the National Honor Society and Yearbook Committee, and has received several awards including academic excellence awards in American History, Chorus, and Health, and the St. Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement and Social Conscience. She participated in People to People Student Ambassadors to China, as well as a mission trip to St. Lucia. Her hobbies include playing cello and violin, singing, reading, writing, running, and volunteering at the hospital. She enjoys the PYO because Mr. and Mrs. Simons always select amazing music that brings out the best of the students' abilities. Gabrielle plans to major in occupational therapy, continue mission work abroad, become a world traveler, live in another country, and complete and publish a novel.

**Alexa Vagenas** is a ninth grader in her first year in PYO following two years in PJSO. She plays the violin, and enjoys studying French and Language Arts at Stroudsburg Junior High School. She enjoys all kinds of music but particularly likes the composers Mozart, Seitz, and Tchaikovsky.

Her favorite authors include Cassandra Clare, Meg Cabot, and Sharon Creech, and she has particularly liked reading *Flipped*, *This Lullaby*, *I Am Number Four*, and books in the *Mortal Instruments Series*. Alexa also belongs to Show Choir, FBLA, drama club, and the cross country team. She has been a student ambassador, and she also enjoys trying new foods, traveling, running, and reading. She enjoys the PYO because she loves making music come alive, whether it's through singing, dancing, or playing an instrument. Her future plans include traveling the world while working for National Geographic.

**Joseph Visceglia** is a tenth-grade student at Stroudsburg High School. This is his third year playing percussion with the PYO. His favorite subjects in school are math and science. His favorite composers are Brian Balmages and Mozart, and he enjoys listening to pop and rock music. His favorite authors are Suzanne Collins and Edgar Allen Poe, and he has particularly enjoyed reading the *Gregor* series, the *Artemis Fowl* series, and the *Epic of Gilgamesh*. Joe is involved in FBLA, Scholastic Scrimmage, Science Olympiad, Marching Band, Student Council, and Concert Band. His honors and awards include being a Science Olympiad competitor, FBLA ninth-grade representative, student council vice president, and top 10% of the class. In his free time, he enjoys playing baseball, solitaire, and watching TV. He appreciates PYO because it lets him explore new composers and styles of music and meet new people. Joe's future plans and ambitions include becoming as strong and manly as the mighty Gilgamesh in the *Epic of Gilgamesh*.

**Kristen Weaver** is a junior at Stroudsburg High School playing cello for the fourth year in PYO after three years in the PJSO. She also plays flute, piccolo and piano and likes music classes best. At school she plays in the Concert Band, Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Marching Band She has been a member of the PMEA District 10 Orchestra for two years and is in the top 10% of her class. Kristen's favorite composers are Mozart, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. Her favorite authors are J.K. Rowling, Suzanne Collins, and Rick Riordan. She lists the *Hunger Games* trilogy, the *Harry Potter* series and the *Percy Jackson* series as her favorites. Her hobbies include karate, skiing and music. Kristen likes to play in the orchestra to take her mind off the stress from the day. In the future, she plans to become a nurse or a vet and continue her music.

**Nicole Weaver** is a senior honor student in the top 10% of her class at Stroudsburg High School. She is playing oboe and bass in the PYO for the fifth year after three years in the PJSO. She also plays electric bass, stick bass, piano, organ and percussion. She likes classical music especially Mozart and Beethoven and lists music classes as her favorites. At school she participates in the Concert Band, Orchestra, Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Marching Band, Jazz Band and chess team. She plays bass in the PMEA District 10 Orchestra and was chosen to participate in the 2012 Silver tour of Europe with American Music Abroad for oboe. Nicole's favorite authors are John Green, Suzanne Collins and J.K. Rowling making her favorite books the *Harry Potter* series and the *Hunger Game* trilogy. Her hobbies include photography, karate, music and scrapbooking. Nicole enjoys being in the PYO because she likes being able to affect people through music, making people emotional or happy just by playing music. She plans to go to college to study music performance with oboe.

**Kaitlyn Weiss** is a twelfth-grade student in her fourth year in PYO. She plays the trumpet and enjoys studying history and English at Pocono

Mountain West High School. Her favorite composer is John Williams, and she enjoys listening to jazz. Kaitlyn is involved in COTA Cats and Girl Scouts, receiving Bronze and Silver Awards, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Her hobbies include soccer and graphic design. Kaitlyn enjoys PYO because it allows her to play music in an environment unavailable at school. She plans on attending West Chester University to study music education.

