

MUSIC NOTES

YORKVILLE CUSD 115
WINTER 2013-2014

YORKVILLE MUSIC DEPARTMENT ORCHESTRA HALL DEBUT



The Yorkville High School Wind Ensemble, under the Direction of Victor Anderson & Bobby Vriezen, concluded their 2012-2013 school year on May 27, 2013 with an amazing performance at *Orchestra Hall*, home to the world-famous Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The YHS Wind Ensemble is one of very few high school ensembles to have the opportunity to perform in this amazing venue. Most high school groups who play in Orchestra Hall must audition and pay premium rental rates for the use of the venue. Our very own Wind Ensemble was invited to perform as part of a concert organized by a music tour company that heard our band in their “Honor Band” performance at the University of Illinois Su-

perState Concert Band Festival last April.

The Wind Ensemble was the only band performing at Orchestra Hall on the National Choir Festival Concert; which consisted of two choirs made up of students and adults from around the country. The Wind Ensemble performance was absolutely amazing. All participants involved embraced the moment and enjoyed every aspect of this dreamy experience. Congratulations to the YHS Wind Ensemble for the incredible concert and the amazing experience of representing our community and school in a “once in a lifetime” experience!

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Wind Ensemble 2012-2013

Flute

Katie Haske
Kelly Fahle
Lindsay Foster
Erin Haddon
Melissa Jasutis
Rachel Weeks

Oboe

Alexa Bridwell
Rebecca Pape

Bassoon

Eddie Sandor

Clarinet

Kelsey Caldwell
Rebecca Carney

Lucas Erb

Audrey Fitzgerald
Natalie Hamp
Lauren Mahoney
Emily Kasprzyck
Elena Scherer

Bass Clarinet

Joe Katula

Alto Saxophone

Adam Dwyer
Katie Gette

Tenor Saxophone

Tim Robinson

Baritone Saxophone

Melissa Myers

Trumpet

Adam Elwood
Nikola Jelinkova
Rachel Plasch
Jace Steller
Daniella Tamayo

Horn

Nick Lambert
Kayleigh Manukas
Anthony Rizzi
Tommy Robbins

Trombone

Michael Krauss
Michael Pansera
Jeff Pratt

Euphonium

Holly Frankino
Brandon Randall

Tuba

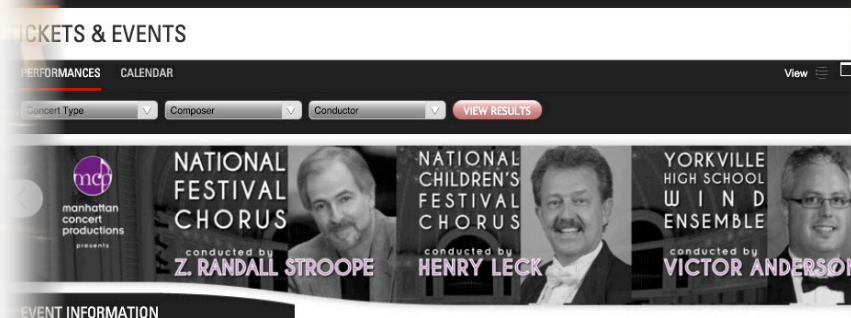
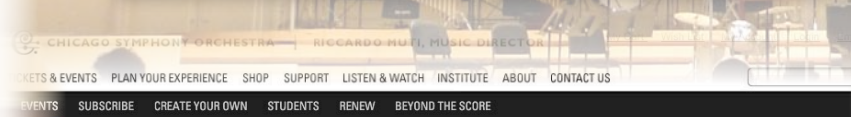
Chris Miller

Percussion

Ryan Barkauskas
Eric Bauer
Lynnessa Davis
Katie Lawrence
Aaron Spevak
Alex Swartwout
Dax Jantz

String Bass

Kolten Heeren





Madrigal Dinner Celebrates 20th Year

The 20th annual YHS Madrigal Dinner concluded December 6-8 at the YHS Cafetorium. This year, the Madrigals explore Shakespeare-with-a-twist, as they perform "The Taming of the Wench."

In the Madrigal version of the story, the fair Princess Bianca can only get married after her heinous shrew of a sister, Kate, is wed. Sebastian, the knight who desperately wishes to marry Bianca, enlists the aid of the Jester, 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 the other suitors out of the way, while overcoming a mysterious secret

from his past as he attempts to court the Wench.

