

## YHS JAZZ SHOWCASE

## FEATURING DAVID KATZ, TRUMPET

Friday, March 6, 2015 marked the annual Jazz Showcase for the Yorkville High School Jazz Bands. This year's concert featured Yorkville's own David Katz as guest artist on trumpet. Both jazz bands were able to have a clinic and rehearse multiple times with Mr. Katz prior to the event. Thank you to all who assisted in making this year's Jazz Showcase a great success!



David Katz has a bachelor's degree in music education from Northern Illinois University, in DeKalb. He played in the NIU Jazz Ensemble for 5 years under the direction of Ron Modell. The NIU band toured w/ jazz greats Louie Bellson, Dizzy Gillespie, Marvin Stamm, Frank Rosolino, Lou Marini, and Arnie Lawrence.

After college, Dave began performing in the local Chicago music scene. He did a short stint with the Woody Herman Big Band. He also has performed w/ the Louie Bellson Big Band on a European tour of England and Ireland. Dave also performed in Poland w/ the local Chicago band Orchestra 33. He's played backup for Peggy Lee, Linda Carter, Bob Hope, Manhattan Transfer, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Donald O'Conner, Liberace, Debbie Reynolds, The Temptations, Frankie Avalon, Englebert Humperdink, Joan Rivers, and Dr. John.

You have heard him performing on TV and Radio commercials for Michelob, Budweiser, State Farm, McDonalds, Kraft, and many others. Dave recently performed on a live Christmas show for cable TV channel TLN. Dave currently performs with the Jazz Consortium Big Band, Orchestra 33, The Vern Spevak Big Band and freelances throughout the Chicago area.



The YHS Madrigals will perform their annual Cabaret Night on May 29th and 30th in the YHS Cafetorium. Both shows begin at 7pm, and tickets (\$6) can be purchased at the door. The evening will feature cheesecake, along with solos and group performances of musical theatre songs, as well as some pop and country hits. This year's featured senior performers are: Danielle Alicz, James Arnold, Adam Dwyer, Isaiah Jackson, Joshua Lindholm, Maddy Nauert, Vincent Pizzo, Edric Yu. We would love to see you at this year's Cabaret!

## **6TH GRADE SOLO NIGHT**



On Tuesday, February 10th, 2015 the Music Department hosted our annual 6th Grade Solo Night at Yorkville Middle School. Each year, all 6th grade band and orchestra students perform a scale and solo for a judge. Then, students receive written and verbal feedback from the judges that highlight performance aspects they are doing well and techniques that could be improved. This event is special to the 6th grade music program because it is the first time students demonstrate their musicianship individu-

ally and have a chance to develop strong independent playing skills. Some students also choose to perform in an optional ensemble group in addition to their solo performance. All students receive a certificate of accomplishment from the judge in recognition of their dedication and hard work. Below are the names of band students who received the prestigious "Best of the Night" award. Congratulations to all students on a fabulous performance! Your band and orchestra teachers are so proud!



ACES: Brooke Wayne, Holden Hyett, Zoe Meyer and Arianna Nunez



YIS: Abby Sledden, Paige Green, Michele Matysek, Zachary Sandoval, Ben Burton, Zach Egert, Kylie Schultz, Dylan Collier and Alex Pross



GRES: Max Pesola, Ryder Berry, Gabe Lopez, Bria Turner, Tyler Deutsch, Cole Yearsley and Caden Fairless



BBES: Jake Wall, Jackson Edwards and Joshua Williams



YIS "Hunter's Chorus" - Josie Koenig, Nathan Berge, Rebecca Chacon, Andy Cox and Zach Egert



ACES Flute Duet - Lauren Bell and Zoe Meyer

## 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, but If you haven't, this is the time

to start! 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 is 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 websites.

## FOX VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Monday April 27, band, choir, and orchestra students from Yorkville High School joined a cast of nearly 500 students from 13 area high schools for the 86th annual Fox Valley Music Festival. Guest conductors for the day were Dr. Matthew O. Smith, Associate Director of Bands at Univer-

sity of Kansas, Dr. Richard Bjella, director of Choral Studies at Texas Tech University, and Dr. Glenn Block, Director of Orchestras and Opera from Illinois State University.

The event was held at Oswego High School. The day-long event culminated in a concert with a finale performance of *America The Beautiful* with the combined band, choir, and orchestra.

The Fox Valley Music Festival has a long tradition of excellence. Established in 1928, it is the oldest music festival in the country. This event gives students the opportunity to collaborate with other students from across the Fox Valley area, work with excellent conductors/teachers, and play in an ensemble of very high quality.