**Elizabeth Whidden** is a tenth-grade student in her second year in PYO following three years in PJSO. She plays the cello, as well as the piano, and enjoys studying pre-calculus and chemistry at Stroudsburg High School. She enjoys most types of music and likes reading books by Jodi Picoult and J.K. Rowling, such as *My Sister's Keeper*, *The Pact*, *The Plain Truth*, *Nineteen Minutes*, and the *Harry Potter* series. Elizabeth is a senior company member at the Notara School of Dance and Acting, is a member of the cross country team, and is in Science Olympiad. She has received superior ratings for seven consecutive years for her piano and cello performances at the National Federation of Music Clubs Festival, and is in the top 10% of the class. Her hobbies include reading, running, dancing, and cooking. Elizabeth likes the challenge of the music in PYO and the opportunity to get to know new people. She plans to go to college and medical school to become a doctor.

**Eric Wolf** is a ninth grade-student in his second year in PYO. He plays the trombone and the euphonium, and enjoys studying science at the Stroudsburg Junior High School. His favorite composers are Edvard Grieg and Tchaikovsky, and he likes jazz and romantic music. His favorite author is Clive Cussler. Eric is also a member of Jazz Band, and he participates in Academic Challenge and Science Olympiad. In his spare time, Eric enjoys reading, playing music, and scientific pursuits. He appreciates PYO because it allows him to participate in playing beautiful and complex music. In the future, Eric plans to become a physicist.

## And in PJSO

**India Baker** is in her fourth year with PJSO playing violin, and notes that her favorite composer is Vivaldi while her favorite music is pop and classical. She is in eighth grade at Pocono Mountain East Junior High School, where her favorite subject is math. She also participates in 4-H Veterinary Science, Math Counts and Odyssey of the Mind, and is a member of Mensa. Recently, she had an article published in the Suzuki Mini Journal. India's favorite author is Shel Silverstein and her favorite book is *The Giving Tree*. She also performs in the Notara Dance Theatre's Senior Company, and plans to become a veterinarian. India said she enjoys PJSO because "I love playing music with other people."

**Ashley V. Catarino** is a seventh-grade student at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her first year in PJSO, where she plays violin. She also plays piano, likes Beethoven, and enjoys hip-hop and pop music. An honor roll student, she lists math as her favorite subject, while Philip Pullman is a favorite author and her favorite book is *The Golden Compass*. Her hobbies include gymnastics, soccer and singing, and her ambition for the future is to keep playing violin. Ashley enjoys PJSO because she likes to play her violin. "I love the sound," she said.

**Keyanna Colón** is an eleventh-grade student at Pocono Mountain West High School, and this is her first year playing violin with the PJSO. She also plays the piano, and enjoys studying science in school. Her favorite composer is Franz Joseph Haydn, and she enjoys listening to R&B music. She likes reading books by Gail Carson Levine, and she enjoyed the book *Fairest*. Keyanna is particularly proud of having visited Egypt, Germany, England, Mexico, Bahamas, Greece, Costa Rica, Amsterdam, France, Ireland, Dominican Republic, and Poland. In her spare time, she enjoys being with friends. She likes participating in PJSO because it makes her better at playing the violin. Her future plans include being a veterinarian for endangered wildlife, joining the Peace Corps, or working with autistic children.

**Meredith Constable** is in the seventh grade at Stroudsburg Middle School and plays bass in PJSO. She also plays guitar and enjoys horseback riding. Her favorite subject is reading while her favorite authors are J.K. Rowling, Ginny Rorby and J.R.R. Tolkien. The books she likes the most are the *Harry Potter* and *Lord of the Rings* series, *The Hobbit*, and *Outside of a Horse*. Meredith likes being part of PJSO because "I like being able to play an instrument and I love music," adding that she eventually hopes to learn to play cello, viola and violin as well.

