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Yorkville Music Boosters Newsletter

March 1994



## A Dream Come True For Cellist Amanda Bastian

*By Heidi Keippel  
Director of Orchestras*

The most prestigious youth orchestra in Illinois is the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra (CYSO), under the baton of Danial Hege. After several years of lessons and numerous hours of practicing, YHS junior Amanda Bastian has been accepted as a member of the CYSO. Even though the membership seems glamorous, the amount of time spent rehearsing, practicing and traveling can become tiring. Amanda attends rehearsals in Chicago every Sunday evening from six to nine o' clock, and spends countless hours practicing her music at home. She is also required to perform in each concert, which occur approximately every two to three months.

She admits that the CYSO is the most demanding orchestra in which she participates. When asked how it differs from the YHS Orchestra, she replied, "**Every** musician is so serious about the musical selections and their accomplishments within them."

This is a wonderful beginning for a young, inspiring cellist. Her membership to the CYSO has already led her to other avenues of music that will give her the opportunity to explore the world of performance.



Nathan Leaf, Marta Swanson, Amanda Bastian, Greg Johnson

## Four YHS Students Participate In 1994 Illinois All-State Festival

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*By Heidi Keippel  
Director of Orchestras*

Every year the musicians of the high school music department have the opportunity to audition for the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) All-State Festival in Peoria, Illinois. This year's participants included Marta Swanson, Nathan Leaf, Greg Johnson and Amanda Bastian. On January 27th, despite the icy roads and dense fog, the very determined All-State musicians traveled to Peoria to participate in this very prestigious festival.

The IMEA choral judges selected Marta Swanson and Nathan Leaf to participate in the Honors All-State Chorus. After the string auditions on January 27th, Greg Johnson placed second chair viola in the All-State Orchestra, and Amanda Bastian placed third chair cello in the same orchestra.

During the three day festival, the participants spent most of their time rehearsing for the grand concert, and the remainder of the time eating. The minimal amount free time they possessed was spent

probing every restaurant in and out of town. All kidding aside, everyone was required to attend the very demanding rehearsal schedule which consisted of these four rehearsals: Thursday, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, a thirty minute dress rehearsal.

Throughout the weekend, the four musicians expressed what great times they were experiencing with other talented musicians, challenging musical selections and vibrant conductors. All of their hard work paid off on Saturday, January 29th, when they performed concerts for thousands of people at the Peoria Civic Center.

The music department was extremely proud to send such talented and deserving musicians to the annual IMEA All-State Festival in Peoria. It proved to be a wonderful experience for Yorkville's musicians and directors.

# Chorus

## CCMS Students Win in Solo/Ensemble Contests

*By Angie Johnson  
CCMS Choral Director*

Can it possibly be March already? The past two months have flown by and here at CCMS the choral department has been busy. 54 choir students recently participated in the Solo/Ensemble contest held at Plainfield High School. The students prepared for two months by rehearsing in some cases, more than twice a week. We'd like to pay recognition to those students.

Division II ensembles: Becky Beringer, Abby Amernt, Elizabeth Hickey, and Lisa O'Brien. Nicole Schlapp, Stephanie Heiser, Amber Klimczak, Jonna Bahr and Kristen Pocius. Kari Clawson, Valerie Milam, Kara Danko, and Christine Schnitz. Molly Erickson, Natalie Digate, Stephanie Tripp, Michelle Hill, Dee Dee Albrecht, and Heidi Leifheit.

Division I ensembles: Sarah Spang, Jenny Stewart, Lori Nelson, and Jenelle Willmert. Jill Johnson and Nichole Lupei. Derek Scott, Mark Busby, Donny Horne, Jared Kick, and Kurt Leifheit. Ryan Doty, Mark Morris, and Jeff Olsen. Kate Armbruster, Sarah Engelhardt, Jessica Doverspike,

Amanda Arntzen, and Jenelle Guzman. Desi Kick, Natalie Arnolde, Ericka Diehl, and Erika Fye. Derek Scott and Linda Ashley.

Solos - all Division I ratings - Abby Ament, Valerie Milam, Nichole Lupei, Katie Swan, Desi Kick, Kari Clawson, Linda Ashley, Natalie Arnolde, and Donny Horne.

Altogether the choral department came home with 16 firsts and 4 seconds. Congratulations to all who were involved!

On March 19th, the 8th grade Concert Choir will be competing at the Organizational contest. They will be performing three SAB arrangements which is quite an undertaking. The selections are "Song Jubilate Deo," "The Turtle Dove," and "Joshua Fit The Battle." We are looking forward to the challenge!

