



# DISTRICT 115 MUSIC NOTES

Yorkville Schools

WINTER 2009

## *Yorkville High School Adds Two New Choirs*

This past Fall, Yorkville High School Academy introduced two new choirs to Yorkville audiences: *Cantabile Chorale* and *Pojjat*. "Cantabile", Italian for "songlike", is the perfect word to describe our fresh-

men girls as they develop their soaring voices under the leadership of our newest choral director, Jennifer Helwig. Mr. Wayne is working with the freshmen boys in "Pojjat", which is a word from Finland (where Mr.

Wayne lived for several years), and means, simply: "The Guys". Both choirs are off to a great start in their vocal progression and we are very pleased to have them be a part of our great Yorkville choral tradition!



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Pictured at left is freshmen choir *Cantabile Chorale*. "Cantabile", Italian for "songlike", is the perfect word to describe the new choir!

# YHS Musicians Succeed

at Illinois Music Educators Association Senior District Festivals

The IMEA District Orchestra, under the guest-direction of Mr. Steve Amundson, Professor of Music and Orchestra Conductor from St. Olaf College, performed the *Ruslan and Ludmilla Overture* by Glinka, *The Final Dance "Jota"* from *Three Cornered Hat* by Manuel de Falla, and *Longing for Your Return* by Steven Amundson. The IMEA District Band was under the guest-direction of Mr. Dennis Glocke of Penn State. Mr. Glocke led the band in *Canzona* by Peter Menin, *A Somerset Rhapsody* by Gustav Holst, and *Homage to Perotin* by Ron Nelson.

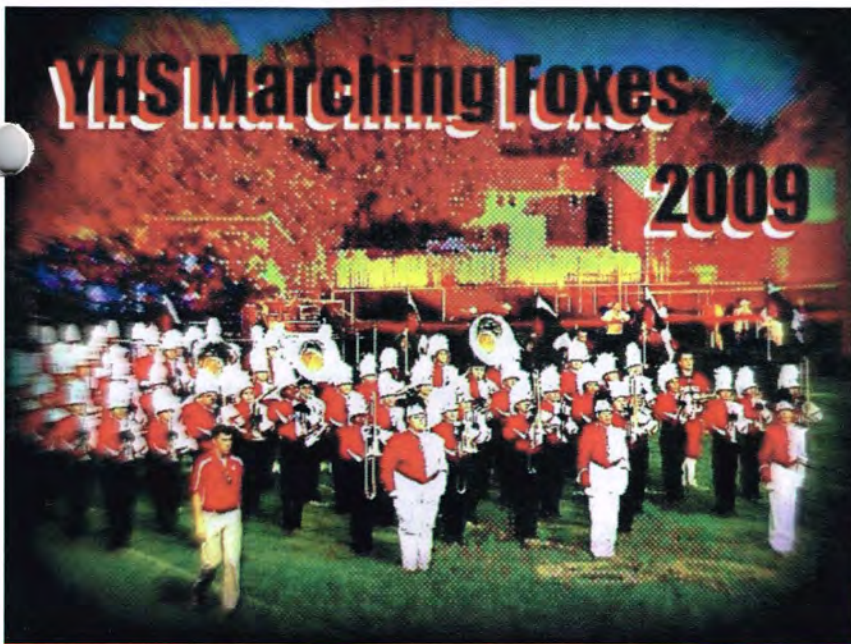
Leading the IMEA District IX Choir was Texas Tech University educator, Mr. Richard Bjella. Mr. Bjella and the IMEA Choir performed *Laudate Pueri Dominum* from "*Vesperae solennes de cofessore*", KV 339, *Lay A Garland*, *The Last Words of David*, *Hamisha Asar*, *Rainbow Round My Shoulder*, and *Verde Mar de Navegar*.



Jimmy Robbins also represented YHS as a member of the IMEA District IX Jazz Combo. The Jazz Festival was held on November 14th at Charles North High School.



YHS students from left to right: Meredith Olson, Devin Johnston, Matt Teeling, Louis Allen, Cree Sullivan (choir), Amy Smith (orchestra), Jimmy Robbins (band), Seth Jensen (choir), Daniel Gallagher, Joel Smith (band) were selected at the October 6th auditions at Addison Trail High School to participate in the November 21 Illinois Music Educators Association concert at Hampshire High School. The concert featured approximately 400 choir students, 130 band students and 130 orchestra students from sixty high schools in the District IX Festival.



The YHS Marching Foxes once again, just completed a very successful marching season! The marching band traveled throughout the state parading and presenting their field show, "The Speed of Sound" to tens of thousands of marching band enthusiasts.