**Luke Dougherty** is a seventh grader at Stroudsburg Middle School and his favorite subject is algebra. Luke has been playing violin for 7 years, saxophone for a year and is interested in the piano as well. This is his third year playing for PJSO and he is a member of the Stroudsburg Middle School Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra. Luke has fun being part of a music ensemble and finds it enriching. His favorite composer is Ryan Higa. Luke likes listening to rock and roll, alternative music, and enjoys reading the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling. Luke swims competitively for the Pocono Piranhas and aspires to swim on the Olympic team one day. Luke has achieved superior ratings in the NFMC Junior Music Festivals, has been chosen to perform in the PMEA District 10 Intermediate Orchestra Festival, receives high honors in school and made it to Districts in swimming this year. He enjoys playing video games in his spare time and is preparing for Confirmation next year.

**Nia Esposito** is a homeschool student at The Learning Place and has completed sixth grade. This is her fourth year in PJSO, where she plays violin. She also plays guitar, enjoys classical, baroque, rock, pop and Christian music, and lists Bach, Mozart, Bizet and Liszt as her favorite composers. She received the "Superior" solo violin rating at the National Federation of Music Clubs Festival in 2010, 2011 and 2012, that same organization's "Superior" ensemble rating in 2010 and 2011, and played in the pit orchestra for Lyric Opera productions of *The Pirates of Penzance* and *Madame Butterfly*. Her preferred academic subjects are reading and history, while her favorite authors are C.S. Lewis, Lemony Snicket and Trenton Stewart, and she chose the *Chronicles of Narnia* series and books in the collection *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, as well as *The Mysterious Benedict Society*, as favorite books. She is a member of the TRACCHS Co-op and enjoys biking, reading, singing and art. PJSO is enjoyable for Nia because "I like learning new music and playing pieces by some of my favorite composers." She aims to become an actress, singer and writer.

**Elias Fernandez** is a sixth-grade student at Barrett Elementary Center, and has played violin with PJSO for four years. He also plays drums, and enjoys pop, jazz, classical and Spanish music, while Mozart is his favorite

composer. His favorite school subject is science, and he is on the Honor Roll, while he also enjoys band, soccer, basketball, football, skateboarding and biking. His favorite author is Agatha Christie, and he is active with the Jehovah's Witnesses. Elias said he likes to be in PJSO because he gets to play with different people. As for his future, he said he plans "to continue learning."

An eighth-grade student at Pocono Mountain East Junior High School, **Sienna Fernandez** is in her second year with PJSO, where she plays cello. She also plays piano and clarinet, likes Bach and Tchaikovsky, and lists pop, classical and especially Spanish music as her favorites. She is a member of her school's Jazz Band and has participated in the PMEA District 10 Intermediate Band Festival twice. As for academics, this Distinguished Honor Roll student enjoys both science and math/algebra, and lists Ally Carter, Suzanne Collins and Patricia Cornwell as favorite authors, while the *Heist Society* series, *Hunger Games* trilogy and *The Glass Castle* are favorite books. She is a Jehovah's Witness. Sienna enjoys PJSO because "it allows me to play with other kids my age and make new friends." Regarding the future, she said she is "still exploring my options."

**Timothy Geiger** is new to the PJSO this year. He is in seventh grade at the Stroudsburg Middle School. His instrument is double bass but he also likes to play piano or bass guitar for fun. His favorite classes are reading and pre-algebra. His favorite composer is Mozart and he also likes to listen to hip-hop and rap. His favorite author is Franklin W. Dixon, the author of the *The Hardy Boys* series. He played soccer for the seventh-grade school team and also with the Keystone soccer club. He loves the position of goalie and enjoys watching the professionals play on TV. In his spare time, he likes to play tennis, race R/C cars, and cook. He enjoys the orchestra because he loves music and likes to play the bass. In the future, he plans to be a physical therapist or study engineering.

**Brooke Jayla Givens** is in seventh grade at Stroudsburg Middle School, and is in her second year playing viola with PJSO. Her favorite composer is Mozart and she likes both classical and pop music. Brooke's favorite subject in school is social studies, while she likes to read mysteries and drama. Brooke is a Stroudsburg Junior Cheerleader. "I enjoy orchestra because you express yourself, in a unique way," she said, adding her future plans are "to continue with school, my music and my hobbies that I love."

