Music Notes

2008-09 Madrigals Retreat

Over the weekend of October 31st, the Yorkville Madrigals went on a retreat to Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort, IL. Camp Manitoqua specializes in team building with ropes course and a rock wall and zip lining. The students also had plenty of musical practice time to further prepare for the Madrigal Dinner and some good social and bonding time. Many new friendships were formed, existing relationships were strengthened, and a great time was had by all.

Matt on the Ropes

Group Photo

Blake on the Ropes

Group on the Ropes

groups, and the Madrigals participated in six hours of activities to that end, including an obstacle teams course in the woods, a high

District #115 Music Faculty Recital

Congratulations to all district #115 music faculty who performed in the first district music faculty recital in over ten years. The recital which took place on November 25th in the YHS recital hall, was filled with professionalism and beautiful music. Accompanied by pianist, Mary Ann Free, the following Yorkville District #115 Music Faculty performed:

- Peg Trumble, mezzo-soprano
- Victor Anderson, tenor trombone
- Michael McHugh, tenor
- Casandra Gallagher, French horn
- Patrice Lawson, soprano
- Christy Motley, soprano
- Meredith Melvin, euphonium
- Ken Wayne, baritone
- Gerry Romack, violin

Yorkville Music Students Participate in Summer Theater

Many Yorkville music students spent their summer vacations working with local theater companies putting on musicals. Indian Valley Theater's senior workshop put on a production of "Shakespeare Comes to Calamity Creek", including Louis Allen, Clark Allen, Jordan Brosi and Meredith Olson.

Fox Country Players put on "Disney's Beauty & the Beast", which starred YHS alumnus Claire Barnhart and YHS choral director, Ken Wayne as the title characters, and Blake Malley as LeFou. The chorus included YHS students Louis Allen, Rob Bermudez, Laurel Gawlik, Devin Johnston, Anya Malley, Taylor Molandro, Bethany Schick and Matt Weaver. Jake Teeling also worked backstage on the crew.

Mr. Wayne Guest Conducts at Choral Festival

On November 13th, Mr. Wayne, Choral Director at YHS, was invited to be the guest conductor at the Little 10 Conference Choral Festival. The ten schools participating brought their choir students to Hinckley-Big Rock High School for the day, where they prepared choral music, under Mr. Wayne's direction, for a concert later that evening. It is an honor to have Mr. Wayne represent Yorkville in this unique way.

New Music Staff

Kim Gyssler

Kim Gyssler graduated from Illinois State University in May 2008 with a degree in Music Education. While attending ISU she performed in the Illinois State University Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra as well as the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra and Heartland Symphony Orchestra.

She was a head teacher in the Illinois State University String Project where she taught beginning to advanced string students for five years. She received the Mary Jo Brown Music Scholarship in both 2006 and 2007 and also received the Friends of the Arts Scholarship in 2007.

Kim is a member of the American String Teachers Association (ASTA), Music Educators National Conference (MENC), and Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA). At the 2008 National ASTA Conference she was one of four guest panelists selected on behalf on the National String Project Consortium to share her experiences as a new teacher and the effect that String Project had in her new career.

Kim is currently the orchestra director for Grade Reserve Elementary School and Yorkville Intermediate School 5th and 6th grade orchestras and the Yorkville Middle School 7th/8th grade orchestra. She also teaches 6th grade general music at Yorkville Intermediate School.

Keira Mandley

Keira Mandley graduated from Elmhurst College in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. She also received an Associates Degree in Fine Arts with an emphasis in Piano Pedagogy from William Rainey Harper College, Palatine, IL, in 2005. While attending Elmhurst College, Keira was active in Sigma Alpha Iota, a professional women's music fraternity dedicated to community service and professional development. She also served as President of the Elmhurst College Women's Chorus during her junior year.

In January 2006 and January 2008, Keira was privileged to travel with a group of students to Jamaica where they taught in the public schools for two weeks. Keira's love for teaching is a direct result of the 2006 trip.

