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## Music Award Winners...



Jennifer Corrington  
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Choral Award



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Jazz Award



Nicole Krips  
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Christa Batka  
John Phillip  
Sousa Award

# Junior High, High School Contest Results

Solo/Ensemble and Organizational Contests sponsored by state music organizations were held during the months of February, March and April for both middle school and high school level students. More than 240 music students from the Yorkville schools performed in the contests.

The directors are very appreciative of the atmosphere of support fostered by music parents and administrators in this district. We want you to know how sincere we are: we have only to look at other districts (some quite nearby) to compare the support for positive musical experiences here as opposed to the intense pressure at some other schools where the feeling is, "Don't come home unless you get that Division I rating." Our philosophy is that students learn best through positive teaching, and that contests are good experiences because of what we learn in preparation for them, not just the score we receive while there.

We would like to recognize the students for the number of hours of preparation they invested prior to these contests.

Circle Center students participated in the Illinois Grade School Music Association's contest, held February 27 at Indian Trails Junior High School in Plainfield. The IGSMA awards medals for Division I (excellent) and Division II (good) performances in

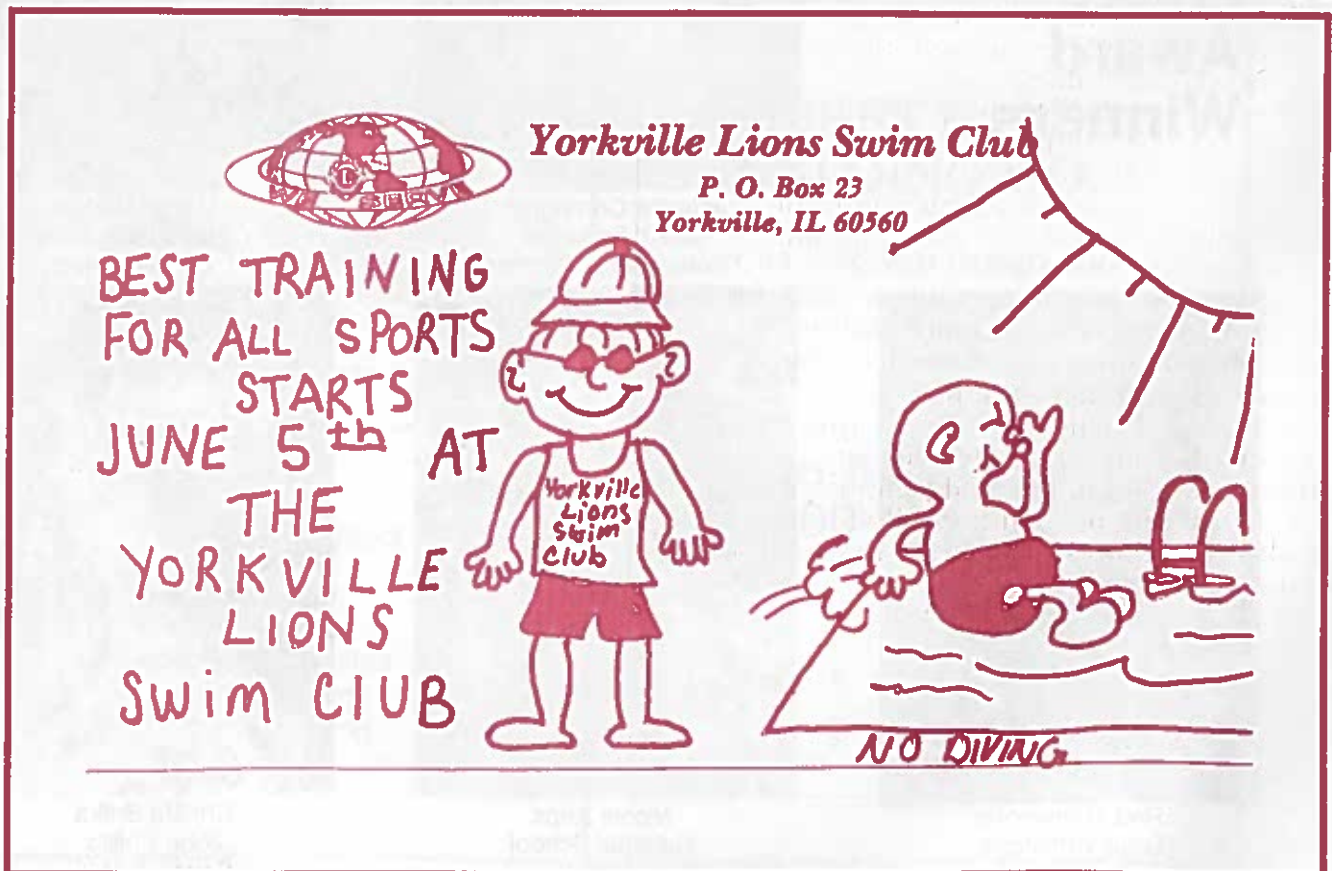
both solo and ensemble (small group) categories. No medals are awarded for Division III or IV performances.