The Marching Foxes under the leadership of drum majors Leslie Erb, Joel Smith and Holly Taylor competed in Pontiac, Sandwich, and Mahomet. At each competition the Marching Foxes faced a new challenge this year as they were placed in a higher class of

competition. The band received numerous trophies throughout the season. While receiving 3rd place at Pontiac & Sandwich in field show, the band also won 1st place parade and percussion in Sandwich and 3rd place percussion and 1st place drum major at Mahomet-Seymour. In addition, the YHS Colorguard, which is growing exponentially, made vast improvements this year! Congratulations to the Marching Foxes!



# Yorkville Middle School Students Attend IMEA Festival

Thirty-two students represented Yorkville Middle School at the Illinois Music Educators Association District IX Junior High Festival on Saturday, November 7th at Plano High School. Of the 32, eight were instrumentalists who were selected through a highly competitive audition process. In total, 600+ young musicians from 72 area schools participated. The band, choir, and orchestra were all led by exceptional directors including Charles Abplanalp of Evanston Township H.S. (orchestra), Dr. Mary Lynn Doherty of the Chicago Choir Academy (choir), and James Stombres of St. Charles North H.S. (band).



Orchestra students:  
Angela Fiorito, Kolton Heeren



Band students:  
Front: Alexa Bridwell, Michael Williams,  
Michael Krauss  
Back: Katie Gette, Chris Miller, Rachel Eaton



Choir students:  
Front: Mason Ridenour, Jazmin Lazcano, and  
Zac Gerlach Back: Madison Schramer, Sydney  
Christlieb, Sydney Batchelor, Justin Vacha, and  
Matt Dabbs



Choir students:  
Front: Kayla Busch, Alex Karagianis, Monica Sleezer, Anna  
Greenawalt,  
Middle: Jackie Him, Jessica Agama, Sarah Gallichio, Amy  
Hosey, Taylor Hughes, Aliyah Cunningham, Dylan West  
Back: Drew Kleyweg, Chris Orisek, Josh Meyers, Killian Mur-  
phy, Molly Rutigliano

# Autumn Creek Hosts Dedication Night

On November 4<sup>th</sup> Autumn Creek Elementary School held its dedication night and featured on the program were Autumn Creek's own 6<sup>th</sup>



Grade choir, band, and orchestra ensembles. The orchestra kicked off the event by performing two musical selections as the audience gathered in the brand new gym awaiting Mr. Trumble's opening remarks. Amid speeches by both Mr. Trumble and Autumn Creek's Principal Mr. Ascolani the audience was given another treat by the choir who sang a rousing, hip hop- induced piece called "Responsible." The night was con-

cluded with a performance by the band after a few closing remarks were made by Mr. Trumble. Each ensemble played and sang beautifully, showing off just how much talent these 6<sup>th</sup> graders have. Several members of the audience offered thoughtful and gratifying remarks about each of the performances and with gratitude and a smile we can respond confidently that this is only the beginning.

# YHS Adds AP Music Theory Course to Curriculum

During the 2009/2010 school year our music theory curriculum has grown with the addition of a second class, Music Theory II. This expanded curriculum has allowed students at YHS to explore exciting new subjects such as writing music in four parts, writing out music using chord progressions, arranging music for small ensembles, and analyzing music that is more complex than the music we studied in Music Theory I.

On November 23, the CUSD #115 Board of Education voted to add an AP Music Theory class to the YHS course catalogue. We are very excited to be able to offer this excellent opportunity to Yorkville's music students. Starting with the 2010/2011 school year students will be able to register for Music Theory I, Music Theory II and AP Music Theory. These classes are highly recommended for any student who is considering a major or minor

in music of any kind. Studying music theory is a great way to gain a deeper understanding of the music a student is working on in Band, Orchestra, or Choir. However, these classes are a great opportunity for any YHS student. There have been students who do not perform with any of the school's ensembles who have signed up for these classes and enjoyed

them greatly! AP courses also look great on a college application! If you or your student has any questions about the music theory curriculum or the AP Music Theory course contact Mr. Cagle at: [ncagle@yorkville.k12.il.us](mailto:ncagle@yorkville.k12.il.us).



Anderson Jackson and Tim Egner pose next to a four part composition exercise. Nice voice leading gentleman!

# Red Paw Chili

The YHS Fiddlers performed at the Red Paw Chili Dinner on October 30, 2009. The Fiddle group featuring Julia Heeren, Kori Haarz, Amanda Kraupner, Laurel Forlano, and Gunnar Seilheimer played many new selections including "Pretty Woman" and "Mission Impossible" as the crowds of people sampled the many varieties of chili donated for the event.