Keira is currently the general music teacher at Bristol Grade School with additional classes at Grande Reserve and Bristol Bay.

YHS Madrigal Dinner Now 15 Years Old

On December 5th, 6th and 7th, the YHS Madrigals performed the 15th annual Madrigal Dinner to great success. This year's script, entitled "The Taming of the Heinous Shrew-Wench", was a send-up of the classic Shakespearian story. In the Madrigal version of the story, Ashley Bendien plays the fair Bianca, who can only get married after her heinous shrew of a sister, Kate (Bethany Schick), is wed. Kyle Rorie, the knight who desperately wishes to marry Bianca, enlists the aid of the Jester (Brian King), to both woo the Wench and to bamboozle all the other suitors, who are also trying to win Bianca's hand in marriage. With his quick wit and creativity, the Jester manages to get Louis Allen, Devin Johnston and Blake Malley out of the way, but is unable to prevent Matt Teeling from winning Bianca over with his proclamations of true love. Scott Myers and Elenca Scherer added much humor as the Lord and Lady of the evening, and Abby Tang, Savanna Schillinger and Matt Weaver played the ever-present criers.

Providing beautiful music, this year's singers included: Louis Allen, Adrienne Batres, Rob Bermudez, Jordan Brosi, Brad Brown, Grace Carlino, Allie Free, Laurel Gawlik, Brittany Grist, Meghan Hilderbrand, Seth Jensen, Devin Johnston, Hayley Jones, Kristin Krouse, Blake Malley, Mallory McFee, Taylor Molandro, Meredith Olson, Tyler Riederer, Jimmy Robbins, Cree Sullivan, Dylan Sutcliff and Matt Teeling.

Thanks go to everyone out there, who has helped the Madrigal Dinner through its growth and change over the last fifteen years. May we see growth over fifteen more!

Check out the new Yorkville Music web-site:

www.yorkvillemusic.org

- calendars of events
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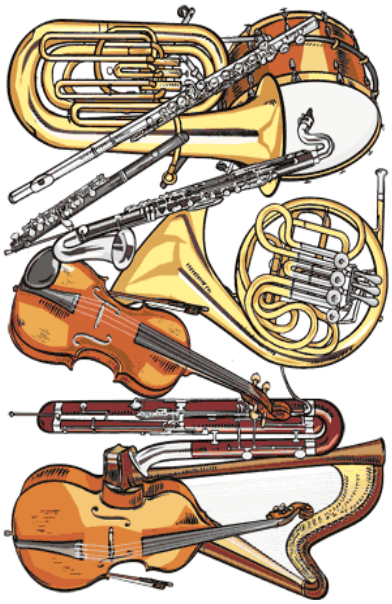

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Many private lesson teachers are available to Yorkville music students and more are becoming available every day as we continue to grow and attract more musicians to the area. Many professionals make a living playing music and are available to teach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

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NIU Professor works with YHS Bands

Dr. Thomas Bough joined the faculty of Northern Illinois University in the fall of 2005 as the Director of Athletic Bands. He directs the Huskie Marching Band and Pep Bands, the University Band, and teaches courses within the music education curriculum. Dr. Bough holds MM and DMA degrees in Tuba Performance from Arizona State University, where he was a student of Sam Pilafian and Dan Perantoni. He holds the degree Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Southwest Missouri State University, where he was active in both vocal and instrumental music. Previously, Bough served as the Assistant Director of Bands and Professor of Tuba and Euphonium at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois from 1999- 2005 and as the Band Director at Westwood High School in Mesa, Arizona from 1992 to 1999.

Dr. Bough has given two clinics this semester to the YHS Bands. On September 17th, Dr. Bough came out to Yorkville to work with the Marching Foxes. In addition to doing warm-ups and flexibility exercises with the band, he worked on fundamentals of marching. On December 2nd, Dr. Bough worked with the Symphonic Band. He rehearsed them on Eric Whitacre's *Sleep* and Alfred Reed's *Russian Christmas Music*.