The following students received medals for Division I solo performance: Valerie Milam (soprano), Philip Gaebler (violin), Kara Heintz (violin), Kurt Muth (violin), Wes Dickson (viola), Curt Bastian (bass), Naomi Woosnam (flute), Wes Dickson (bassoon), Sarah Engelhardt (French horn), Jacob Ament (trumpet), Wes Dickson (piano), and Jill Johnson (piano).

Students receiving Division II solo medals were: Linda Ashley (soprano), Alissa Corrington (violin), Katie Holmgren (violin), Jennifer Hart (cello), Brooke Skeen (trumpet), Sarah Engelhardt (piano) and Diane Steinhoff (piano).

Ensembles that received Division I medals included choral students: Mark Morris, Jeff Olson, John Warpinski, Chad Ravens, Ryan Doty, and Derek Scott (male double trio); Kristen Jungkans, Michelle Hill, Heidi Leifheit, Stacy Boytor, Stephanie Tripp and Dee Albrecht (female double trio); Nichole Hernandez, Beth Turner, Nicole Moore, Yaritza Amador, Lisa Ashley and Tess Pierce (female double trio); Niki Ratos, Myra Machacek, Coryn Commare, Kara DeFelice,

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# Music Contest Participants Recognized

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Brianne Hall and Jackie Borneman (female double trio); Gina Basinger, Jessica Mayton, Cyndy Stamm, Lesley Britt, Marcy Morales and Heather Bradstreet (female double trio); and Sarah Spang and Jenny Stewart (female duet).

Division I orchestra students receiving medals were: Michelle Goodman and Angie Marr (violin duet); Alissa Corrington and Brittany Sytar (violin duet); Missy Lupei and Jennifer Tagle (violin/viola duet); Diane Steinhoff and Wes Dickson (violin/viola duet); Nichole Lupei and Alicia Cool (violin/cello duet); Ben Draper and Greg Barrette (cello duet); and string octet members Missy Lupei, Kurt Muth, Teal Hutton, Philip Gaebler (violins), Brian Page (viola), Chris Bastian (cello), Kristin Hejtmanek (bass) and Diane Steinhoff (piano). Missy Lupei and Valerie Moring performed a flute/violin duet, and Diane Steinhoff and Sarah Engelhardt played a piano duet that also received Division I ratings.

Choral ensembles earning Division II medals were: Kari Clawson, Abby Ament, Jamie Gartner, and Lisa O'Brien (female double duet); and Cherie Alderson, Sara Metzger, Denise Graydon and Desi Kick (female double duet).

Orchestra ensembles receiving Division II medals included: Amber Jurgens and Katie Holmgren (violin duet); Alissa Corrington and Jennifer Hart (violin/cello duet); Brittany Sytar and Jennifer Hart (violin/cello duet); and Kurt Muth, Jennifer Tagle and Ben Draper (violin/viola/cello trio).