2015 Fox Valley Music Festival Participants: Lily emma Aktabowski, Danielle Alicz, Brittany Appell, Jenna Arnold, Madeline Avery, Brandon Bailey, Becca Carney, Caitlin Chrastka, Elizabeth Chmielewski, Angie Colon, Ryan Cyr, Sam Daugherty, Lucas Erb, Isabella Falche, Nicole Gamble, Kayla Gettemy, Nathan Gonzalez, Kevin Gruhlke, Justin Haarz, Anna Halsey, Josh Harrison, Becca Husar, Isaiah Jackson, Jennifer Karales, Becky Katula, Dakatoah Kinsella, Max Lacey, Levi Lindholm, Connor Lord, Johnny Maldonado, Nick Miesuk, Denise Monraz, Taylor Neville, Jimmy O'Malley, Reanna Panlilio, Frankie Papa, Abigail Perez, May Priegel, Eddie Quiroga, Brandon Randall, Eric Redomon, Hudson Rothman, Brian Sandor, Bri Smith, Spencer Snider, Collin Snow, Abigail Sprandel, Josh Tatum, Abby Tholen, Michal Treadway, Faith Twardzik, Madison Ward, Declan Weaver, Hattie Wiesbrook

### YMS JAZZ BAND PERFORMS AT JAZZ IN THE MEADOWS





On Saturday, February 28th 2015, the Yorkville Middle School Jazz Band traveled to Rolling Meadows High School to participate in the famed Jazz in the Meadows. The festival featured over 100 performing ensembles from schools all over the Midwest at both the middle and high school level. YMS performed three pieces for a panel of judges and received specific feedback during a short clinic after the performance.

Afterward, students were able to stay and listen to the noontime guest artist, Chris Siebold and the PSYCLES, as well as many of the top high school jazz ensembles. Some students even stayed well into the evening to see the outstanding Grand Finale Guest Artist, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band!

### YMS COMMISSIONS NEW WORK

Yorkville Middle School has once again joined forces with composer/percussionist Tim Corpus and has commissioned a new work for percussion ensemble. Yorkville Bands has previously worked with Tim on two works for Concert Band and Wind Ensemble in the spring of 2013, The Lost City, and From Many, One. The new piece, titled Voyager for Percussion Ensemble, was written for the six members of the 2014-2015 8th Grade Percussion section. Mr. Corpus visited YMS to chat with the students about their strengths as musicians and interests to find inspiration for the work. He will spend a total of five class periods with the students instructing them on the work and on percussion technique and style. The title Voyager is a nod to the Voyager I probe, launched on September 5th, 1977 and still traveling to this day. Voyager for Percussion Ensemble is written in four continuous movements:

> I. ...a present from a small distant world... II. Building the Machine III. A Golden Record IV. Where None Has Gone Before

Voyager for Percussion Ensemble will premiere on May 14th, 2015 at Yorkville Middle School's Spring Band and Orchestra concert and May 15th, 2015 at Yorkville High School during the YMS/ YHS Night of Percussion. The composer will be on hand to conduct both of the first performances of his new work.

Tim Corpus is a vibrant composer who calls Chicago home. He began his formal musical training at 12, but he's been developing a love and appreciation for music all his life.

Tim earned his bachelor of music degree in percussion performance from the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University, where he studied with composer Stacy Garrop and timpanist Ed Harrison of Chicago's Lyric Opera. He thrived at CCPA performed in many CCPA ensembles. He also played percussion for the Classical Symphony Orchestra, served as the principle timpanist of the American Opera Group, and founded the Student Composer's Forum.

In 2010, Tim moved to Hartford, Connecticut to study music composition at The Hartt School at the University of Hartford. During his time at The Hartt School, he's studied with and been mentored by world-renowned composers such as David Macbride, Lar-

ry Alan Smith, Robert Carl and Stephen Gryc. After receiving his master's degree in music composition, Tim returned to Chicago, IL where he currently resides.

Along with talent scholarships from the Chicago College of Performing Arts and The Hartt School, he received a research grant in 2011 toward his work on Filipino composer Lucio D. San Pedro.

Tim has written for a variety of ensembles including works for the Palomar Ensemble, CCPA Percussion Ensemble, Vagus Trio and the Yorkville Fine Arts Festival. Highlights include "Breath, revisited" for Third Coast Percussion at the Kennedy Center and Museum of Modern art in New York City.



#### YHS CHOIRS AND ORCHESTRAS RELEASE 2ND RECORDING

This Spring, the YHS choirs and orchestras in what we hope will become an annual souwill once again release CDs of selected music performed throughout the school year. After last year's successful first trip into the recording studio, we have teamed up again with RJ Recording to produce another installment

venir. CDs will be available after the recording session for \$10 each. Ordering information will be sent home with students, and will also be found on the YHS music website.

## **CAMP IMAGINATION MUSIC CAMPS**



The Yorkville Music Department will again be hosting several exciting music camps for our students through Camp Imagination. All grade levels refer to students as they enter the 2015-2016 school year. Please feel free to contact your child's band or orchestra teacher with questions or you may also contact the Camp Imagination Director, Tracey Hosey, at 630-553-4048 or thosey@y115.org

**Location:** Yorkville Middle School June 29 - July 10th (M-F) All camps will culminate with a casual concert for family and friends

**Required Materials:** Instrument, Essential Elements Book, and Music Binder, Campers may bring a peanut free lunch or snack.

#### Beginning Band Camp - 6th & 7th Grade 8:00am - 9:00am Cost: \$55 (No experience required)

This camp is for students who are planning to enroll in band for the first time in 6th grade or who wish to change instruments. This camp will focus on note reading, instrument assembly, and instrument maintenance. Please contact Maggie Davis at mwood@y115.org (YIS and ACES) or Meredith Melvin at mmelvin@y115.org (BBES and GRES) if you are interested in registering for this camp so we can prepare the appropriate materials prior to the camp.