Singers and actors include seniors Rob Delgado, Drew Kleyweg, Maddie Mormino, Wendy Myers, Chris Orisek, Sydney Seeman, Jenna Shanks, Monica Sleezer, Jake Smith, Justin Vacha, Bobby Allen, Will Belles, Rachel Eaton, and Emily Hanson; juniors James Arnold, Josh Lindholm, Maddy Nauert, Vincent Pizzo, and Jessica Vacha; sophomores Mackenzie Burke, Nick Damato, Carleigh Heriaud, Allyson Johnson, Levi Lindholm, Connor Lord, Declan Weaver, and Liz Welter; and freshman Bri Smith. Instrumental music was provided by the Yorkville Brass and the Madrigal Strings.

YORKVILLE STRINGS PERFORM THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY

Yorkville string students and alumni have had some opportunities to perform in the community for various events. We are very proud

of these students for going above and beyond to bring great music to the community.



High School String Students Play at the Kendall County Food Pantry on Tuesday, Sept. 10.



Yorkville String Students perform at School Board Meeting on Monday, Sept. 23.

RED PAW CHILI SUPPER

The 6th Annual Red Paw Chili Supper was held Saturday, November 9, 2013 at YHS. Over 400 family and friends came out for an evening of great music, food, raffles, and socializing with their extended Yorkville Music family.

A variety of Chilis (20 different kinds) were served along with toppings, hot dogs, corn bread, and desserts. Everyone was given the opportunity to vote for their favorite chili. This year's favorite chili and winner of the traveling trophy was made by the Schweikert Family with their "Dragon's Breath Chili" followed closely by the Castillo Family's "5 Bean Chili".

Musical entertainment during dinner was provided by Yorkville music students including the Yorkville Madrigals and Yorkville Chamber Strings. The Yorkville Marching Band concluded the evening with a performance of their 2013 Field Show: "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". The Yorkville

Music Boosters would like to send a great big Thank You to all of the families and businesses for their donations and countless volunteer hours that helped make this event a success raising nearly \$4000 for the Yorkville Music Boosters to use to lend support to our music programs. We would like to recognize

the following businesses for their donations to this event: Fox Valley Symphony, Yorkville School District #115 Music Department, Wendy's, Starbucks, Walgreen's, Rosati's, Yorkville Bowl, Lindsay Sher-Beverwyk, The Cherry On Top, Great Clips, Treasure Bread, Blackberry Oaks Golf Course.

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Silent Auction Winners

Band Basket: - Justin Stillson
Choir Basket - Sandy Whaley
Orchestra Basket - Deb Katula
Pink Paw Basket - Justin Stillson

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS...

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

The lights will be bright on our high school students as they perform this year's entertaining, raucous and swell production of "The Drowsy Chaperone", a 1928 musical within a modern day comedy. The show is narrated by the Man in the Chair, a wild fan and lover of musical theatre's Golden Era. As he plays for the audience the record of his favorite musical, the (fictional) hit The Drowsy Chaperone, the characters and musical numbers come to life in his very own apartment. The musical centers around Broadway star, Janet Van de Graaff, and her husband-to-be, the debonair Robert Martin. On Janet's wedding day, her Broadway producer will stop at nothing to cancel the wedding as to not lose his leading lady. Along the way, we meet Mrs. Tottendale, the quirky estate owner, and her savvy butler Underling. The young and ditzy Kitty follows around the producer, just dying to be a Broadway star, and two gangsters dressed up as pastry chefs try to collect their dues. An aviatrix happens to land at the wedding, a Latin womanizing buffoon sticks himself in the middle of the plot, and all the while Janet's best friend, the Drowsy Chaperone, is too drowsy to

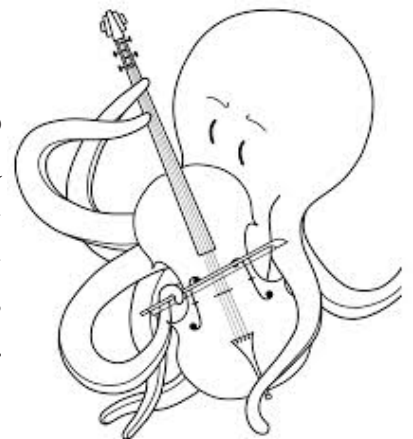
be her maid of honor. Mix-ups, mayhem, and a gay wedding! "The Drowsy Chaperone" was written in the late 1990s and made its Broadway debut in May 2006. It received 13 Tony nominations including Best Musical and won 5 Tony awards: Best Book of a Musical, Best Original Score, Best Performance by a Featured Actress, Best Scenic Design, and Best Costume Design.

