

# Music

From the Music Boosters President:

I feel very fortunate to be involved with a music program that provides so many opportunities and challenges for our children. We have a vibrant and growing program where many in our area are being scaled back or eliminated. We have dedicated and enthusiastic teachers who routinely go above and beyond the call of duty for their students. We have the support of our administrators and Board of Education, and we have a growing number of parents who volunteer their time to make the program better. Your Yorkville Music Boost-

ers has had a productive beginning this year. We have sponsored welcome back social events and we hosted another very successful Red Paw Chili Supper. We helped purchase a set of hand bells to provide a new area of musical experience for our students. We funded a guest artist for the high school band fall concert. We made our program shine by providing volunteers and hospitality when our middle school hosted the IMEA auditions, and we are committed to helping with many more events in the coming months.

The Music Boosters are currently holding a "Cookbook Fundraiser" and will again offer our annual Vienna Beef sale this spring. As always, our fundraisers support our programs and also the students' individual accounts. Like all organizations, we need money to accomplish our goals, but more importantly, we need you. Join us for a meeting or ask your child's music teacher how you can help.

Rob Robbins  
President Yorkville Music Boosters

## Upcoming Events

12/4 Prism Concert  
12/5 6/8th Orchestra  
12/6 5/7th Orchestra  
12/8 YMS Choir  
12/9-11 Madrigal Dinner  
12/13 GRES 3-4, YGS 2-3  
12/15 6th Choral @ YMS  
12/20 BGS 2-3  
1/10 5/7th Band  
1/12 6/8th Band  
1/24 6-12 Jazz  
1/26-28 All-State Music Festival  
2/2 ACES Musical Program  
2/7 6th Grade Solo Night  
2/9 GRES Musical  
2/18 Oswego Jazz Festival  
2/21 BGS K - 1 Musical  
2/28 BBES 4-5 Musical and YGS 1-2 Musical  
3/1 CCGS K-1 Musical  
3/2-3 Guys and Dolls YMS Musical  
3/3 IHSA Solo/Ensemble  
3/5 BBES & ACES B/O/C  
3/6 YMS Bands & NIBigXII Choir  
3/8 YMS Choir  
3/13 6-8 Jazz Concert and NIBigXII Band Festival

Check out the Yorkville Music web-site:

[www.yorkvillemusic.org](http://www.yorkvillemusic.org)

- calendars of events
- booster links
- forms
- information
- your link to the band, orchestra, choir sites

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## District #115 Music Faculty Recital

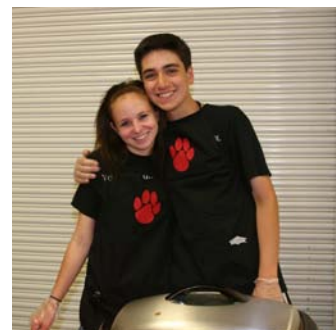
Congratulations to all district #115 music faculty who performed in the faculty recital. The recital which took place on November 21<sup>st</sup> in the YMS Auditorium, was filled with fun, professionalism, and beautiful music. A special thank you to our accompanist, Mrs. Mary Ann Free.



# Red Paw Chili Supper

## October 29, 2011

The fourth annual Red Paw Chili Supper was a huge success! Students, parents, and community members had a terrific time sampling several different varieties of chili and hot dogs. Dinner entertainment was expertly provided by the YHS Chamber Strings. The evening concluded with an indoor performance by the 2011 Marching Foxes. Music students of all ages were called upon to donate raffle gifts for specially themed baskets. Cobblestone Bakery provided a donut party for the YMS 7th Grade Choir for donating the most raffle gifts. The event raised \$2200 for the music boosters.



A special thanks goes out to the Music Boosters and parents for organizing, decorating, cooking and serving at the 2011 Red Paw Chili Supper! Thank you also to Kendall Pub, Sages Meat, Jewel-Osco, Gordon Food Service, US Foods, and Vienna Beef for the donation of produce baskets, and to Kendall Pub for sponsoring the event.



YHS Chamber Strings



Red Paw Raffle Baskets





## Yorkville Student Musicians Succeed – IMEA Honors Festivals

The Yorkville Music Department is proud of all the students that auditioned for this years IMEA Festival.

On Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> seven students from Yorkville Middle School performed at the Illinois Music Educators Association Junior Festival. The Festival was held at Plano High School and was a culmination of auditions that were held one month earlier at Yorkville Middle School. All students experienced six hours of rehearsals with prestigious guest conductors with a concert presentation at 3:00PM. It is a tremendous honor to be part of the IMEA District Music Festival.



Back row L-R: Taylor Grajeda, Robin Campos, Emma Whaley, Justin Haarz  
Front row L-R: Nicholas Miesuk, Levi Lindholm, Hannah Link

## IMEA District 9 Senior Music Festival

The Ninth District of the Illinois Music Educator's Association (IMEA) held its annual music festival on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Wheaton Warrenville South High School. Every year in October more than 1,000 students converge on Addison Trail High School to audition for the IMEA District 9 Music Festival. This year the Yorkville High Music Department will be sending eleven students to this event. These eleven students mark a dramatic increase in the amount of students Yorkville has had accepted into the festival. In order to be selected for participation in this event students undergo a rigorous and highly selective audition process. Earning the chance to perform in this festival's band orchestra or choir is certainly a high honor. Participating students will have the opportunity to play challenging music with excellent musicians all while being led by a professional conductor. This year's conductors are Dr. Mark Heidel, Director of Bands, University of Iowa; Donald Schleicher, Music Director, University of Illinois Orchestras; Jonathon Reed, Choir Director, Michigan State University.



The students selected for the 2011 IMEA District 9 Music Festival are Katie Haske, flute; Erin O'Neil, flute; Alexa Bridwell, oboe; Rebecca Pape, oboe; Chris Miller, tuba; Kori Haarz, viola; Kolten Heeren, string bass; Amanda Kraupner, string bass; Laurel Forlano, soprano; Tyler Riederer, tenor; Ryan Smith, bass. Students who are successful in their IMEA auditions start preparing the repertoire during the previous summer and almost always study privately. See your music director for details.

# Yorkville Bands Welcome Chris O'Hara, Guest Trumpet Soloist



Chris O'Hara rehearses *Nessun Dorma* with Symphonic Band.



On November 10<sup>th</sup> the Yorkville High School Band Department was honored to perform with internationally renowned trumpet soloist, chamber musician, and educator Chris O'Hara at their fall concert. This event was sponsored by the Yorkville Music Boosters, Conn-Selmer, and Dennis Wick.

O'Hara's playing is described as "virtuosic and impressive in every way" (Chicago Music Examiner) and "a treat beyond measure" (Arlington Advocate), and the International Trumpet Guild Journal hails him as a "true master of [the] instrument." Mr. O'Hara holds a bachelor's degree in music from the Boston Conservatory and a master's degree in music from Boston University.

Already in his young career, Chris has performed over 2,000 events covering 47 states and 11 countries across North America, Europe, Great Britain, and Asia. His performance schedule has taken him to notable venues such as the Ravinia Music Festival, the Tanglewood Music Festival, the Bethlehem Musikfest, the Boston Early Music Festival, the Festival de Camara de Musica in Aguascalientes Mexico, the Nagoya Conservatory of Music, and Millennium Hall in Japan.

Before embarking on a solo career, Chris exclusively dedicated his efforts to the art of chamber music. At the age of 16 in his home town of Bensenville, Illinois, he had already formed his first brass quintet; in 1995, he was honored by WGN television for his efforts with this ensemble. Then, at 17, he formed his second brass quintet, the internationally acclaimed Synergy Brass Quintet. As founder of the Synergy Brass Quintet, he has been a regular guest on NPR's *The Front Row*, performed with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, The Boston Pops, and Natalie Cole, and has recorded several albums available on the AAR record label. Chris continues to dedicate much of his time to chamber music through a wide range of ensembles.

As an advocate for new music, Chris has commissioned several works including Robert Martin's *Four Places in New York* for two trumpets and Karl Henning's *The Angel Who Bears a Flaming Sword* for solo trumpet. During the 2010/11 concert season, Chris will perform the world premiere of *Ballad* for trumpet and wind ensemble by Dr. R. Christopher Teichler and the world premiere of *Dancing Embers* for flugelhorn and wind ensemble by Robert Bradshaw at the 2011 International Trumpet Guild Conference. He can also be heard on the premiere recording of Samuel Adler's "Transfiguration: An Ecumenical Mass" on the album *A Prophecy of Peace*. In addition to performing, Chris is an avid arranger having arranged and edited over one hundred works for brass quintet, brass and organ, trumpet ensemble, and solo trumpet.