On Saturday, March 6, YHS music students participated in the Illinois High School Association's Solo and Ensemble Contest at Kaneland High School. The IHSA awards medals for Division I (superior) performances. The Division II category is awarded for excellent performances. Vocal, flute and piano soloists from YHS performed on Saturday. YHS ensembles included vocal duets and quartets, a flute/violin duet and a viola/bass duet.

Soloists earning Division I medals were: Laura Engelhardt (flute), Christa Batka (flute), Jennifer Corrington (soprano), Jennifer Elkerton (soprano), Marta Swanson (soprano), Laura Engelhardt (soprano).

Ensembles receiving Division I medals were: Jamie and Jennifer Elkerton (female duet); Carlyn Bartles and Jennifer Corrington (female duet); and Marta Swanson and Laura Engelhardt (female duet).

Soloists earning a Division II rating were: Carlyn Bartles (soprano), Jamie Elkerton (soprano), Laura

Walter (soprano), Christa Batka (mezzosoprano), Melissa Lee (soprano), Samantha Tippy (soprano), Debbie Morrison (soprano), Jason Benesh (tenor), Dave Fiala (baritone) and Shawn Batka (baritone).

Ensembles receiving a Division II rating included: Nichole Krips and Christa Batka (flute/violin duet), Greg Johnson and Matt Pavesich (viola/bass duet); Christa Batka and Melissa Lee (female duet); Varsity Men's Quartet (Jason Benesh, Nathan Leaf, Aaron White and Dave Fiala); and Shermeen Pendry and Brandy Frees (female duet).

Following the completion of Solo and Ensemble Contests involving both schools, several ensembles went to Organizational Contest. Congratulations are in order to the Circle Center Concert Band and 8th Grade Concert Choir for their Division I ratings. All of the YHS ensembles participated in the IHSA Contest held at Wauconda High School on April 17. The Varsity Singers came away with the lone Division I rating, although all the groups performed very well. The Concert Choir, Jazz Band, Concert Band and Orchestra all earned Excellent ratings, and missed the Superior (Division I category) by a matter of just one or two points out of a possible 40.

Congratulations to all the participants!

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Senior choral students are, back, left to right, Shawn Batka, Dave Fiala, Aaron White, Jason Benesh; middle, Samantha Tippy, Melissa Hard, Carlyn Bartles, Molly Wendt, Christa Batka; front, Jennifer Elkerton, Jamison Elkerton, Sandi Larson, Niki Morella and Jennifer Corrington.

## Choral Students Capture Headlines

*By Mark French, High School Choral Director*

The school year has flown by-- a very successful year for YHS vocalists. After singing very well at the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest in March, the following students performed at the Lyons Township High School "Invitational": Carlyn Bartles, Cristin Bartles, Christa Batka, Jason Benesh, Jennifer Corrington, Jamison Elkerton, Jennifer Elkerton, Laura Engelhardt, Dave Fiala, Chris Parker and Marta Swanson. The Invitational is prestigious annual event at which soloists and ensembles have the opportunity to sing twice, for two different judges. Each student is assigned to a room along with students from other schools. All of the performers in each room sing, and all remain in that room to listen to each other. Our students performed well and were able to watch some wonderful performers from other schools, too.

At the IHSA State Organizational Contest on April 17, the Varsity Singers distinguished themselves for the second year in a row by earning a Division I (Superior) rating. The Concert Choir did an outstanding job as well, missing the Division

I rating by just one point. Congratulations to all for a very fine representation of Yorkville High School.

Our performance schedule continues with five remaining major events: the Ice Cream Social (May 8), a special concert of the Women's Select Ensemble at the Congregational Church (May 13 at 7:30 p.m.), the Great America Competition (May 15), the District Choir Concert (May 25), and the District Jazz Concert (May 27).