Violinist **Leah Jardel** is in her third year with PJSO, and is a sixth-grade student at JTL Middle School. Her favorite composer is Bach but she also likes pop music. Leah enjoys math and English in school, author Suzanne Collins, and the *Hunger Games* and *Found* series of books. She received a Perfect Attendance award for three years in a row, and the President's Academic Achievement Award. She also is involved in swim team, dance competition, and field hockey, and enjoys Irish dancing and cooking as well. Leah enjoys participating in PJSO "because you meet new people and play all types of music." Her future plans including getting a scholarship for college.

**Emma Kowzun** is a seventh-grade student at Faith Christian School, where her favorite subject is English. This is her third year playing cello with the PJSO. She also plays piano, guitar, and handballs. She enjoys listening to classical music, especially by the composers Bach and Mozart. Emma's favorite authors are Charles Dickens and Suzanne Collins, and she has particularly liked reading *Hunger Games* and *Heaven Is for Real*. Emma's hob-



bies include art, music, and hanging out with friends, and she enjoys participating in PJSO because it allows her to express herself through music. Her future plans include attending college, and possibly majoring in music.

**Kara Lawlor** attends Pocono Mountain East Junior High School and is in the seventh grade. This honor roll student is in her first year playing viola with the PJSO. She loves all kinds of music especially country and pop. Her hobbies include softball, music and reading with her favorite author being Meg Cabot. She enjoys coming to PJSO rehearsals because she loves music and playing her viola with others. Her future plans include attending college and becoming a lawyer.

**Christie Lee** is a seventh-grade student at Stroudsburg Middle School, and is in her second year as a violin player with PJSO. She also plays piano, is a fan of Celtic as well as classical music, and lists Bach, Beethoven, Wolfgang, and Adrian von Ziegler as her favorite composers. Her favorite authors are Erin Hunter and Rick Riordan, while *Outside of a Horse, No Small Thing*, and the *Warriors* series are the books she favors. Her hobbies include drawing and she won First Place for Korean New York Time Art Contest. Her favorite school subjects are math, art and orchestra. She aims to be an accountant or an artist someday, and enjoys PJSO "because I love playing the violin."

**Melissa Salvadeo** is a seventh grader at the Stroudsburg Middle School playing viola in the PJSO for the second year. She also plays the ukulele and likes country music. Missy's favorite composer is Tchaikovsky, and her favorite author is Suzanne Collins. Her favorite books are the *Hunger Games* series. She plays basketball and has won the Presidential Physical Award and a Sportsmanship Award. Missy likes playing in the orchestra because of the variety of musical selections and being able to be heard. She would like to get into Juilliard.

**Adam Snyder** is in seventh grade with the Commonwealth Connections Academy and is in his third year with the PJSO playing the violin. His favorite subject is algebra, and his favorite composer is Bach. He listens to a variety of music including pop, country, and classical. His favorite authors are Rick Riordan and J.K. Rowling and he enjoyed reading *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* and *Marley and Me*. He is a member of the Stroudsburg Middle School Chamber Orchestra and Distinguished Honor Roll. His hobbies include reading, skiing, and music. In the future, he looks forward to studying architecture, real estate, or music.

**Grace Sobrinski** is an eighth grader at Stroudsburg Junior High School. This is her fifth year playing violin in PJSO. She also plays the piano and cello. Her favorite subject is Language Arts, and her favorite books are *Percy Jackson* by Rick Riordan, *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling, and *Along for the Ride* by Sarah Dessen. Her favorite composer is Vivaldi, and she loves to listen to alternative and pop music. She also plays field hockey. She enjoys orchestra because it gives her a big challenge to work on.

**Antonios Stylianides** is in the seventh grade at the Stroudsburg Middle School and on high honor roll. This is his second year playing the viola with the PJSO. He also plays piano and his favorite composers are Beethoven and Bach. His favorite subject at school is math. He enjoys all music and finds the orchestra fun and challenging. He reads books by Roald Dahl including *James and the Giant Peach*. He is also a member of the Boy Scouts and enjoys fishing.