#### Beginning Orchestra Camp - 6th grade 8:30am -9:30am Cost: \$55 (No experience required)

This camp is for students planning to enroll in orchestra for the first time in 6th grade. This camp will focus on instrument care, note reading and playing technique. Each student will need to have an instrument and a book.

Please contact Chris Griffith at cgriffith@y115.org if you are interested in registering for this camp. Minimum 5 students

\*For the following camps students must have participated in band/orchestra during the 2014-2015 school year: Jazz band is also open to piano players with 2+ years of prior instruction on the piano.

#### Incoming 6th Grade Band Camp 9:10am - 12:10pm Cost: \$110

Come join us for 2 weeks of fun music making! We will review and refresh your skills through exciting new summer band music and activities! NEW this year, band camp will feature small group lessons, full band rehearsal, music class choice (such as playing in jazz band or composition - writing music), social and lunch time.

\*When registering - please indicate whether you want to take Jazz Band or Composition Class.

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## Incoming 6th grade Orchestra Camp 9:45am -10:45 am Cost: \$55

Join us for 2 weeks of fun music making! We will review and refresh your skills through exciting new summer orchestra music and activities!

#### Incoming 7th Grade Band Camp 9:40am -12:40pm Cost: \$110

Come join us for 2 weeks of fun music making! We will review and refresh your skills through exciting new summer band music and activities! NEW this year, band camp will feature small group lessons, full band rehearsal, music class choice (such as playing in Jazz Band, Composition - writing music, or working on Jr. ILMEA Music for the fall audition), social and lunch time.

\*When registering - please indicate whether you want to take Jazz Band, Composition Class, or Jr. ILMEA Class.

#### Incoming 7th/8th Grade Orchestra Camp 11:00am - 12:00pm Cost: \$55

This camp will focus on reviewing and advancing students on instrumental technique, which will include studies in tone, intonation, notes, rhythm and musical expression. This camp will prepare students for the more advanced music taught in middle school.

#### Incoming 8th & 9th Grade Band 12:45am - 3:00 pm Cost: \$80

Come join us for 2 weeks of fun music making! We will review and refresh your skills through exciting new summer band music and activities! NEW this year, band camp will feature chamber group work, full band rehearsal, music class choice (such as playing in Jazz Band, Composition - writing music, or working on ILMEA Music for the fall audition), social and lunch time.

\*When registering - please indicate whether you want to take Jazz Band, Composition Class, or ILMEA Class.



Camp Imagination Music Camp 2014

## PLAY YOUR INSTRUMENT THIS SUMMER WITH THE YORKVILLE COMMUNITY BAND



The Yorkville Community Band will be continuing the tradition of helping the City of Yorkville celebrate Independence Day with their 23rd Anniversary performance! This talented group of local musicians is excited to extend an invitation to anyone and everyone who would like to join in on the 4th of July festivities.

A unique and fun feature of the group is the vast age differences of the band members. Students, ranging from middle school to college, are able to participate alongside some older members who are...let's just say "seasoned veterans" of music! Not only are musicians invited to participate, but those wanting to get involved with either the color guard or "candy brigade" are also encouraged to contact us. It's safe to say, if you'd like to join us, we'll find something for you to do!

The primary performance of the Yorkville Community Band is during the annual 4th of July festivities celebrated in Yorkville. The band participates in the parade, which is then immediately followed by a concert in Towne Square.

If you, or anyone you know, wish to join the Yorkville Community Band, please do not hesitate to contact either Susan Munson (630) 553-9750 or Linda Duy (630) 913-7869. We will be more than happy to provide further explanations and details to anyone interested. We hope to hear from you soon!

#### PLAINFIELD INVITATIONAL CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL

On March 7th 2015, The Yorkville High School Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band performed at the Plainfield Invitational Concert Band Festival. This is eighth year that Yorkville Bands performed in this festival. It is one of the most prestigious festivals in our area. After the performances, each band receives written and voice recorded feedback as well as a clinic with world renowned educators. This year's festival clinicians were:

Dr. Mark Heidel, Director of Bands, University of Iowa
Mr. Barry Houser, Assistant Director of Bands/Director of Marching Illini, University of Illinois
Dr. J. Ashley Jarrell, Associate Director of Bands, University of Illinois
Mr. Ross Kellan, Director of Music Education, Elmhurst College
Dr. Martin Seggelke, Director of Bands, Illinois State University
Mr. Charles Staley, Fine Arts Department Chair, Neuqua Valley High School
Mr. Brian Wis, Director of Bands/Orchestras, St. Charles North High School

## SIX HUNDRED FOXES TO THE CSO



CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



On Thursday, April 30, the 5th and 6th grade bands and orchestras traveled to Chicago's Orchestra Hall to hear the legendary Chicago Symphony Orchestra. This trip was attended by nearly 600 people, including students, chaperones, administrators, and teachers. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to hear one of the world's greatest orchestras in an educational setting designed specifically for young musicians. This year's music theme was "A Revolution in French Music" and featured the exciting music of Bizet, Berlioz, Ravel, Debussy, Satie, Saint-Saëns, Méhul, Cherubini, and Ibert. Every year our students attend this field trip and come back re-energized with a new appreciation for their craft. We continue to be grateful for the opportunity to share this experience with our fine young musicians.