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By Angela Radtke, Middle School Choral Director

Here we are facing Summer and it's hard to believe! My first full year at CCMS has flown by (I can say this in retrospect)! Now, all of the rainy, blue and "rough" days as well as the sunny, rewarding and "up" days fade into a complete picture of continual growth and progress. Looking at this picture, I can't help feeling proud.

Every student has grown not only physically but musically as well! It is exciting to remember the small, breathy voices from last August, and to hear

the expressive, beautiful voices today! The students have come from singing as individuals to listening and creating sound together as an ensemble.

In the past few weeks, in addition to continuing vocal technique and improving performance skills, we have been working on sightreading. The students have done very well, and the improvement was obvious when we started a new piece. "Black notes" and funny-looking "flags" are beginning to gain real meaning, and singers are becoming musicians!

Thank you to all of the parents who have been so supportive. Your notes and phone calls of encouragement were greatly appreciated! I would also like to thank each and every student of mine for your hard work and achievements. This year will always be a memorable one for me!

Have a great summer--you've earned it!

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## Busy Year For Bands Almost Over

*By Steve Moline, Band Director*

The party is almost over! And what a party it has been this school year. Our bands continue to grow in size, experience and musical ability. A sense of caring and pride within the bands has reached a "high" as the year comes to a close.

The Cadet Band continues to gain confidence in their level of play. What a joy it has been to see and hear these youngsters develop over the year. A great many "smiley faces" are evident during lessons and full band practice.

The Varsity Band seems to really take pride in their "job" as musicians. These sixth graders care for and about each other. The Concert Band has come a long way in the three years since I have been here. This band traveled to Hufford JHS in Joliet for an early morning performance and Division I rating, which was a real thrill.

Home football and basketball games, three

concerts, NIU Band Day, two jazz festivals, state contests, Little Seven and Fox Valley Festival, Homecoming parade and graduation performance...the YHS Band members have given up their time to participate in these activities. My sincere thanks to each and every member of this fine band.

A very special thanks to our graduating seniors for a job well done: Christa Batka, Shawn Batka, Ginger Basinger, Jamie Doppelhammer, Denise Kocher, Wendy Parker, Scott Sibenaller and Rod Thanepohn. My hat goes off to the "wannabees," who play in the band even though unable to take the class for credit: Shawn Batka, Leora Benesh, Laura Engelhardt, Wendy Parker and Scott Sibenaller.

Have a great summer, and let's renew our musical friendship next year!



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# Orchestra

## Orchestra Hall trip a highlight of the year

By Dr. Martha Henrickson, Orchestra Director

Looking back and remembering the highlights of a certain period of time is truly one of the gifts available to the human race. The 1992-1993 school year has been full of happy times with students, particularly our music-making and spirit of teamwork.

A very special highlight was the opportunity to take 11 string students from CCMS and YHS to hear a violin recital in Orchestra Hall. Donna Bastian deserves accolades for volunteering to drive in and oversee dinner at Bennigan's prior to the concert! We enjoyed the very intense and virtuosic performance of Gidon Kremer, a Russian emigre. We also enjoyed the trek backstage to collect autographs from the violinist and pianist! Thank you to the parents who enabled their daughters and sons to go on this venture. A mixture of grade levels and instruments were represented by the students who were able to attend: Amanda and Chris Bastian, Alicia Cool, Wes Dickson, Ben Draper, Kara Heintz, Teal Hutton, Angie Marr, Brian Page,

Diane Steinhoff and Jennifer Tagle. We all enjoyed the binoculars that Brian thought to bring!

The YHS Orchestra made great strides in their performance ability as a group during the month of April. At the IHSA Contest on April 17 at Wauconda High School, they exhibited poise and maturity, even while being disappointed with their overall rating. They continued to work hard toward their Great America competition, refining some of the gains they had made in group intonation and tone.