The second annual Red Paw Chili Dinner was held at Yorkville District #115 school and YHS Fiddlers as the Yorkville ventured out in honor of the 2009 March of Dimes.

A special thanks goes to the community for their support of the annual Red Paw Chili Dinner.



# Supper held October 30, 2009

Supper was an outstanding way to spend a Friday evening! Students from all the York-  
accompanied by friend and family. They were serenaded by the Madrigal Maidens  
in different varieties of chili. Several community members, including the mayor of  
York on chili, hot dogs and desserts. The evening was concluded by an indoor perform-

Music Boosters and parents for organizing, decorating, cooking and serving at the second



## Jennifer Helwig

Jennifer Helwig graduated summa cum laude from Wheaton College in 1996 with a Bachelor of Music Education. While at Wheaton, she was the recipient of the Presser Scholarship for most well-rounded musician her senior year and was privileged to serve as the honors conductor for the Women's Chorale. After graduating, she taught for five years in the Indian Prairie School District, teaching middle school chorus and general music, and elementary general music. She also conducted 2 extracurricu-

lar choirs at Waubonsie Valley High School and one at Hill Middle School.

While staying home with her four young children, she was blessed to work with the Young Naperville Singers, a community children's chorus, currently in its 26<sup>th</sup> season. In 2008, she founded the Young Fox Valley Singers, an affiliate of Young Naperville Singers, out here in the Fox Valley area. She is still actively involved in these organizations.

Jennifer is an active member of ACDA. She also is an active member of her church worship team in Sugar Grove. She is thankful to have the opportunity to inspire more students to create beauty through music here in Yorkville and to work with others who desire the same excellence from students through music.



## Eric Miller—Maternity sub for Mrs. Gallagher



Eric Miller graduated from Northern Illinois University with a master's degree in music education in 2008. He was active in numerous music education organizations while at NIU, serving as President of the university's chapter of the International Association for Jazz Education (IAJE), and

Vice-President of the student chapter of the National Association for Music Education (MENC).

In addition to his efforts as an educator, Mr. Miller works extensively as a performer and writer. He is an accomplished trombonist, and has composed and arranged music for

recording projects in Chicago, New York, and San Juan. He recently began writing reviews for the local jazz website [jazzchicago.net](http://jazzchicago.net).

Mr. Miller is currently enjoying teaching 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band at Yorkville Middle School.

## Michelle Kittleson

Michelle Kittleson is a 2009 graduate of Illinois State University with a degree in Music Education and a minor in Mathematics. As a flutist at ISU, she was active in many ensembles, including Symphonic Winds, the Big Red Marching Machine, and Chamber Winds. She has also played in the Rockford Concert Band for the past several years. She has been on the Dean's List and a recipient of the Charles Bolen Scholarship.



Michelle has taught flute, piano, and bass guitar students for the past ten years from her home, and has spent summers at the Illinois State University Jr. High Band Camp teaching music theory and

flute master classes. She student taught in the Deer Creek-Mackinaw school district, where she gained valuable experience teaching elementary general music, beginning, junior high, and high school band, and junior high and high school choir.

Michelle is a member of MENC—the National Association of Music Education, the National Band Association, and the National Council of Teachers of

Mathematics. She has enjoyed regularly attending professional conferences such as the IMEA All-State Conference and the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinics.

Michelle enjoys being a member of the Yorkville School District music faculty very much. She teaches general music and choir at Yorkville Middle School.



## Chris Griffith

Chris Griffith is loving my job as the new 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra teacher at Autumn Creek Elementary School and Grande Reserve Elementary School. He hails from a Lake Bluff, a small suburban town on the north shore and he spent a vast majority of his time outside of school playing electric bass in garage bands. After graduating high school Chris enrolled in the Music Education program at Illinois State University which ultimately took six rewarding years to complete.

During that time at ISU, Mr. Griffith studied double bass performance and pedagogy with Dr. William Koehler, violin and viola pedagogy with Katherine Lewis, and cello pedagogy with Dr. Adriana La Rosa Ransom. Chris's appetite for learning new music led him to play in a variety of ensembles including the ISU Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra, ISU Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band, ISU Jazz Band and various jazz combos, double bass ensemble, and recorder ensemble.

Mr. Griffith also participated in numerous operas and musicals hosted by the university and formed an early music ensemble as well as a bluegrass quintet. He taught bass, violin, and cello lessons privately for four years to students whose ages ranged from 5 to 23 years old including children with special needs and taught group lessons through a wonderful program called the ISU String Project. His proudest moment was founding a nationally recognized student chapter of the American String Teacher's Association at ISU which continues to grow. Mr. Griffith is very excited about this next phase of his journey and looks forward to many fun and educational years ahead of me in Yorkville.