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This year the Music Boosters held the first ever Red Paw Chili Supper. The event took place on October 27th at Yorkville Middle School and included a full supper of a variety of homemade chilis, cornbread, cookies, and drinks. In addition to good food there was also a raffle for gift baskets, and performances from YHS musicians including a string ensemble, the Madrigal Singers, and an indoor concert by the Marching Foxes. Approximately 300 music supporters attended the festivities which raised around $1500 for the Music Boosters.

Paw Supper

Thank you to all of the Yorkville Music Boosters and parents who cooked chili, baked muffins, cookies and cakes, and donated your time or other various gifts. The night was a huge success and excellent memory making opportunity for our young musicians!

YHS musicians succeed
Illinois Music Educators Association
SENIOR DISTRICT FESTIVALS

IMEA guest band conductor, Ray Cramer said it best. "It is rare to have this many students from this many schools in a gymnasium without the score board being lit up.... In music, everybody is a winner!"

Jimmy Robbins also represented YHS as a member of the IMEA District IX Jazz Band. The Jazz Festival was held on November 15th at St. Charles East High School.

The IMEA District Orchestra was under the guest-direction of Mr. Randal Swiggum, music director of the Elgin Youth Symphony. The orchestra performed the *Hands Across The Sea* by John Philip Sousa, *A London Symphony, mvt. IV* by Ralph Vaughn Williams, and *Symphony No. 4, mvt. IV,* by Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky.

The IMEA District Band was under the guest-direction of Mr. Ray E. Cramer formerly of Indiana University. Mr. Cramer led the band in *Red Rocks Fanfare* by John Bogunschutz, *Bulgarian Dances* by Franco Cesarini, the U.S. premiere of *Hymn of Brotherhood* by Egbert Van Groningen, and the world premiere of *Kahn*, by Julie Giroux.

Leading the IMEA District Choir was University of Illinois educator, Dr. Barrington Coleman. Dr. Colman and the IMEA Choir performed *Cantate Domino, At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners, Dirait-on, Viva L'amour, When I Fall In Love,* and *Have Ye Not Known/Ye Shall Have a Song.*

YHS students Joel Smith, Jimmy Robbins (band), Kori Haarz (orchestra), Devin Johnston, Matt Teeling, and Cree Sullivan (choir) were selected at the October 7th auditions at Addison Trail High School to participate in the November 22 **I**llinois **M**usic **E**ducators **A**ssociation concert at Plano High School. The concert featured approximately 400 choir students, 130 band students and 130 orchestra students from sixty high schools in the District IX Festival.