The orchestra program in Yorkville has been very fortunate during my tenure in graduating just two seniors in three years. Next year I will miss both Nicole Krips, a YHS graduate-to-be, and Teal Hutton, who will be entering high school in Omaha, Nebraska when her family moves this summer. I will hope that some talented students will move in this summer as they did in the past year.

Have a wonderful summer, filled with times of relaxation and excitement!

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Senior art students include, front, left to right, Nikki Roller, Danielle Lippard, Samantha Tippy, Hope Conway and Carrie Johnson; and, back, Aaron Danker, Jeremy Moore, Ben Loftus and Shawn Batka.

## Some graduates will pursue art careers

*By Carolyn Freese, Art Teacher*

The 1992-1993 art students at YHS are in full production mode. Students have been, and are currently preparing and exhibiting work for several events.

The Basic Design Class is working on color theory projects as well as preparing for the annual High School Art Expo on May 8 and 9. All the YHS art students will be exhibiting work at the Expo, but is the responsibility of the Basic Design class to put on the show. This year the event has special significance in that the music and drama departments are joining in on Saturday, May 8 to present the "Showcase of the Arts" festival at Beecher Center. This should be a great finale for senior art students Danielle Lippard, Stacy Danduran, Dave Holly, Shawn Batka, Jeremy Moore, Ben Loftus, Nikki Roller, Jenny Elkerton, Aaron Danker, Kevin Sommers, Carrie Johnson, Brad Davis, B.J. Gerl and Samantha Tippy. The May 8-9 Expo will also be a fine opportunity for everyone to view the quality art produced by these

and many other talented students at Yorkville High School.

Graduating seniors Danielle Lippard, Jenny Elkerton and Aaron Danker are preparing to pursue careers in art: Danielle will attend Brigham Young University in Utah, Aaron Danker has been accepted at Savannah Art School in Georgia, and Jenny Elkerton plans on attending North Central College or College of DuPage. Carrie Johnson has chosen a nursing career but hopes to squeeze in an art course whenever possible.

Yorkville recently placed third in the Little Seven Conference Art Show. Rachel Engelhardt won first place in painting and Jason Kocher took first in the drawing category. Honorable mention went to Jenny Elkerton, Ben Gill, Aaron Danker and Carrie Johnson.

Matt Wulf, Carrie Johnson and Rachel Engelhardt currently have works on display at Waubensee Community College, as part of the High School Invitational Show.

Congratulations to all of the YHS Art students for their hard work!

***A look back at spring and fall play highlights.***





Seniors in speech and theater are, back, left to right, Jim Tunnell, Ryan Kremer, Dave Malohn, Dave Fiala, Rod Thanepohn, Aaron White, Josh Arntzen; middle, Samantha Tippy, Christa Batka, Melissa Hard, Carlyn Bartles, Danielle Lippard, Jamie Elkerton, Jennifer Corrington and Jenny Elkerton.

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# Curtain Comes Down For Seniors

By Colleen Konop, Director

As the curtain closed on the Saturday performance of *Our Town*, the curtain also came down on the high school acting careers of many talented and dedicated young thespians. The class of '93 will take with it many memories of the stage: friendships made, rehearsals endured, and, of course, the applause. Showcased below are our graduating seniors in their most compelling roles:

**Josh Arntzen:** Usually manning the sound board, Josh captured the role of muscle-bound idiot Bruno in *Captain Fantastic* with the touch of a pro.

**Carlyn Bartles:** The dizzy, love struck Nurse Kelly was portrayed by Carlyn with a certain flair in *Harvey*.

**Christa Batka:** Didn't we all have a Panther Woman teacher like Christa's version of Ms. Clinger? (*Captain Fantastic*). Very solid, if not fear-inspiring rendition!

**Jason Benesh:** Only one role on the YHS stage, but with the style and mastery of a pro. Jason made George Gibbs live in *Our Town*.

**Jennifer Corrington:** Who wouldn't love a commanding, yet gentle principal like Mrs. Potter, brought to us by Jen in *Captain Fantastic*.