Once again, we'd like to thank all of the parents for their support and encouragement. Because of you, we are growing not only numerically but musically as well. Thank you.



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## Yorkville Musicians Head for the (Canadian) Border

*By Steve Moline  
Director of Bands*

What can you buy for \$92.00? You could buy 6 CD's at \$15.00 each. Nike gym shoes (on sale). You could buy a great tennis racquet. Or an aluminum baseball bat. Or, you could go to Toronto, Ontario, Canada! That's exactly what the Band, Orchestra and Choir will be doing, the second week of March! The groups will have an exchange with Meadovale School, located in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. Below is the itinerary for our stay in Canada.

### Thursday and Friday, March 10-11

- 10 p.m. Leave Yorkville High School
- 9 p.m. Arrive Meadovale High School
- Visit classrooms
- Lunch
- Performance for Meadovale students
- 4 p.m. To host family homes for rest, dinner
- 7 p.m. Pizza party and dance at Meadovale High School
- 9:30 p.m. To host family homes

### Saturday, March 12

- 8 a.m. Tour Skydome
- 10 a.m. Tour Casa Loma
- 11:30 a.m. Performance at Casa Loma
- 1-4 p.m. Eaton Center/Shopping, lunch (oyo)
- 4:45-6 p.m. Tour CN Tower
- 7-9 p.m. Dinner at Hard Rock Cafe
- 9:45 p.m. Pick up at Meadovale

### Sunday, March 13

- 9 a.m. Leave Meadovale
- 10 - noon Niagra Falls/lunch (oyo)
- Dinner stop on the way home (oyo)
- 9 p.m. Arrive Yorkville High School

Mr. Ross Ament has been very active in helping make our arrangement for our visit. Of course, working for the Canadian Consulate in downtown Chicago helps a great deal.

Students, directors, and chaperones alike will surely remember this trip for a long time to come!

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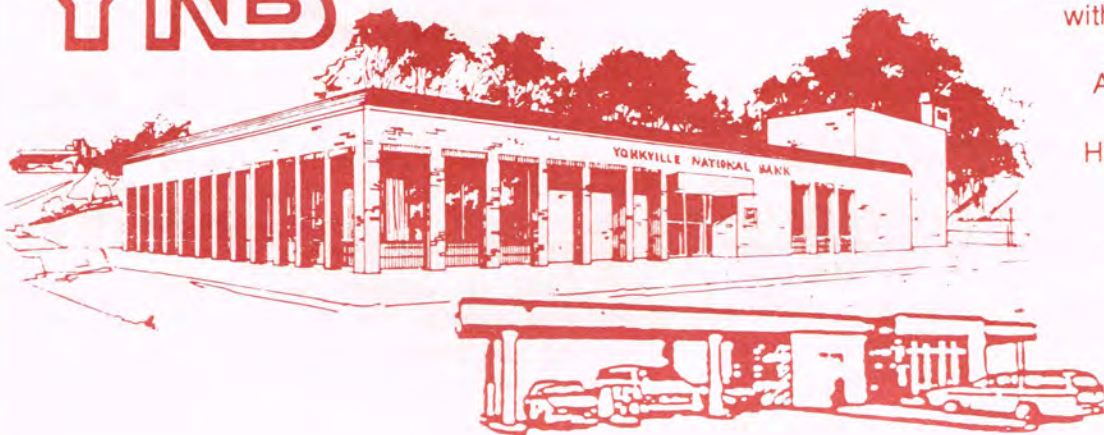
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# Canada Tour, Contests Top Spring News

By Mark French  
YHS Choral Director

A tour, a contest, a concert -- Preparations for upcoming events are keeping the Yorkville High School Choirs busy as we push forward to spring.

The Chamber Singers and Touring Ensemble (about 2/3 of the group) are preparing for the Music Department tour to Toronto, Canada and the home concert on Tuesday evening March 15 at 7:30. Concert Choir will also perform on the fifteenth.

Members of Chamber Singers, Concert Choir and general student body are also preparing for Chamber Singers auditions this month. Next year's group promises to be the best ever.

In April, Chamber Singers hits the road again to Clifton, Ill., where they hope to add a third consecutive Division I rating in the IHSA Organizational Contest. Concert Choir has plans to travel to a women's choir festival on April 27.

The extra-curricular groups have an exciting program of music lined up for the spring. Women's Select Ensemble, ENCORE!, and vocal soloists will travel to the prestigious Lyons Township Invitational on April 7. Women's Select also plans a special concert for Thursday evening, May 19 at the Congregational Church.

ENCORE! is currently preparing a program of Broadway music for their spring concert - something you won't want to miss.

Thank you for your continuing support of choral music excellence in Yorkville.