## YHS CONCERT BAND PERFORMS AT NIU

This past February, the Yorkville High School Concert Band traveled to DeKalb to participate in the Northern Illinois University Concert Band Festival presented by Phantom Regiment for the second year in a row. While at the festival, the students performed Bravura by C. E. Duble, Rivers by Samuel Hazo, and Prairie Dance by Pierre LaPlante.

After a fantastic performance, the students had the opportunity to have a clinic with Christian Carichner, assistant director of bands at Iowa State University. In addition, the students were able to hear other high school concert bands and the NIU Wind Symphony.













This past February, the Music Boosters hosted a Culver's Night fundraiser that was very successful! Many band and orchestra students from Autumn Creek Elementary School, Yorkville Intermediate School, and Yorkville Middle School came out to per-

form their solo and small ensemble literature! The performances were fantastic and provided another opportunity for our Yorkville music students to showcase their talent! Thanks to all who came out that night!



On Tuesday, March 17, 2015, students from Yorkville High School participated in the fifth annual Northern Illinois Big XII Conference Band Festival at Kaneland High School. This year, the guest conductors were Mr. Dan Dietrich, Retired Director of Bands at Illinois Valley Central District #321, and Mr. David Wetmore, Retired Director of Bands at Macomb Senior High School.



Students in the Freshman/Sophomore Band included: Faith Twardzik (flute), Lauren Jones (bassoon), Reanna Panlilio (clarinet), Sydney Woodworth (bass clarinet), Piper Buyansky (saxophone), Spencer Snider (trumpet), Karson Manukas (trumpet), Eddie Quiroga (trombone), Ben Schweikert (trombone), Leo Briseno (trombone). Students in the Junior/Senior Band included: Erin Haddon (flute), Lucas Erb (clarinet), Becca Carney (clarinet), Robin Campos (clarinet), Rachel Strobel (clarinet), Lindsey Hornyak (clarinet), Joe Katula (bass clarinet), Adam Dwyer (saxophone), Josh Harrison (trumpet), Anuj Patel (horn), Michael Pansera (bass trombone), Luke McFarlane (percussion), Alex Swartwout (percussion)

## Y115 SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST

On Saturday, February 21, over 250 YMS and YHS band, choir, and orchestra students participated in the Solo and Ensemble festival at YMS. Following each performance, students had the opportunity to work one-on-one with the judges. The day was a huge success, with most events earning Division I and Division II ratings. Best of Day awards were given out to Piper Buyansky, Adam Dwyer, Vanessa Ramos, Kathryn Maly (Saxophone Quartet);

Danielle Alicz (viola); Jacob DeVol, Andrew Engelken, Max Koester (violin/viola trio); Adam Eckardt (cello); Justin Haarz (cello); Dakotah Kinsella, Danielle Alicz (violin/ viola duet); May Priegel (piano); Eddie Quiroga (Trombone); Morgan Rutsay (percussion); Josh Slavin (Tuba); David Wheeler (viola); Jason Wilcox (Clarinet). Congratulations to the following students for participating:

Mirage Aguilar Lily emma Aktabowski Jesse Dewane Ari Alcaraz Danielle Alicz Ezekial Amposta Hannah Amposta Michael Anderson Caitlin Annunzio James Arnold **Brandon Bailey** Rebecca Beckley Josh Bell Zach Belles Ian Bello Claudia Bertucci Allison Bloom Layla Bohl Antonio Bolanos Olivia Borowiak Adam Borowiak Justin Boyd Cody Bradford Grace Bradley Yorkville Brass Jake Buri Emily Buri Jacob Burks Piper Buyansky David Caballero Robin Campos Becca Carney Kate Carpenter Tom Carron Brianna Carter Ana Casillas Chad Castilla Daniel Chacon Mckyley Cherry Madi Childs Terry Chuinard MaKenzee Clements **Braeden Clements** Angie Colon Scott Coyne Mark Coyne Ryan Cyr Nick Damato Mckenna Day Ilissa DeLange Lauren DeLange Sarah Dennis

Luke DeVol

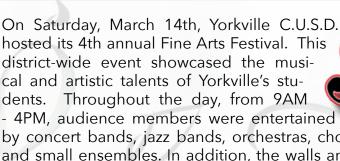
Jacob DeVol Molly Dexter **Emmie Dexter** Sam Dhuse Andrew Dobson Karime Dominguez Joe Duffy Parker Duncan Adam Dwyer Adam Eckardt Molly Ellingson Adam Elwood Arielle Encabo Ashlev Encabo Andrew Engelken Leah Erb Lucas Erb Danniella Estrada Isa Falche Austin Fallon Leilani Fergus Natalie Ferrer Elizabeth Forlano Kenzie Fox Jacob Friebus Katie Friel Chris Gaidos Nicole Gamble Myriah Garcia Julissa Garcia Declan Gardiner Zyon Garza Nicholas Gerakaris Erik Givens Nathan Gonzalez Jeremy Gonzalez Jake Green Emily Grega John Gruber Kevin Gruhlke Caleb Gulbro Justin Haarz Erin Haddon Anna Halsey Josh Harrison Aden Harzman Cora Hemby Riley Herbst Angel Hernandez Sam Hernandez