**Elise Tomaszewski** is returning for her third year with the PJSO playing the violin. She is homeschooled and in the eighth grade. Her favorite subject in school is art and her favorite composers are Bach and Beethoven. She enjoys listening to pop music. Her favorite authors are Brian Jacques and Mark Twain. She enjoyed reading the *Calvin and Hobbes*, *Garfield*, and *Red Wall* series of books. Her extracurricular activities include volunteering at Quiet Valley Farm. She also received a superior rating at the NFMC Junior Music Festival. Her hobbies include reading, baking, and cooking. She enjoys the orchestra because she likes playing with other kids and likes the more challenging music. In the future, she plans to be an art teacher or detective.

**Terease Tomaszewski** is new to the PJSO this year and plays the violin. She is homeschooled and in the fifth grade. Her favorite subjects are science and writing. Her favorite composers are J.S. Bach and Beethoven. She enjoys classical and pop music. Her favorite authors are Caroline Keene and E.B. White and she enjoyed reading the *Nancy Drew* series and *The Master of the Swan*. Her extracurricular activities include volunteering at Quiet Valley Farm and ballet. She has achieved a superior rating at the NFMC Junior Music Festival. Her hobbies include riding bikes, hanging out, listening to music, drawing, and reading. She enjoys the orchestra because she likes playing the violin, and in the future she hopes to be a violin teacher or a photographer.

**Samantha Tsang** attends Notre Dame Elementary School and is in the sixth grade. This is her first year playing viola in the PJSO. She also plays the piano and enjoys classical music and the musical compositions of Bach, Mozart and Beethoven. Her favorite subjects are math and reading where she enjoys the writings of J.K. Rowling and Suzanne Collins. In school, she is also a member of the Glee Club and Band. Samantha is proud to have attended the National Youth Leadership Conference. She enjoys the PJSO because she is learning a lot of new things and meeting new friends. In the future, she plans to attend college and medical school with hopes of becoming a doctor, scientist, news reporter and senator.

**Juliet Whidden** is a sixth-grade student at Stroudsburg Middle School. This is her second year playing violin for the PJSO. She also plays piano and cello, and her favorite subjects are science and math. Juliet likes music composed by Bach and Mozart, and particularly enjoys listening to Taylor Swift and pop music. Her favorite authors include J.K. Rowling and J.R.R. Tolkien. She has enjoyed reading the *Harry Potter* series, the *Lord of the Rings* series, and *Where The Red Fern Grows*. Juliet is a member of the Notara School of Dance, and her hobbies include running, skiing, and playing tennis. She has consistently been a high honor roll student and was invited to participate in a regional math contest. In addition, she achieved superior ratings for three consecutive years playing piano at the National Federation of Music Clubs Festival. Juliet enjoys the challenge of playing harder music in the PJSO. Her future plans include attending a good college, and becoming a science teacher.

**Anthony Wong** is an eighth-grade student at Stroudsburg Junior High School playing cello in the PJSO for the first time. He also plays guitar and piano and enjoys listening to classical music and jazz. Anthony is an honor roll student and his favorite subject is Spanish. One of his hobbies is karate. Anthony enjoys playing in the orchestra because music can express emotions and ideas that words sometimes cannot.

# About Our Soloists

Our flute soloist, **Ty Gable**, is a senior at East Stroudsburg High School South, where he performs on both flute and piccolo in his school's ensembles, including the Symphonic Band and Pit Orchestra. Ty has also served as Section Leader of the ESHSS Marching Band. He studies flute privately with



Mrs. Nancy Sanderson.

In addition to school activities, Ty performs as the principal flutist of the ESU Symphony Orchestra, the Pennsylvania Lyric Opera Theater Orchestra, and the Pocono Flute Society Flute Choir. He was also selected to perform in the PMEA District and Regional Festivals, and was awarded 1st Prize in Pocono Flute Society's Young Artist Competition in 2011

and 2012. Ty has also been a four-year participant in the summer music program of the Performing Arts Institute at Wyoming Seminary.

Ty includes tennis as a hobby, along with reading, being with family and friends, learning about and always being open to others. Following high school graduation, Ty looks forward to beginning undergraduate studies with a major in music. Possible schools of choice at this point include Eastman School of Music, The Juilliard School, Curtis Institute of Music, or the University of Michigan. Eventually, Ty wishes to pursue the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree, teach flute at the college level and play flute or piccolo professionally in an orchestra. Along the way, Ty hopes to continually discover himself and the rest of the world.