## Young Bristol Students Sing About Friendship

By Wanda Krentz  
Bristol Grade School Music Teacher

Grades 1-3 at Bristol Grade School are performing a musical play, "Friendship, on February 25th at 2:00 p.m. Students at Bristol have concentrated on the theme of "Respect and Responsibility" in February, and the musical is their culminating activity.

The show, written by Carmino Ravoso, is fun for the children to sing, and has presented opportunities for discussion about how to get along with others. The song, "Make a Friend," is about how to make friends. "I Like You Like You Are" is about acceptance, and "You Can't Buy Friendship" is about qualities needed for friendship.

Twenty-eight children have speaking parts, and each grade level is featured in at least one song. This allows us to have a nice performance opportunity that is less intense than our Christmas program performance.

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# Snow-Delayed Disney Is Still Delightful

By Mark French  
 YHS Choral Director

A "foot-stomping, toe-tapping, heart-touching" good time was had by all at the annual talent show, "Disney Delights," a brief portrait of Disney music from 1930 - 1994.

The goal of the production was two-fold: first, to create a production that flowed well from one act to the next and secondly, to give individuals the valuable experience of live performance. Here is the cast and crew:

### Master and Mistress of Ceremonies:

Chris Cinto and Michelle McCormick

### Musical Performers:

Carrie Malohn, Emily Gaebler, Laura Engelhardt, Laura Walter, Shermeen Pendry, Kevin Sibenaller, Marta Swanson, Cristin Bartles, Mary Cook, Debbie Morrison, Sondra Trumble.

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# Booster

## Seeking new officers

*By Donna Bastian  
Music Boosters President*

March is a big Music Month for Yorkville. Solo and Ensemble contests for high school, concerts and a tour are happening. It's very exciting to see how the different groups have developed since the beginning of the year.

At our last Music Boosters meeting three of us realized that next year our children will be seniors already. The time has gone by fast, but we were concerned that Music Boosters will be needing more board members.

If you have a student in Chorus, Band or Orchestra, you are already a member of Music Boosters. If you would like to be more involved in the Music Department of District 115 please consider taking a leadership role in our organization. It's fun to be involved with the children and teachers on a personal level. It's been very rewarding for me and for the other members of the board. If you would like more information, contact your child's music teacher. I hope to see some new faces at our next meeting, Monday, March 21, 7 p.m. in the Yorkville High School music room.

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## 'The Miracle Worker' Comes To YHS Stage

By Colleen Konop  
Director, YHS Spring Play

"At another time Helen asked, 'What is a soul?' 'No one knows,' I replied; 'but we know it is not the body, and it is that part of us which thinks and loves and hopes.'"

Annie Sullivan, 1891

When we search the annals of history, truly heroic people's existence remind us all of the indomitable human spirit present in each and every one of us. The Yorkville Theatre Department, under the direction of Colleen Konop and Marcia Swanson, will bring to the stage the story of one such true hero. Ravaged by fever which left her blind and deaf as a baby, Helen Keller overcame seemingly insurmountable odds. Under the "tough love" tutorship of Annie Sullivan, Helen not only

mastered signing and Braille, but graduated with honors from Radcliffe, became an activist for the blind, toured as a lecturer, and authored eight books.

First produced on Broadway in 1959, starring Ann Bancroft and Patty Duke, "The Miracle Worker" chronicles the early years of Helen's life as language becomes real to her curious mind. Our own able cast is now in rehearsal and will bring this literary great to the YHS stage on April 29 and 30.

Cast members include Michelle McCormick, Becky Gilbert, Rommy Muller, Nathan Leaf, and Chris Cinto, ably supported by Matt Wulf, Beckie Pinks, Tony Scott, Tony Tomasek, Leora Benesh, Erin Segal, Mary Cook, Suzie Lippard, Aimee Teausaw, Andrea Bastian, Sarah Krowka, Nichole Olin, Marta Swanson and James Mickelson.

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CCIS students rehearse for "I Need A Vacation."