Ben Hernandez

Marco Hinojosa JoAnna Holly Emma Holter Lindsay Hornyak Katie Hourselt Nicole Hoyer Madeleine Hughes Becca Husar Lily Jennings Savannah Johnson Dakota Jones Lauren Jones Claire Jonke Haley Joseph Zachary Karpiel Joe Katula Dakotah Kinsella Aidann Kinsella Max Koester Sam Kopka Charlie Kostka Corey Kramer Skyler Krantz Nick Krauss Macy Krempski Briggs Krempski Haley Lansdown Joshua Larson Grace Leslie Autumn Letterle Morgan List Allison Lockhart Connor Lord Adam Macey Kathryn Maly Luke Mance Karson Manukas Mark Mattson Luke McFarlane Alexandria Meyers Natalie Meyers Tyler Middendorf Nick Miesuk Shannon Miles Daniel Minamontes Elle Moehring Madison Morgan Nathaniel Moulton Sebastian Munoz Eric Naumann Evan Naumann Haley Nell

Taylor Neville Kayla Newman Emily Nguyen Devin Novy Dylan Odette Avnish Pagadala Reanna Panlilio Michael Pansera Frankie Papa Anui Patel Passion Patterson Jessie Payne Vincent Pizzo Cassie Pomierski Jordan Powell Zack Price May Priegel Heather Quincey Eddie Quiroga Gaby Quiroga Lexi Ramey Melina Ramirez Vanessa Ramos Jazmine Ramos Brandon Randall Selena Ringberg Anna Rios Natalie Rivas Paris Roake Virginia Roberts Rachel Robinette Cristina Rodriguez Caitlin Roe Nathaniel Rohr Maggie Romano Morgan Rutsay Brian Sandor Hannah Schafermeyer Kayla Schiera Madison Schmidt Sam Schroeder Josie Schultz Ashley Schulz Matt Schumacher Ben Schweikert Caroline Schweikert Mackenzie Seeman Janice Sefah Logan Sheridan Shelby Skorup Josh Ślavin Josh Smart

Ronie Smith Bri Smith Wesley Smith Ben Smith Spencer Snider Collin Snow Sal Soldana Rhiannon Speckman Abby Sprandel Heather Start Jori Stewart Keirsten Stillson Kyle Straznickas Maddie Streadwick Siiri Strebel Rachel Strobel Josh Tatum Lily Teeling Abigail Tholen Peyton Tiseth Matthew Tschannen Faith Twardzik Halee Tyszka Caden Vanerlinden Adrielle Vargas Brady Vayding Alex Vruno **Grant Walter** Madison Ward Sammy Warner Louisa Washburn Bayleigh Weaver Declan Weaver **Brad Weiner** Nicole Welling Liz Welter Sam West Emma Whaley David Wheeler Haylie White Hattie Wiesbrook Jason Wilcox **Bailey Willis** Hannah Wolf Madi Woods Sydney Woodworth Jadyn York Edric Yu Lorelei Zahn



by concert bands, jazz bands, orchestras, choirs, and small ensembles. In addition, the walls and halls of the Yorkville Middle School were decorated with artwork from students in kindergarten to 12th grade. Families were encouraged to explore throughout the school to see the wonderful depth and variety of our music and art programs.

There were lots of performances & hands-on art stations such as large art murals, bracelet making, and pottery wheels to enhance

the fine arts experience while listening to music performances. Throughout the day, Yorkville Music Boosters sold concessions and representatives from local music and art vendors were present to provide services and products to our fine arts families. Also, Jack Feltes Photography was on hand to help families capture the day on film with portraits as well as action shots of the event. As in years past, the art department took part in "Empty Bowls", where student-made pottery bowls are sold and donations are given to the Kendall County Food Pantry to benefit families in need. It is estimated that this event brought in approximately 4,500 people.



The Yorkville Music and Art Staff would like to thank all parents, students, and volunteers involved with the 2015 Fine Arts Festival. We look forward to seeing you again at the 2016 Fine Arts Festival on Saturday, March 12, 2016.









## YORKVILLE MUSIC: MAKING AN IMPACT AT STATE

ach January, the State Music Festival, ILMEC (Illinois Music Educators Conference), also known as, All-State, takes place in Peoria. In addition to being the pinnacle of achievement for high school musicians who audition to attend and perform, it is also the premier professional development opportunity for music educators throughout the state. Music teachers network, research, attend performances, clinics, and much more throughout the four-day conference to improve their pedagogy, stay current in professional practice, and gain new knowledge to bring back to their classrooms.

Y115 Music made a significant impression this year at our State Festival. It is with great pride that we congratulate and showcase the students and staff who participated in this year's State Music Conference/Festival.

**Sam Kopka,** YHS Junior, FMES (Future Music Educator Symposium). Sam submitted an application with an essay about her future plans of becoming a music educator and was selected as one of 40 participants to be at State as a future educator on the FMES track. Sam is Yorkville's first student ever to obtain this honor.



Sam Kopka, Alex Swartwout and Michael Pansera

Alex Swartwout, YHS Senior, 1st Place for Avant Garde/Electronic Composition, "Elements". Alex was honored and awarded at All-State and he also participated in the first ever composition track as a student



throughout the week at the conference.