**Jamie Elkerton:** As a twelve year old sister, Jamie had us all wondering about where the moon was shining as Rebecca Gibbs in *Our Town*.

**Jenny Elkerton:** Pretty as a Homecoming Queen candidate and "cheesy" as Rat Hole Club waitress... *Captain Fantastic* showed Jen's versatility well.

**Dave Fiala:** A master of lighting techniques, Dave has also graced the stage as well. Perhaps his most horrific was his rendition of the cold aristocrat, *Dracula*.

**Melissa Hard:** Hard to choose a "best performance", yet wonder hero Girl Marvel and sports writer Agnes Griddle had to be one of Mel's strongest comedic roles.

**Ryan Kremer:** B-B-B- Buckethead! From superhero to janitor, Ryan did it all in *Captain Fantastic*.

**Danielle Lippard:** The range from delicate and loving to a demonically possessed monster in the making was handled with a fine touch as Lucy Westenra in *Dracula*.

**Dave Malohn:** With nearly half the dialogue in the play belonging to him, Dave took control of the action of *Our Town* as the Stage Manager. Dave mastered this role with a dry sense of humor and a great deal of maturity.

**Rich Marciniak:** Only appearing in one show, Rich gave an impressively realistic touch to the outcast Simon Stimson in *Our Town*.

**Brandy Runkle:** A slightly daffy mother, Mrs.

Mayberry gave her all for Penelope's sake in *Captain Fantastic*.

**Rodney Thanepohn:** As the crazed, possessed Renfield, Rod brought a touch of macabre humor to the melodramatic *Dracula*.

**Samantha Tippy:** Lending her pretty voice to Grover's Corners choir, Samantha was a fun and fresh newcomer to our stage.

**Jim Tunnell:** Showcased only one time on the stage, Jim had his audience loving his little boy character in *Voices*, part of the *Twilight Trilogy*.

**Aaron White:** Played with realism, sensitivity, and maturity, Aaron's Dr. Gibbs would make any town, not just *Our Town*, feel healthier and happier.

**Fall Play Awards:** Best actor Nate Leaf, Best actress Michelle McCormick, Most Improved Ryan Kremer, Backstage Josh Arntzen, Above and Beyond Melissa Hard.

**Spring Play Awards:** Best actor Dave Malohn, Best actress Rommy Mueller, Most Improve Aaron White, Backstage Dave Fiala, Above and Beyond Jen Corrington.

**Speech Team:** Most Valuable Dave Malohn and Melissa Hard, Senior Rod Thanepohn, Novice Jen Corrington, Spirit Michelle McCormick, Coaches Mary Sanders and Brenda Moring.

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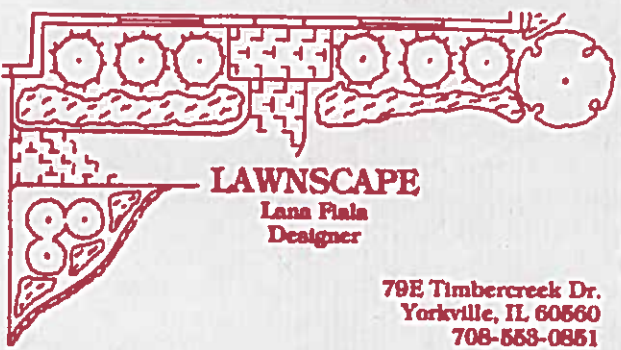
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# Calendar

Monday, May 24	District Orchestra Concert	YHS Gym	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 25	District Choir Concert	YHS Gym	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 27	District Jazz Concert	YHS Gym	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 1	CCMS 8th Grade Honors Night	CCMS Gym	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 6	YHS Graduation	YHS	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 9	Market Days Pick up	YGS	afternoon



Pictured above are the junior high music award winners, left to right, back row, Jacob Ament, Kevin Price, Kurt Muth and front row, Alicia Cool, Linda Ashley, Nichole Hernandez.



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