Ty has been involved with the PYO for four years, performing on both flute and piccolo. He would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Simons, his family and friends, everyone in the PYO family, as well as his teachers and mentors: Nancy Sanderson, Katy Clogg, Chris Vaneman, Liz Landon, Aimee Shorten, Amanda Cook, Allison Dumas and Carol Wincenc.

Ty states "Why I love PYO: It is a great place to grow as a musician in a comfortable and supporting atmosphere. I've had so much fun!!!"

**Natalie Gilbert** (18) – Soprano, is a senior at Stroudsburg High School. Music and theater have been a major part of Natalie's life since the beginning. She began participating in musical theater productions at the age of 7 and has been performing ever since in both school productions and local community theater, appearing in more than 35 musicals to date. Some of her favorite shows include *Crazy for You*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Ragtime*.

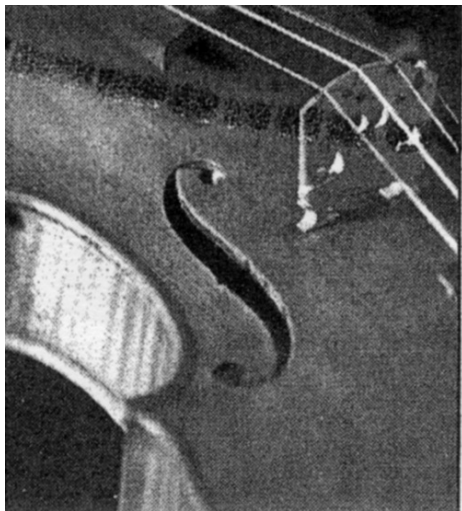
Last spring, Natalie was cast as Patrice in a student-run production of *13 – The Musical* where she also served as the vocal director. The Stroudsburg High School production received nominations in the Sherman Theater's Spotlight Awards in several categories including "Best Chorus." Natalie's performance as Patrice was also nominated for "Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role." She will be appearing next in the SHS production of Cole Porter's *Anything Goes* in the role of Hope Harcourt (April 2013). Natalie sings in Chorale (3 years) and Show Choir (2 years) as well as Concert Choir, and is looking forward to representing Stroudsburg High School in the PMEA District 10 Chorus for the third year in a row. She also participated in the Regional 5 Chorus in spring of 2012. She is a voice student of Susan M. Jordan.

Natalie has played violin for 8 years having studied with Stacie Lyon and later Christopher Souza. She has been a member of PJSO/PYO for 7 years. She has also had the honor of sitting first chair for the Stroudsburg High School Orchestra for the last 4 years under the direction of Lisa Rogers. Natalie earned 4 varsity letters as a member of the Girls Cross Country Team, representing the team in district championship meets for 4 years and was recognized this year as scholar-athlete. She also participates in student government and is a member of National Honor Society.



At her church, Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church, she has been able to combine her love of music with her passion for creative writing. Natalie has scripted 2 children's cantatas which were performed by the youth choir and has also had the opportunity to write and preach. She participates in teen choir, youth group, youth committee, church council, has helped lead the music program for Vacation Bible School and co-teaches 1st grade Sunday School.

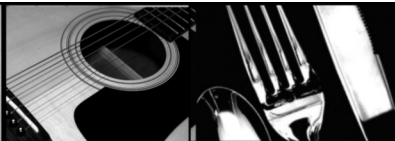
Natalie says, "Having good teachers has been a big reason why I want to pursue music." She wants to thank both Audrey and Anthony Simons and the PYO for the opportunities and musical adventures. She also thanks her many fine teachers and directors along the way including: Janice Lee; Lisa Rogers; Sue Jordan; Billye Kersey-Kubiak; Kelly Foley; Richard Mell; Chris Souza; Stacie Lyon; Donna Molan; Stephanie Boyer, and all of the music faculty in the Stroudsburg School District. She would also like to thank her awesome parents for bringing her up in such a musical environment, getting her started and helping her stick with it. Natalie's future plans include attending a 4-year college majoring in vocal performance "because I love it and I want to get better at it." After college she hopes to have a successful music career, and to write/publish fiction and poetry.



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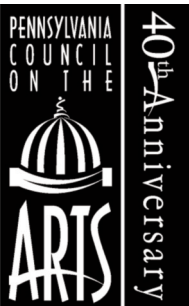
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