**Michael Pansera,** YHS Senior, bass trombone, orchestra. Michael auditioned for District in October, was seated as the top bass trombonist at our District IX festival and after his audition at State, became

the top bass trombonist in the State of Illinois.

Ms. Meredith Melvin, GRES/BBES 5th/6th Grade Band Director performed in the opening night concert for the state music festival. In



addition, she also wrote the performance notes/script for the concert. Ms. Melvin is a member of the 566th Air Force Band, the Air National Guard Band of the Midwest.

Mr. Mike McHugh, GRES General Music/ Choir and YHS Musical, presented at the music conference with former Y115 employee Keira Mandley-Quintero on non-traditional composing in the elementary classroom.



### **ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL**

On February 6, 2015 the YHS Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestras traveled to Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal, IL, for their annual Orchestra Festival. Students of the Philharmonic Orchestra performed Warlock's Capriol Suite and Drifen by Shil Jae Atwell. Symphony Orchestra students performed Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams, The Prelude from Greig's Holberg Suite and the first movement from Handel's Concerto Grosso No. 1



Students had rehearsals throughout the day with director of orchestras at Illinois State University, Dr. Glenn Block. They also observed performances and clinics with the York High School Orchestras. After lunch at the Bone Student Center, students enjoyed a performance by the ISU Wind Ensemble under the director of Dr. Block. Students were invited up on stage to watch while sitting side by side with the performers. There was time following the performance to ask questions and get to know the college students. Dr. Glenn Block will be re-

turning to work with all of the Yorkville middle and high school students on May 5th to help them prepare for their final concerts of the year.



## 6th Grade Band Students

### Meet Their New Band Directors

This February, the 6th grade band students of Yorkville had the opportunity to meet their future middle school band directors, Mr. Mike Lipinski and Miss Julie Fischer. Both YMS directors guest conducted the students on some of their favorite Fine Arts Festival concert music, including *Loyalty* and *Going Home*. Mr. Lipinski and Miss Fischer were both very impressed with the student's performance and comment-

ed on how excited they were to be their band directors in the fall. After the rehearsal, the students were able to ask any questions they had about middle school band. The band directors of Yorkville look forward to our wonderful 6th grade band moving to the middle school and are proud of all they have accomplished this year!







On Tuesday, April 7th the Yorkville Middle School 7th Grade Band and Orchestra traveled to Vander-Cook College of Music to participate in Band and Orchestra Fest. The orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Beyer, and the band under the direction of Ms. Fischer each performed for a panel of judges, college directors, and audience members. After the performances each group had the opportunity to work with a clinician for thirty minutes. The orchestra worked with Mr. David Eccles and Dr. Michael Hall, string professors from the college. The band received a clinic from Mrs. Stacey Larson Dolan, one of the college band directors at VanderCook. The adjudicators had many positive comments for our students! The students and directors then enjoyed an afternoon of fun at Enchanted Castle in Lombard. The 7th Grade Band and Orchestra performed beautifully and remarkably represented our Yorkville community!





# YHS Students Gain Insight & Expertise... Through Guest Composers & Conductors

For the Fine Arts Festival, the Varsity Choir performed "A Knight and His Queen" by Lee Kesselman from the College of DuPage. Mr. Kesselman paid a visit to Varsity Choir on March 11, and worked with the choir, offering advice and providing insight into his composition process. The students enjoyed getting the chance to work with the composer, and benefitted greatly from his expertise.





On April 29, Dr. Guy Forbes from Milikin University spent the day at YHS to work with several of the choirs as they prepared for their spring concert. Dr. Forbes worked with the choirs on a number of pieces, helping the groups put some of the final polish on before the concert. The choirs had a great time, and we are so thankful to Mr. Kesselman and Dr. Forbes for taking the time to come out and work with the YHS Choirs!

Dr. Joe Manfredo from Illinois State University worked with the YHS Bands on February 24th. Dr. Manfredo is coordinator of undergraduate music education and also the coordinator of student teaching for the School of Music. Dr. Manfredo is in constant demand as a guest conductor, clinician, consultant and adjudicator. He has conducted various All-State bands and honor bands throughout the mid-west. In addition, he has presented lectures and clinics at the Mid-West International Band and Orchestra Clinic, national conferences of Music Educators National Conference & College Band Directors National Conference. He has made numerous presentations at state music conference, and internationally in Shaghai China, Mainz Germany, Echternach Luxembour, Graz Austria and cities throughout Brazil. He has been published by Music Educators Journal, Journal for Music Teacher Education, Journal for Band Research, The Instrumentalist and the Bulletin of the Council for Research in Music Education.





Dr. Matt Smith from University of Kansas was recently in the area Guest Conducting at the Fox Valley Music Festival. Knowing this in advance, YHS Wind Ensemble held a special rehearsal on Sunday, April 26 in order to rehearse with Dr. Smith. Dr. Smith is somewhat of an expert on one of the pieces that the Wind Ensemble is preparing for their upcoming Super-State Performance. *Give Us This Day*, by David Maslanka is a piece that Dr. Smith conducts all over the country at various honor band festivals. His insight and expertise is valued and greatly appreciated by the YHS Bands.