## Marguerite Wood

Marguerite (Maggie) Wood graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University, *magna cum laude*, in May 2009 with a Bachelor's in Music Education. She performed as principal flutist and piccoloist in Illinois Wesleyan's Civic Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Symphonic Winds. She was also a member of IWU's flute choir and Titan Band (pep band).

During Maggie's time at IWU, she worked as the student director of the Titan Band for 2 years, as well as the librarian, publicist, and manager for the Symphonic Winds, and served as a music history teaching assistant.



An avid musician and scholar, Maggie embarked on several pro-

jects at IWU, the most notable being an independent study on instrumental conducting in which she networked with prominent music educators and composers across the country. She has also traveled abroad to Mexico, Italy, and Austria, where she was exposed to many international musical and cultural experiences.

Maggie is a member of *Pi Kappa Lambda*, music honors fraternity, *Kappa Delta Pi*, education honors fraternity, MENC (Music Educator's National Conference), IMEA (Illinois Music Educators Association), and *Sigma Alpha Iota*, a professional music fraternity for women dedicated to community service and professional development. As a member of SAI, Maggie served as her chapter's Vice-President of Membership and Assistant Treasurer.

During her summers, Maggie works

as a special needs aide for the Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association based in Addison, IL. In the future, Maggie hopes to create her own summer music program for children with Autism.

Maggie is very excited to be working in Yorkville CUSD #115 as the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band director at Yorkville Intermediate School and Autumn Creek Elementary School. She also teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade general music at Yorkville Intermediate School and assists with the marching band at Yorkville High School.

# Erin Carroll - Millikin University

Erin Carroll graduated with honors in May of 2009 from Millikin University in Decatur, IL, with a degree in Vocal Music Education. At Millikin University, she was a part of the Millikin University Choir, University Women's Choir, and was a member in the nationally recognized vocal jazz ensemble, OneVoice. Erin acted as a section leader and officer of various ensembles at Millikin University. In January of 2009, Erin participated in a concert tour to the Southwestern United States with the Millikin University Choir, where she took part in a choral techniques demonstration and workshop for music educators at the New Mexico All-State Convention. Erin participated in the Christmas Vespers concert, a holiday concert that draws in over 7,000 people annually. While

in college, Erin also was active in various paraprofessional and mentoring roles for the Office of Student Programs. Erin was born and raised in the Chicago suburbs and currently resides in St. Charles. In her spare time, she is a member of the St. Charles Singers, a noted professional choral ensemble. Erin also enjoys theatre, laughing, and spending time with family and friends. Erin is excited to now be the

general music and chorus teacher at Yorkville Intermediate School and is proud to be a Yorkville Fox!



## Erin Killey - Western Illinois University Student Teacher

Erin joined the Yorkville Band Program for second term as part of her student teaching experience. She graduated from Sandwich High School in 2005 and has been attending Western Illinois University's School of Music pursuing a Bachelor's of Music Education.



During her time at WIU, Erin played trumpet in the school's Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Marching Leathernecks, Brass Ensemble and Athletic Pep Band. She toured to Omaha Nebraska with the WIU Wind Ensemble to the College Band Director's National Association and to the Colum-

bus Day Parade in Chicago with the Marching Leathernecks in 2008. Erin was also an active member in Illinois Music Educator's Association Chapter 717, IAJE, Mu Phi Epsilon - Professional Music Fraternity, Phi Kappa Phi - Professional Honor Society and Golden Key Honor Society.

Since she returned to the Yorkville area, Erin has been a member of Rick Falato's Yorkville Big Band. She also works part time at the Sandwich District Library. After graduation, Erin plans to apply for jobs in the Chicago suburbs and teach trumpet lessons.



## Sally Seidelman - Vandercook College of Music



Mrs. Sally Seidelman has enjoyed an excellent student teaching experience in the Yorkville schools, beginning with Christy Motley at YMS and continuing her experience at

YHS with Ken Wayne. She will be at the high school through the madrigal dinner performances and was honored to have been included in this year's madrigal retreat. Mrs. Seidel-

man was born and raised in Wheaton, and currently resides in Oswego, Illinois. She received her Bachelor of Music degree in flute performance from the University of Central Missouri (Warrensburg). After graduating, she returned to Chicago to continue studies with Mary Louise Poor and open a private flute studio. She is currently fulfilling requirements for the Master of Music Education and teaching certification program at VanderCook College of Music in Chicago which she will complete in July of 2010, and looks forward to a career teaching music in the Chicago area. While attending UCM, Mrs. Seidelman taught piano lessons in the preparatory department and assisted in the piano lab. She has performed as a soloist with the Marching

Mules band as well as the University Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. Seidelman is a former principal flutist with the Joliet American Legion Band, and has also performed with the Wheaton Municipal Band. At VanderCook, Mrs. Seidelman has been active with Chamber Singers, Concert Choir and Symphonic Band and taught private flute lessons in the community music program. Mrs. Seidelman is an active member of the Oak Park Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, recently serving as secretary for the chapter and as logistics committee co-chair for the 2009 national convention: "A Lifetime of Music" which was held in Lincolnshire this past August.