Upcoming Performances

December	5-7	YHS Madrigal Dinner	6:00 PM	YHS Cafetorium
	8	Music Boosters Meeting	6:15 PM	YHS Band Room
	9	GRES K-2nd Grade Musical	7:00 PM	GRES Gymnasium
	11	YMS Holiday Choral Concert	7:00 PM	YMS Auditorium
	14	YHS Holiday Choral Concert	2:00 PM	YMS Auditorium
	14	YHS Holiday Instrumental Concert	4:00 PM	YMS Auditorium
	15	Grades 5-8 Orchestra Concert	7:00 PM	YMS Auditorium
	16	6th Grade Choral Cocnert	7:00 PM	BBES Gymnasium
January	12	Music Boosters Meeting	6:15 PM	YHS Band Room
	13	5th & 7th Grade Band Concert	7:00 PM	YMS Auditorium
	15	6th & 8th Grade Band Concert	7:00 PM	YMS Auditorium
	28—31	IMEA All-State Music Conference		Peoria, Illinois
February	5	CCGS K-1st Grade Musical	7:00 PM	CCGS Gymnasium
	11	6th Grade Band Solo Night	5:00-9:00 PM	YHS
		6th Grade Orchestra Solo Night	5:00-8:00 PM	GRES
	19	Grade 6-12 Jazz Concert	7:00 PM	YHS Cafetorium
	24	GRES 3rd + 4th Grade Musical	7:00 PM	GRES Gymnasium
	24	BBES 4th + 5th Grade Musical	7:00 PM	BBES Gymnasium
	26	Western Sun Conference Band Festival	All Day	Sycamore High School
March	5	YHS Band Concert	7:00 PM	YMS Auditorium
	6-7	YMS Spring Musical—*Seussical, Jr.*	7:00 PM	YMS Auditorium
	7	IGSMA Orchestra Organizational Contest	TBA	Hufford Jr. High, Joliet
	9	Music Boosters Meeting	6:15 PM	YHS Band Room
	14	IGSMA Choir Organizational Contest	TBA	TBA
	16	YMS Choir Concert	7:00 PM	YMS Auditorium
	17	YHS Choir Concert	7:00 PM	YMS Auditorium
	18	Western Sun Conference Choir Festival	8:00 AM-3:00 PM	YMS
	19	BBES Band/Orchestra/Choir Concert	7:00 PM	BBES Gymnasium
	23	YHS Honors Recital Auditions	2:30 P.M.	YHS Choir Room
	24	GRES Band/Orchestra/Choir Concert	7: 00 P.M.	GRES Gymnasium
	26	YHS/YMS Orchestra Concert	7:00 P.M.	YMS Auditorium
	27/28	YHS Cabaret Night	7:00 P.m.	YHS Cafetorium

Marching Foxe

The YHS Marching Foxes once again, just completed a very successful marching season! The marching band traveled throughout the state parading and presenting their field show, "Disney's Fantasmic" to tens of thousands of marching band enthusiasts. Yorkville should be extremely proud of how well this band is representing our community!

The Marching Foxes under the leadership of drum majors Elena Scherer and Holly Taylor competed in Geneseo, Sandwich, and at the University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign. At each competition the band received high praise and helpful comments for improvement. In addition, The band received numerous trophies throughout the season.

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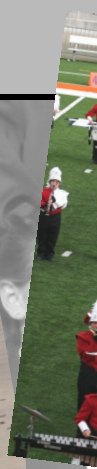