Chris has served on the faculties of the Shenandoah Arts Academy (Winchester, VA), the Boston University Tanglewood Institute (Lenox, MA), The Festival de Musica de Camara (Aguascalientes, Mexico), and the International Institute and Festival at Round Top (Round Top, TX). As the Brass Department Chairman of the South Shore Conservatory (Hingham, MA) he founded the South Shore Conservatory Trumpet Workshop, a summer music seminar for talented New England trumpet students. Chris is also a clinician for the Conn-Selmer Company and Denis Wick mouthpieces, mutes, and accessories and has presented countless master classes and clinics at public schools and the world's finest colleges and universities. Chris performs exclusively on Bach Trumpets, the Conn Vintage One Flugelhorn, and Denis Wick mouthpieces and mutes. He can be heard on recordings on the Paraclete, AAR, Radiant Arts, and Rowjac labels and has appeared on National Public Radio, NBC, WGN, the Hallmark Channel, and more.



Mr. O'Hara performing ballad with Wind Ensemble.





## **'Viols in Our Schools' with Dr. Phillip Serena**

Yorkville Middle School was host to Dr. Phillip Serna a freelance performer and teacher from Valparaiso University. He was awarded the early Music America Outreach award for 2010 for his work with 'Viols in Our Schools'. 'Viols in Our Schools' is a community outreach initiative sponsored by the Music Institute of Chicago's Early Music Department. Dr. Serna works to bring the early Western string instrument family, know as the viola da gamba, into schools – demonstrating solo literature from the Renaissance, Baroque and early Classical periods for treble viol, tenor viol, bass viol & violone.



YMS band/orchestra students ask Dr. Serna questions about his presentation.

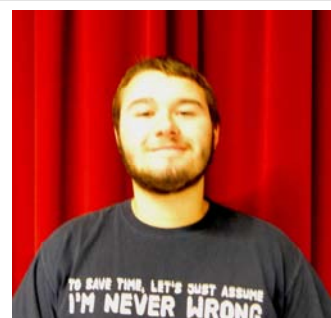
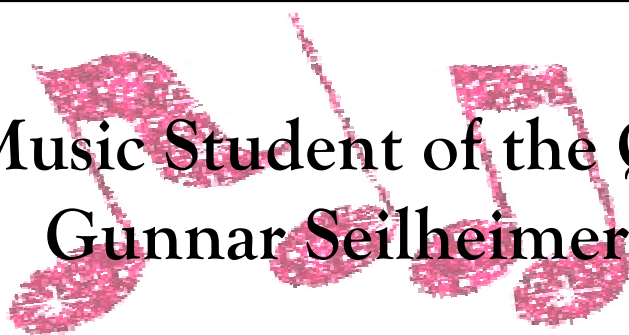


Dr. Serna demonstrates the viola da gamba.

## **Madrigals Return to Camp Timber-lee for 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat**

The madrigal singers enjoyed a weekend retreat the weekend of October 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> at Camp Timber-lee in East Troy, Wisconsin. They were able to participate in team building activities, navigate a high ropes course, practice their music for the madrigal dinner, and perform for other groups on the grounds. The Madrigal Retreat continues to be a rewarding experience that helps the students develop their bond as a group and their abilities as musicians.

## **YHS Music Student of the Quarter Gunnar Seilheimer**



Gunnar Seilheimer

Junior, Gunnar Seilheimer was selected as student of the term by the Music Department for his leadership in the Symphony Orchestra. He goes to great lengths to not only model an exemplary attitude, but also possesses strong leadership skills. He provides help and guidance to other students in the orchestra by sharing fingerings and bowings with his section. Gunnar participates in orchestra events outside of school, like the Chamber Strings and the Homecoming Parade. He is always trying to make the orchestra the best it can be by helping with set-up and tear-down of chairs and stands for rehearsal, helping to select music, organizing binders, and selecting concert order for performances. Gunnar also volunteers his time to help tune younger orchestra students at the elementary school concerts. Congratulations Gunnar!



## ORCHESTRA BBQ 2011



On Sunday, September 11 2011 the Orchestra Department hosted our annual BBQ at the Yorkville Middle School. Orchestra students from grades 5 through 12 were invited from across the district to attend this event and we had a huge turnout!

We can use your help for future BBQ events so if you're interested please contact your child's Orchestra teacher.