Cast auditions for all interested high school students will be on Wednesday, January 29th after school. Audition packets will be available after winter break. Pit Orchestra auditions will be late January or early February by appointment. Any students interested in Backstage and Tech Crew can sign up with the director in February. Performances are scheduled for April 11th & 12th at 7pm and April 13th at 2pm in the Yorkville Middle School Auditorium. Tickets will be available on www.showtix4u.com in March for the general public. The musical production staff includes: Director- Rebecca Hof, Vocal Director- Mike McHugh, Pit Conductor: Meredith Melvin, Choreographer: Meg Simmons, and Technical Theatre Director: Tammy Eaton.

CELLO CHOIR

The Cello Choir was founded in 2012 for Yorkville High School cellists to Cellobrate CELLO!!! This group of cellists meets weekly before school at 6:45 am and during access. Of all the string instruments, the

rich, singing sound of the cello make it sound the most like a human voice. Upcoming performances include: Prism, Madrigal Dinners Pre-show, Fine Arts Festival, and Pop & Pretzels.



POP & PRETZELS



On Friday, April 25th the Orchestra Department will host our fourth annual Pop and Pretzels concert. This concert will feature performances by the 6th Grade Alternative Strings, YMS Alternative Strings and the High School Chamber Strings, along with a guest performance by the YHS Cello Choir. 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 2nd. If you would like to volunteer to help for this event please contact your child's Orchestra Director. We hope to see you there!

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.

Marching Foxes



Congratulations to the Marching Foxes on another successful season! This year's Marching Foxes performed at the Phantom Regiment Red and Black Fall Classic at Northern Illinois University, Oswego Marching Panther Review, University of Illinois Marching Illini Festival and Downers Grove South Mustang Music Bowl. In addition to the various competitions, the Marching Foxes performed at home football games and for the first time ever, a debut performance at Raging Waves Waterpark to conclude band camp.

Each season, the Marching Foxes serve as ambassadors for the city, Yorkville High School, as well as the entire school district through

various performances and community events. In addition, the Marching Foxes are part of an annual assembly that kicks off "Instrument Demo Week" for all fifth grade students.

A special thanks goes out to the members of the ensemble, student leaders, and parents who have given extra time throughout the season. The Marching Foxes would not have been able to achieve what they did without the countless hours of dedication by all those involved. This season, the field show was entitled "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and the Marching Foxes were under the field leadership of drum majors Stephanie Lundy, Kayleigh Manukas, and Melissa Myers.



HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA CLINIC/FESTIVALS

On February 15th the YHS Symphony Orchestra will attend the String and Orchestra Clinic at University of Illinois. The event features performances by high school orchestras from around the state in the Foellinger Great Hall. After the performance the students will receive comments from nationally recognized clinicians and receive a 40 minute clinic with one of them. The day concludes with a performance by the University of Illinois Symphony Orchestra.



The YHS Concert Orchestra will be performing at the String Day Festival at Northern Illinois University on February 18th. The event features a short performance by each high school group on the Concert Hall stage, followed by an on-stage critique conducted by NIU orchestra director Lucia Matos and a follow-up critique by a member of the Avalon Quartet. The day includes master classes with NIU string faculty, as well as a performance by the Avalon String Quartet.



Homecoming Week Pumpkin Contest

YHS Symphony Orchestra celebrates homecoming by entering student councils pumpkin decorating contest. Check out our Violin and our orchestra seniors!

*F*ine Arts Festival

Please join us to celebrate the talents of our Fine Arts students at Yorkville's third annual Fine Arts Festival open house on Saturday, March 15th from 9AM-4PM at Yorkville Middle School, 920 Prairie Crossing Drive, Yorkville, IL 60560.

This free event features the talents of Yorkville CUSD #115 students in music and art. Artwork will be on display throughout

the school, and musical groups will be performing continuously throughout the day.

Additional parking will be located in the Yorkville Intermediate School and Circle Center Grade School parking lots. A shuttle bus will run every 15 minutes. For more information on the Fine Arts Festival please contact your child's music teacher.

ORCHESTRA BBQ 2013



The Orchestra department hosted our annual BBQ again at Silver Springs State Park on Saturday, Sept. 14. We were very fortunate to have a great day to spend outside playing games and eating delicious food with our orchestra families and students. The Orchestra department would like to thank the Yorkville Music Boosters for sponsoring this great event for our orchestra students and families.

2013 New Music Faculty



Emily Beyer received her Bachelor of Music Education degree summa cum laude from Northern Illinois University in December 2007. At NIU, Mrs. Beyer was an active performer in the NIU Philharmonic, Early Music Ensemble, and various string quartets.

as orchestra director at Hinsdale Middle School in District 181. In her five and a half years, she taught 4th through 8th grade strings, fostering tremendous growth in the orchestra program. She also launched an extra-curricular ensemble, Jazz Strings, with which she traveled to Branson, MO and Disney World.