## Students Celebrate 'Vacation' In Song

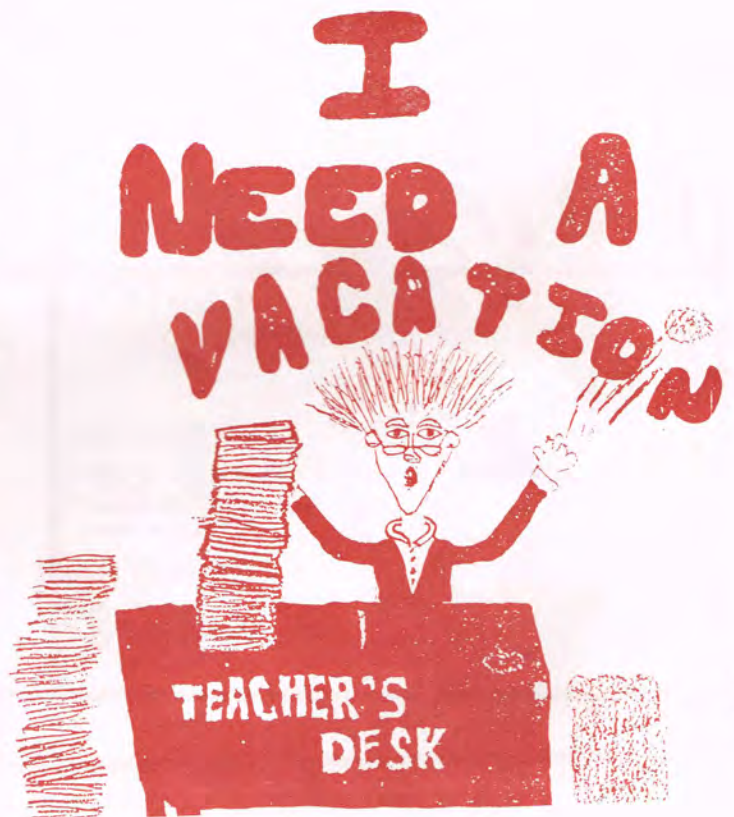
*By Megan J. Goolsby  
CCIS Music Teacher*

The 4th and 5th grade general music students at Circle Center Intermediate School, must be in need of a vacation. If you were to walk down their halls, you would hear the melodious tunes of "I Need A Vacation," "Hit The Beach," "A Letter from Camp," just to name a few.

Fear not, these are the songs included in Mac Huff and John Jacobson's All-School Musical Revue, "I Need A Vacation." The musical celebrates the ups and downs of that "typical" vacation you've been dying to take. The audience will recognize themselves, their family and friends in these universal scenarios of summer. The students will perform the musical at YHS on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m., and they are already beginning to sound quite wonderful as they sing through the songs. They truly are enjoying themselves.

The students will be wearing T-shirts designed by 5th grader Nathan White. Over 97 entries were submitted to be judged and voted on by the students. Steven's of Yorkville will be printing the shirts. The Yorkville Music Boosters and CCIS P.T.O. have made donations to help cut the cost of the shirts. Through their donations, the cost to the child will only be \$5.50. We truly appreciate their constant support.

Don't miss the show, "I Need A Vacation!" Tuesday, March 22nd, 7:00 p.m. in the Y.H.S. gym.





## *Help make your child's music education even better!*

Each year Yorkville **Music Boosters** provide financial support to the school music programs- from elementary general music classes through high school performing groups. Boosters provide the "extras" that enhance the educational opportunities in music and the arts in the school district.

In the past year, **Music Boosters** have spent \$30,000 on:

- a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior pursuing a degree in music.
- more than 20 music camp scholarships of \$150 each.
- 50 new choir robes .
- instrument rental.
- refurbishing of the Music Department grand piano.
- Marching Band drum major uniform.
- contest and competition fees and expenses.
- assistance with the Canadian exchange trip.

**Music Boosters'** main fund raising activities each year are the Cheese and Sausage sale and Ice Cream Social. Help and ideas are always needed to make these events successful. Parents of all music students- chorus, band and orchestra- are automatically part of **Music Boosters**. We would especially welcome parents of choral students as there are none currently on our board.

With the help of all parents, **Music Boosters** can provide even more for our students. Boosters meet on the third Monday of every month (March 21 and April 18). If you are unable to attend these meetings, you may be able to help at the Ice Cream Social, serving refreshments at other functions or chaperoning on trips to music contests.

For more information, contact your child's music teacher, **Music Boosters** President Donna Bastian, 553-6740, or Kathy Farren, 553-7327.

# Calendar

March 5	IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest	Kaneland High School, Maple Park, Ill.
March 8	CCMS Band Concert	
March 10 - 13	Canadian Concert tour	
March 15	High School Music Department Concert	
March 17	CCMS Choral/Orchestral Concert	
March 22	CCIS Musical "I Need a Vacation"	
April 16	Organizational Contest	Central High School, Clifton, Ill.
April 22 - 23	ENCORE! Retreat/Workshop	Hoover Center
April 29 - 30	YHS Spring Play "The Miracle Worker"	
May 14	Show of Arts Ice Cream Social	Yorkville High School
May 16	District Jazz/Show Choir Concert	
May 23	District Choir Concert	
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