## SENIORS 2015



#### Carter Aktabowski

Will attend Waubonsee Community College to study Criminal Justice.

Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble,
Full Orchestra, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip



Will attend Lewis University to major in
Music Business/Marketing and minoring in Music Technology.
Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Josheph, The Music Man,
The Drowsy Chaperone, Grease, National Anthem Soloist, Section Leader,
Full Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Strings, Fox Valley Music Festival,
ILMEA District Musician, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip, NYC Trip



#### Mike Anderson

Will attend Waubonsee Community College to study Computer Science.

Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Full Orchestra

#### **Amanda Armitage**

Will attend Carthage College to study Communications and Public Relations.

Cantabile, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Madrigal Player, Joseph,
The Music Man, The Drowsy Chaperone, Grease, Disney Trip





#### **James Arnold**

Will attend Waubonsee Community College and try out for the Chicago Wildfire.

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, N.I.B. XII Honors Choir, Bell Choir, Acafellas, Marching Band, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Full Orchestra, N.I.B. XII Honors Band, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip, NYC Trip, Tuba Christmas, YHS Brass Group



Will attend Cornell University to study Biometry and Statistics and play softball.

Symphony Orchestra, Fox Valley Music Festival, Disney Trip



#### Luis Avila

Will attend Saint Mary's University to study financing and run track and field. Concert Band, Symphonic Band



#### **Brandon Bailey**

Will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago to study Architecture.
Full Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo/Ensemble
Contest, Disney Trip, NYC Trip





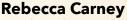
#### **Josh Bell**

Will attend Illinois State University to study Secondary Education as a History Major. Bell Choir, Marching Band, Section Leader, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Solo/Ensemble Contest, NYC Trip



**Zachary Belles** 

Will attend North Central College to study Music Education. Madrigal Player, Madrigal Server, Joseph, The Music Man, The Drowsy Chaperone, Marching Band, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Full Orchestra, Pit Orchestra, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo Recital, Solo/Ensemble Contest, NYC Trip



Will attend Carroll University to study Biology in the Pre-Physical Therapy Program.

The Drowsy Chaperone, Marching Band, Section Leader, Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, Full Orchestra, N.I.B. XII Honors Band, Clarinet Choir, Pit Orchestra, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo/Ensemble, Disney Trip, NYC Trip





Adam Dwyer

Will attend the University of Illinois to study biochemistry and perform in the Marching Illini.

Madrigals, The Music Man, The Drowsy Chaperone, Grease, Marching Band, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, Saxophone Quartet, Solo Recital, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip





Adam Elwood

Will attend Waubonsee Community College.

Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Full Orchestra, N.I.B. XII Honors Band, Community Band, Guitar Course, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip, NYC Trip



Lucas Erb

Will attend the University of Illinois to study computer science. The Music Man, The Drowsy Chaperone, Grease, Marching Band, Drum Major, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, Full Orchestra, N.I.B. XII Honors Band, Clarinet Choir, Saxophone Quartet, Pit Orchestra, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip, NYC Trip





Vince Fann

Will attend community college in Texas. Concert Band, Disney Trip, NYC Trip





Poijat, Concert Choir, Varsity Choir





Nathan Gonzalez

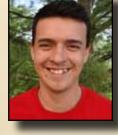
Will attend Waubonsee Community College in the hopes of transferring to Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Varsity Choir, Symphony Orchestra, Madrigal Singers, Chamber Singers, Pit Orchestra, Fox Valley Music Festival, ILMEA District Musician, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip



**Brad Gilkey** 

Will study to become an electrical engineer. Poijat, Varsity Choir, Chamber Singers





Jonathan Gramme

Will attend Aurora University to study Athletic Training and play football. Poijat, Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Disney Trip



Will try and break the longest kite flying time record. Cantabile, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, N.I.B. XII Honors Choir





Erin Haddon

Will attend Bringham Young University in Idaho. The Music Man, Marching Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Full Orchestra, N.I.B. XII Honors Band, Flute Choir, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip

#### **Josh Harrison**

Will attend Waubonsee to receive an associate's degree. The Drowsy Chaperone, Bell Choir, Yorkville Brass, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Full Orchestra, N.I.B. XII Honors Band, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo/Ensemble Contest, NYC Trip





#### Isaiah Jackson

Will attend either Carthage College or St. Xavier University to study Music Education.

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Madrigal Server, Joseph, The Music Man, The Drowsy Chaperone, Grease, Acafellas, Jazz Band, Full Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Music Student of the Term, Disney Trip, NYC Trip



#### **Maddie Johnston**

Will attend Joliet Junior College to work towards becoming a veterinary technician. Cantabile, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir



#### Jennifer Karales

Will attend Waubonsee Community College with plans on transferring to Northern Illinois University to study Accounting. Full Orchestra, FBLA, T.R.Y., Key Club, Student Ambassadors, National Honors Society, Symphony Orchestra, Madrigal Strings, Chamber Strings, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip, NYC Trip



#### Joseph Katula

Will attend Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, Full Orchestra, N.I.B. XII Honors Band, Clarinet Choir, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip, NYC Trip



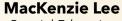


Will attend Valparaiso University to study Engineering. Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Strings, Fox Valley Music Festival, Disney Trip, NYC Trip





**Summer Lara**Will attend the University of Minnesota to study Biology.
Cantabile, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, N.I.B. XII Honors Choir, Joseph, The Music Man



Will attend Northern Illinois University to study Special Education.