## HOMECOMING PARADE



This year Orchestra students from grades 5 through 12 were invited to march in the Yorkville Homecoming Parade.

### VIENNA BEEF FUNDRAISER RETURNS IN SPRING 2012



Thanks to the hard work of music students, faculty and parents, last spring Yorkville Music Boosters raised just over \$5,900 with its Vienna Beef Fundraiser. Students earned more than \$2,200 for their music accounts, and Music Boosters raised more than \$3,600.

Make room in your freezers ... Vienna Beef will be back in spring 2012!

Watch for order forms in mid-April and a distribution day in mid-May.

For information on this fundraiser (or to help with our committee) contact Loretta at 630-553-1552.

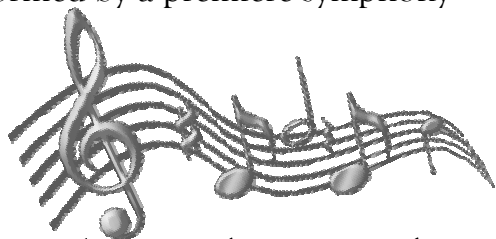
## Private Lessons are the Key to SUCCESS:

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. Find a private teacher on the private instructor lists on our music web-sites.



## Music Department's Youngest Visit the CSO

On Friday, October 28th, the band and orchestra department took our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on a field trip to Chicago's Orchestra Hall to hear the Chicago Civic Orchestra. It was a treat to see a Halloween-themed concert where the members the orchestra take stage dressed as zombies and ghouls and perform several spooky classical works by some of the world's most famous composers. Music included *Night on Bald Mountain* by Modest Mussorgsky, *Little Fugue in G minor* and *Toccata and Fugue in D minor* by Johann Sebastian Bach, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* by Paul Dukas, and *Ballet Music* by Zoltan Kodaly. It was a magnificent concert and a great experience for our students to hear such powerful music performed by a premiere symphony orchestra.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Solo Night in February

On Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, the Music Department will be hosting our annual 6<sup>th</sup> grade Solo Night at Yorkville Middle School. All 6<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra students will choose a solo to prepare and perform for a judge the night of the event. The judge will then provide feedback on each student's performance by giving individualized advice for improvement and praise for achievements. This is a great opportunity for students to develop strong independent playing skills in a friendly, supportive environment. Family members are welcome and encouraged to listen to student performances. The event will begin at 4pm and conclude at 9PM, with each student having an eight minute time slot. Students are also welcome to perform in small groups in addition to their solo performance with director approval. More information will be coming home soon about this great event. We are looking forward to this event and hearing all of our wonderful soloists perform!



Grande Reserve Students with a Chicago Civic Orchestra Musician dressed in his "zombie best"



Orchestra Students with Mr. Chris Griffith outside Orchestra Hall in Chicago.



## Pop and Pretzels Concert

On Friday, April 27th the Orchestra Department will host our second annual Pop and Pretzels concert at the Yorkville High School Cafetorium. This concert will feature performances by the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Alternative Strings, YMS Alternative Strings and the High School Chamber Strings, along with other guest performers. During the concert we will be serving pop and pretzels, and will have candy available for purchase. We will also raffle off music accessories, concert tickets, sheet music, and more! Presale tickets will be available for \$3 each starting April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to volunteer to help for this event please contact your child's Orchestra Director. We hope to see you there!

## Illinois State University Symphony Orchestra

Illinois State University Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Glenn Block, performed at Yorkville High School Academy for the entire high school Music Department. This performance was part of their yearly Symphony Orchestra Tour. Yorkville High School was one of eight schools that were a part of the tour. The concert was infused with lively Spanish-influenced pieces like Rismky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espanol* and Jaime Texidor's *Amparita Roca*. Students and faculty were very impressed by the high caliber of musicianship and professionalism displayed by the Illinois State University Symphony Orchestra.



Illinois State University Symphony Orchestra





## Another Award Winning Season for the Marching Foxes

Congratulations to the Marching Foxes on a tremendously successful 2011 season! This year marked a major departure for the Yorkville High School Marching Foxes as the once curricular band became a volunteer organization. Time and time again the students rose to each challenge, facing it with a wonderful sense of teamwork and dedication. The band's hard work paid-off with multiple awards throughout the season including a first place finish in parade at the Renegade Regiment Band Festival in Sandwich, IL and a first place finish in field show (division AA) at the Red and Black Fall Classic. The Red and Black Fall Classic is a major marching band event is held Northern Illinois University's Huskie Stadium and hosted by the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps.