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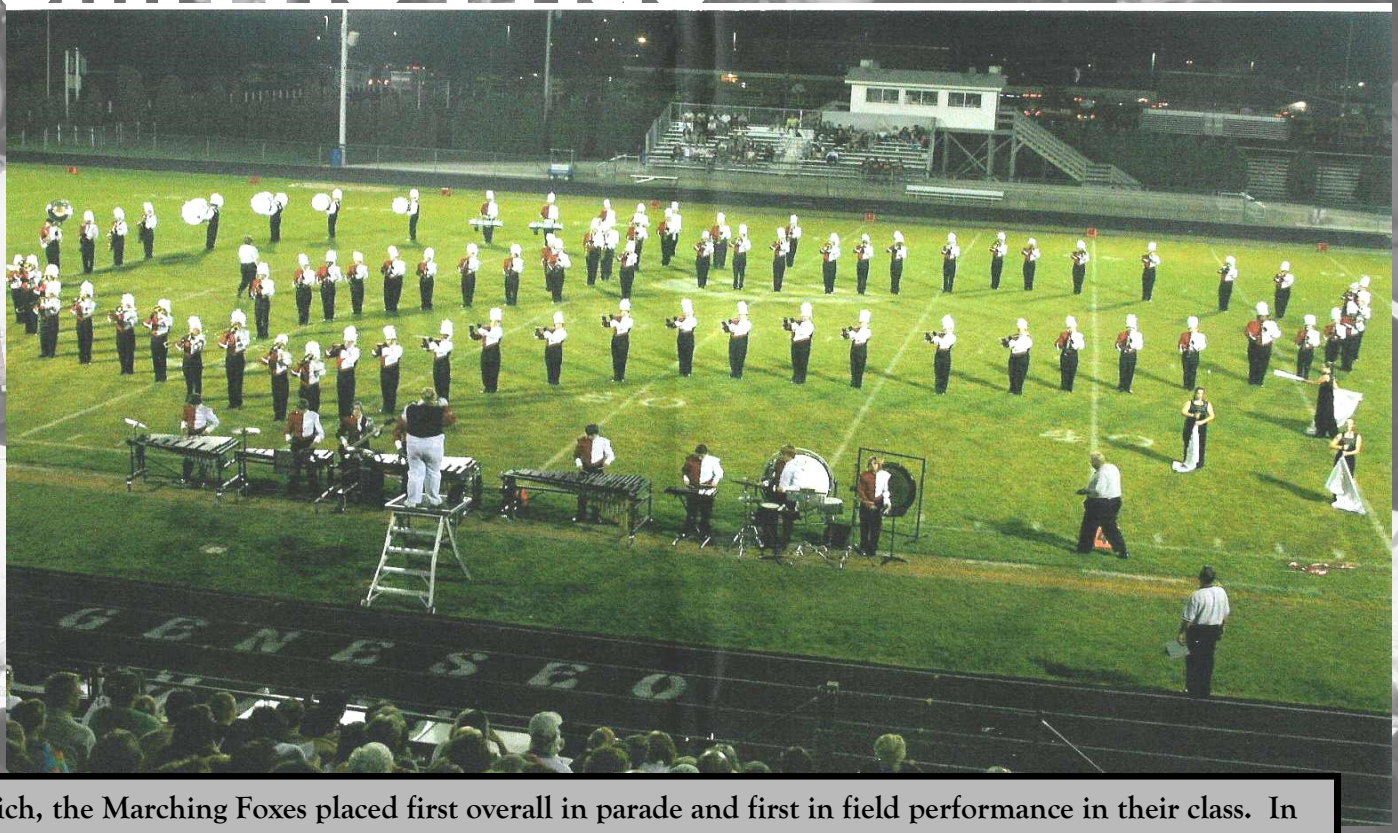

wich, the Marching Foxes placed first overall in parade and first in field performance in their class. In , they received first place captions in percussion, winds, and drum majors. Although the Sandwich ng Invitational was very rewarding, nothing topped the experience the Marching Foxes had at the March- i Parade & Field Show Competition in Urbana/Champaign. Performing in Memorial Stadium is an unforgettable and awesome experience! Congratulations to the Marching Foxes!

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Coming Soon...

On December 15 an 16 YMS will hold auditions for this year's musical, *Seussical, Jr.* This show has numerous roles including solos and chorus numbers, dance, and fantasy! It's a riot of song and spectacle. Tickets will be available on line for this March 6 & 7 show. Visit www.showtix4u.com after February 1 to reserve your seats! All seats $5.

***Seussical, Jr.* is presented by arrangement with MTI. It is directed by Ryan Barkauskas, Mrs. Christy Motley, and Mrs. Tamara Eaton.**

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YMS IMEA Participants

Row 1: Alexa Bridwell, Angela Fiorito,Josh O'Neill

Row 2: Haley Kieres, Noemi Pasillas, Autumn Medina, Michaela Shawl, Nicole Bodine, Cody Harvey

Row 3: Rikiyah Pryor, Felicia Frantz, Lindsay Kring, Kyle Schmunk, Calen Currie, Matt Quanstrom

Sixteen students represented Yorkville Middle School at the Illinois Music Educators Association District IX Junior High Festival on Saturday, November 8th at Waubonsie Valley High School in Aurora. Of the sixteen two where instrumentalists and were selected through a highly complex and competitive audition processes; Alexa Bridwell, oboe, and Angela Fiorito, viola. In total 551 young musicians from 65 area schools participated.

The band, choir, and orchestra were all lead by exceptional directors including Charles W Staley Jr., Fine Arts Chairman at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville (band), Nick Page, of the Boston Mystic Chorale (choir), and Ray Ostwald, of New York Community High School in Elmhurst (orchestra).

Congratulations Jr. IMEA participants!
We're proud of you!