# Private Lessons, The Key to Success

Many private lesson teachers are available to Yorkville music students and more are becoming available every day as we continue to grow and attract more musicians to the area. Many professionals make a living playing music and are available to teach lessons to students at surrounding schools. We hope that you have taken a private lesson by now. If you haven't, this is the time to start! The school year is a great time to get into a new practice routine and start lessons. At Yorkville, we expect a lot out of the music students because we know what is possible when you really want to BE GOOD! It's no secret that the best musicians in our schools are the ones that take 30 minutes to an hour out of their week and study privately with a professional. Call the music office for a name of a teacher or feel free to contact one on the following list.

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# A Frightfully Good Orchestra

The Fall YHS Orchestra Concert on October 26, 2009 featured a pumpkin carving contest and the wonderful tombstones from the Homecoming Parade float. The orchestra performed "House of Horrors" narrated by Mr. David Taylor, Highlights from "Harry Potter", Curse of the Rosin Eating Zombies, and "Thriller".



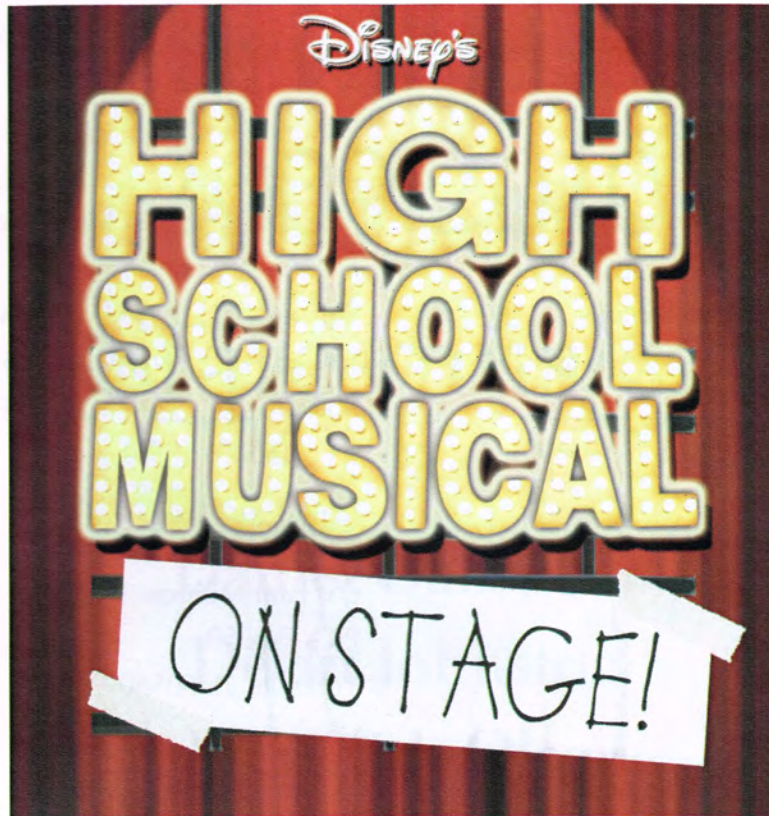
# Haunted Homecoming



Orchestra Homecoming Float 2009

*YMS Arts Alliance (music, drama, art) announce this year's Spring Musical. . .*

Mrs. Motley and Mrs. Eaton will take on the task of



Auditions are set for January 5–7, 2010. Students should watch the bulletin board and daily announcements for further information. Show dates are March 20 and 21, 2010.

Many YHS and YMS Performance events  
are now ticketed online at:

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Congratulations  
to our  
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## Welcome the newest members of District 115's music family:

Emileigh Paige Gallagher, born September 23, 2009



at 4:45 PM weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces, 19 inches long.

Emileigh is the daughter of loving parents Robbie & Cassie Gallagher (YMS band director).

Kyla Cadence Motley, born June 25, 2009 at 8:09



a.m. to parents Josh and Christy Motley (YMS Choir director) and welcomed home by big sister Kiera.