This wonderful season could not have happened without our many parent volunteers. Thank you to everyone for the many hours you have invested to put the Marching Foxes on the field! Thanks also to the dedicated team of student leaders who set an example of positive attitude and hard work for the band to follow. This year the Marching Foxes were led in performance by drum majors Rachel Riemenschneider and Katie Haske.



Adam Dwyer, tenor saxophone and Anthony Rizzi, mellophone



Senior Section Leader, Amber Milliron

## High School Music Department Introduces Handbell Choirs



This Fall, the Yorkville Music Boosters helped purchase a two-octave set of Schulmerich handbells, to support the addition of a handbell choir, under the direction of Mr. Wayne. Two different groups have already been formed: the Holiday Bell Choir, which will perform at December's Prism Concert, and the Madribells, which will perform at the Madrigal Dinner. The Holiday Bell Choir consists of: Brittany Burrell, Kaity Calhoun, Rob Delgado, Joey DiGangi, Kelly Fahle, Laurel Forlano, Payton Gammicchia, Meggie Kesselring, Mirella Ortiz, Lauren Rhodes, Mason Ridenour, Joe Runkle, Jake Smith and Matt Weaver. The Madribells consists of: Katie Caldwell, Kristin Gilbertson, Katie Haske, Kolten Heeren, Amanda Kraupner, Rachel Mathre, Amber Milliron, Rebecca Pape, Tommy Robbins, Kayla Schoeny, Daniella Tamayo and Edric Yu.

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## YHS to Produce “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”

Yorkville High School will put on a production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” in May 2012 under the direction of Ken Wayne. The cast will be made up of high schoolers, but will also include a children's choir of 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders under the direction of Erin Carroll. Auditions for both the high school and the children's choir will be held in February. “Joseph...”, one of the most popular musicals of all-time, is sure to be an amazing experience for the whole community.





## “It’s a Madrigal Life” at 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Madrigal Dinner

The Madrigals will be putting on the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Madrigal Dinner on December 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> at the YHS Cafetorium. This year’s script, written by Mr. Wayne, is a return of the spoof of the classic Holiday movie, “It’s a Wonderful Life.” Terry Pletka plays Chester the Jester, who represents Jimmy Stewart’s character of George Bailey from the movie. The Jester, due to some careless choices he made, wishes he was never born a Jester. The Lord, played by Ryan Barkauskas, sends the Lady, Rachel Eaton, to the stage to convince the Jester that the world is indeed a better place because of him. The Lady, representing the angel Clarence, uses her acting skills and impersonates famous movie characters in order to convince the Jester of his worth.

The host of the evening, played by Maddie Mormino (Friday), Melissa Myers (Saturday) and Wendy Myers (Sunday), admits to the audience that the madrigal dinner script sometimes seems to make very little sense, but the combination of old madrigal traditions and pop culture references prove to add up to some good laughs. Malia Dunn-Reier plays Mary the Wench, wife to Chester the Jester and mother to their twenty-four adopted children (the madrigal singers), and John Pletka is the evil Magician Potter (no, not as in Harry Potter, but as the evil Mr. Potter from the movie), who mischievously places evil spells on all the characters.

Matt Quanstrom, Lesley Shanks, Jake Teeling, Laurel Forlano and Ryan Smith portray some of the Jester’s lovely, but very needy children. The criers for the dinner include: Will & Zach Belles (Friday), Meggie Kesselring & Haley Rediger (Saturday) and Bobby Allen & Matt Dabbs (Sunday).

It’s possible that Jimmy Stewart will roll over in his grave when the Madrigal Dinner performs, but a good time is sure to be had by all. Tickets are available at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com) until December 6<sup>th</sup>.



Madrigal Singers: (front row) Laurel Forlano, Michelle Caballero, Rachel Plasch, Erika King, Lesley Shanks, Jenna Shanks, Alma Ramos (middle row) Steven Yu, Mike Craig, Kaity Calhoun, Lauren Rhodes, Joyce Yu, Kyle Schunk-Clementz, Dan Rega, Ryan Smith, (back row) Matt Quanstrom, Anya Malley, Jake Teeling, Lindsay Kring, Payton Gammicchia, Joe Runkle, Drew Kleyweg, Tyler Riderer and Matt Weaver

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