Currently, Mrs. Beyer directs the YMS Orchestras, YHS Guitar and assists with YHS Orchestras. She is an active performer on violin with the Fox Valley Orchestra, Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra, and other freelance engagements. In addition to classical music, she also sings and performs on electric violin in an original rock band. Mrs. Beyer lives in Elgin with her husband Jeremy and their two cats. She is thrilled to join the wonderful fine arts team in Yorkville.

After completing her student teaching in the Sycamore school district, Mrs. Beyer accepted a position



Ryan Martinez graduated from Illinois State University in the fall of 2012, with a Bachelor of Music Education. During his time at Illinois State, Mr. Martinez was in numerous performing ensembles, including Men's Glee, Concert Choir, and The ISU Clef Hangers.

and only mixed acapella group, and served as the Clef Hangers Treasurer and Vice President. He served as the Jr. High and High School Music Director of the Presbyterian Youth Choir in Bloomington, Illinois and Assistant Director of the Singing Red Birds Children's Choir. He had the opportunity to serve as the kindergarten music teacher through an internship, in which his lessons were featured and presented at the Illinois Music Educator's Conference by Dr. Kimberly McCord.

Currently, Mr. Martinez teaches K-3 General Music at CCGS. During his free time, he enjoys cooking and running. Mr. Martinez is honored to be a part of the music staff in Yorkville.

ers. Mr. Martinez was a founding member of the first



David Smith has been teaching choir since 2001. He began his career teaching Jr. High choir and general music in Tipton, Iowa, and then spent 8 years teaching choir at Johnsbury High School in Johnsbury, Illinois (the town of Tom Waits fame). While

and directed an award-winning madrigal program. Mr. Smith graduated from Macomb High School in 1996, and then attended Luther College, where he studied with Weston Noble and Tim Peter, and participated in numerous choral and instrumental ensembles. He graduated Magna cum laude in 2000 with Bachelors of Arts degrees in Music and Psychology.

Currently, Mr. Smith is Director of Choirs at YHS. Mr. Smith is a member of several state and national organizations, including the American Choral Director's Association, and the National Association for Music Education. In his free time, Mr. Smith enjoys spending time with his family and geocaching with his wife and one-year-old daughter, Afton.

in Johnsbury, Mr. Smith also taught AP Music Theory, directed the music for the annual musical,

ILMEA HONORS

Each year, thousands of students throughout Illinois audition and compete for a spot in the Illinois Music Educators Association Honors Band, Orchestra, and Choir. The state of Illinois is divided into nine districts; Yorkville is in District IX. It is a tremendous musical accomplishment for students who are selected to perform in their District Level Honors Concert. Congratulations to all students who auditioned and those who were accepted.

ILMEA District IX Junior festival was on Saturday, November 9th. Students worked with guest conductors in rehearsal during the morning and afternoon and performed a concert that same day at 3:00pm at Jacobs High School in Algonquin, IL. The ensembles all sounded outstanding and the students had a great time performing with students from various parts of the state. The guest conductor for the band was Mr. William Jastrow from Indian Prairie School District #204 and for Orchestra it was Randal Swiggum from the Elgin Youth Symphony.

The District IX Illinois Music Educator's Association (IMEA) held its annual Senior High Music Festival on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at East Aurora High School. Yorkville High School Music Department sent six students to the event. Participating students played very challenging music with other excellent musicians and were conducted by professional conductor/educators. This year's conductors were Dr. Carolyn A. Barber, (Director of Bands, University of Nebraska - Lincoln School of Music), Dr. Ramona Wis (Chair of Music at North Central College, Naperville, IL), and Dr. Daniel Sommerville, (Associate Professor of Orchestral Music, Wheaton Conservatory of Music).



YMS ILMEA Choir Students: Regan Buck, Luke Cesch, John Harker, Justin Herron, Rachel Jensen, Corey Mitchell, Haley Nell, MaryGrace O'Connor, Max Rosier, Carter Shimp, Rachel Tassi, Sophia Zoltek



YMS ILMEA Band/Orchestra Students: Reanna Panlilio (Clarinet), Sean Golinski (Trumpet), Faith Twardzik (Flute, piccolo), and Megan Hott (Bassoon). Lily Emma Aktabowski (Violin).



YHS ILMEA Band/Orchestra/Choir Students (left to right): Chris Miller (tuba), Tommy Robbins (horn), Kayla Schoeny (Cello), Kolten Heeren (Bass), Justin Haarz (Cello), Jackie Hirn (soprano) - not pictured.



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