Cantabile, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir



Joshua Lindholm

Will attend Aurora University to study Business.

Poijat, Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, N.I.B. XII Honors Concert, The Music Man

**Denham Lizzio** 

Will attend Waubonsee Community College. Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble





Johnny Maldonado
Will attend a college to study Law Enforcement.
Concert Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Cello Choir, Fox Valley Music Festival,
Disney Trip

**Lucas Maaske** 

Will attend college, play soccer, and study pre-physical therapy.

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir





**Delmar McPhail**Will study Music and Business in college.
Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble

Sarah Megazzini

Will attend the University of Missouri to study Nutritional Sciences.

Cantabile, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Disney Trip





**Madeline Nauert** 

Will attend the University of Missouri to study Nutritional Sciences. Cantabile, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Disney Trip



Alexandria Nerko

Will attend the College of DuPage. Concert Choir, Treble Choir, NYC Trip



#### Michael Pansera

Will attend the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to study Mechanical Engineering and the Air Force ROTC.

Madrigal Player, Yorkville Bass, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, Full Orchestra, N.I.B. XII Honors Band, Fox Valley Music Festival, ILMEA District Musician, ILMEA All-State Musician, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Music Student of the Term, Disney Trip, NYC Trip, Yorkville Big Band





**Anuj Patel** 

Will attend the University of Illinois to study Biology with a minor in Chemistry/Biochemistry.

Yorkville Brass, Marching Band, Section Leader, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Full Orchestra, N.I.B. XII Honors Band, Solo/Ensemble Contest



Will attend Illinois State University with plans to major in Physical Education. Marching Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Disney Trip





**Abby Perez** 

Will attend Columbia College in Chicago to study
Television Screenwriting and Producing.
Full Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Madrigal Strings,
Chamber Strings, Orchestra Officer, Fox Valley Music Festival, Advanced
Chamber Group



Will attend Waubonsee Community College.
Poijat, Concert Choir, Varsity Choir





**Vincent Pizzo** 

Will attend University of Missouri to study Pre-Medicine.

Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Joseph, The Music Man, The Drowsy Chaperone,
Grease, Marching Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Full
Orchestra, Solo/Ensemble Contest



Will attend the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill to study Biology on the Pre-Medicine track.

Section Leader, Full Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Madrigal Strings, Chamber Strings, Orchestra Officer, Pit Orchestra, Fox Valley Music Festival, ILMEA District Musician, Solo/Ensemble Contest





**Heather Quincy** 

Will attend Waubonsee Community College to get an Associate's Degree with the hopes of transferring to North Central to pursue Art Education. Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, Cello Choir, Chamber Strings, Solo/Ensemble, Cellist for worship team.

Vanessa Ramos

Will attend Ball State University to study Business in the Miller College of Business Honors Program. Madrigal Server, Marching Band, Drum Major, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip, NYC Trip





**Hudson Rothman** 

Will attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to study Aerospace Engineering. Full Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Cello Choir, Chamber Strings, Orchestra Officer, Fox Valley Music Festival, Disney Trip, NYC Trip



**Brianne Soles** Will attend Waubonsee Community College to study Physical Therapy. Pep band, Concert Band

Craig Soling Jr. Will attend Waubonsee to study Psychology. Concert Band, Disney Trip



Abigail Sprandel

Will attend Loyola University in Chicago to study Biology/Pre-Medicine. Section Leader, Full Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Madrigal Strings, Chamber Strings, Pit Orchestra, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Music Student of the Term, Disney Trip, NYC Trip, Orchestra at St. Patrick's and St. Anne's Catholic Churches



Joe Start

Will attend college to study Computer Programming/Science. Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra



**Rachel Strobel** 

Will attend Michigan Technological University to study Chemical Engineering. Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, N.I.B. XII Honors Band, Clarinet Choir, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip



**Alex Swartwout** 

Will attend Florida State University to study Comercial Music. Marching Band, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Full Orchestra, N.I.B. XII Honors Band, Percussion Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Pit Orchestra, Fox Valley Music Festival, ILMEA All-State Musician, Disney Trip, NYC Trip



**Carly Teeling** 

Will attend Loyola University to study Forensic Psychology. Cantabile, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Madrigal Server, Joseph, The Music Man, Bell Choir, Disney Trip



**Jacob Walter** 

Will attend college to improve in art with hopes to one day be a storyboard artist. Symphonic Band, Pep Band, Marching Band, Percussion Ensemble



**Marissa White** 

Will attend Paul Mitchell the School.

Sugar Canes, Marching Band, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Bands of America, Greater St. Louis Marching Festival, National Anthem at St. Louis Cardinals game, Disney Trip

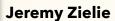


**Edric Yu** 

Will study Computer Science.

Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Madrigal Server, The Music Man, The Drowsy Chaperone, Grease, Bell Choir, Acafellas, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip





Will continue going to school. Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, NYC Trip



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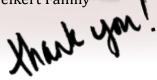
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