

A Message from Hilary Respass

Dear Hochstein Families and Friends,

Tonight we recognize eighteen of The Hochstein School's most accomplished students – those who have won 2023 Merit Scholarships and those who will complete the Honors Certificate Program this year. We are honored to present these young performers, whose talent, hard work, and achievement very much reflects that of our School's namesake, David Hochstein.



Merit Scholarships were awarded earlier this year in four sets of auditions for music students (for grades 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12). Participating students were nominated by their teachers. Each student presented three contrasting works, which were heard by a panel of judges – Hochstein faculty members as well as guests from the professional music community. Each winner has received an award that is applied toward their Hochstein tuition. Congratulations to all the winners!

Merit Scholarships are established with endowed or annual gifts from a number of donors, often as a memorial tribute. We are so grateful for this encouraging, generous support of our students and our program.

Hochstein's Honors Certificate Program is a multi-year, rigorous program involving individual lessons and an advanced level course of study for each discipline, music theory and history courses, annual juries before a faculty committee, and the presentation of a senior recital. Three students are presenting their senior recitals this year, and we anticipate that all will complete the requirements for the Certificate. We deeply appreciate the significant ongoing support for this program from the Donald F. and Maxine B. Davison Foundation, and wish our graduating students all the best as they embark on their next chapters of life and learning.

Each of this year's performers has spent countless hours – and years! – in practice, lessons, classes, and rehearsals, and their work has been supported in myriad ways by parents and other family members, teachers, accompanists – and you, the audience. Thank you for coming together to celebrate their achievements.

With warmest wishes to you, and hearty congratulations to our performers!

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Hilary Respass President & Executive Director

2023 Merit Scholarship Winners and Honors Certificate Program Graduates

Merit Scholarship Winners

Grades 5-6

Philip Chan, piano - student of Paula Rodney Bobb Cameron Fien, guitar - student of Timothy Shannon Joshua Lin, violin - student of Marcos Kreutzer Julian Shand, piano - student of Gary Palmer Krishna Vijay, guitar - student of Timothy Shannon

Grades 7-8

Oliver Hood, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp Youyou Wu, violin - student of Katie Worley

Grades 9-10

Noah Busch, violin - student of Pia Liptak Rebecca Camilleri, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp Christian Chan, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp Victoria Fedysiv, piano - student of Oleksandra Yurchenko Joseph McQuaid, violin - student of Marcos Kreutzer

Grades 11-12

Ben Rosenhack, violin - student of Aika Ito Di Elizabeth Runion, flute - student of Diane Smith Julian Chumacero, violin - student of Pia Liptak Di Sara Ward, baritone saxophone - student of Nancy Boone-Bahr

Honors Certificate Program Graduates

Rishov Datta, viola - student of Olita Povero Neil Stringer, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp Sara Ward, baritone saxophone - student of Nancy Boone-Bahr

Students recognized with Honorable Mention

Julian Bennett, violin - student of Marcos Kreutzer Aaron Sheu, violin - student of Marcos Kreutzer Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship Ruth & Sidney Salzman Memorial Scholarship Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship

Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship

Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship David Romig Memorial Scholarship Lois P. Lines Memorial Scholarship Sydney & Pearl Rubin Memorial Scholarship

Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship Donald Yungkurth Memorial Scholarship Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship ahr

Dawn & Jacques Lipson, MD Music Scholarship

Program

Welcome Hilary Respass, President & Executive Director

Performances

Septième Solo De Concert, Op. 93 Sara	Ward , baritone saxopho *Yi-Wen Chang, piano	Jean Baptiste Singelèe (1812-1875) one
Menuet	Cameron Fien, guitar	Nicolo Paganini (1782-1840)
Mazurka, Op. 19, No. 1 <i>Obertass</i>	Joshua Lin , violin Julie Ruhling, piano	Henryk Wieniawski (1835-1880)
Sonatina in C Major, Op. 20, No. 1 II. Andante		Friedrich Kuhlau (1786-1832)
Etude in A Minor, Op. 27, No. 3	Julian Shand , piano	Dmitry Kabalevsky (1904-1987)
Polish Dance	Youyou Wu , violin Julia Lin, piano	Edmund Severn (1862-1942)
Für Elise	Philip Chan , piano	Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
La Chasse (The Hunt), Op. 59, Part 3, I	No. 30 Krishna Vijay , guitar	Matteo Carcassi (1792-1853)
Tarantella, Op. 23	Oliver Hood , cello *Doleen Hood, piano	William Henry Squire (1871-1963)
Sonata I. Allegro Vivo	Noah Busch , violin *Yi-Wen Chang, piano	Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

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Partita No. 2 in D Minor I. Allemande		Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
	Ben Rosenhack, violin	
Lament for Cello and Piano	Neil Stringer , cello *Jamilya Arzanesh, piano	Curtis Stewart (b. 1985)
Allegro Spiritoso	Christian Chan , cello Julia Lin, piano	Jean Baptiste Senaillé (1687-1730)
Dances of the Shadows	Rishov Datta , viola *Yi-Wen Chang, piano	Pēteris Plakidis (1947-2017)
Spanish Dances, Op. 22, No. 1 Rom	anza Andaluza Joseph McQuaid , violin Julie Ruhling, piano	Pablo de Sarasate (1844-1908)
Berceuse	Rebecca Camilleri , cello Nicole Camilleri, piano	Frank Bridge (1879-1941)
Nocturne in E Minor, Op. 72, No. 1	Victoria Fedysiv , piano	Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)
Rhapsody No. 1		Béla Bartók (1881-1945)
I. Lassú. Moderato	Julian Chumacero , violin *Yi-Wen Chang, piano	
Fantaisie, Op. 79	Elizabeth Runion , flute Julie Runion, piano	Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

* Hochstein faculty member



This concert has been livestreamed, on Hochstein's YouTube channel, for those not able to attend the concert in person. Visit our channel at: *youtube.com/user/hochsteinschool*

2023 Merit Scholarship Winners & Honors Certificate Program Graduates

Noah Busch, violin • Student of Pia Liptak • Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship

Noah Busch is a freshman at Brighton High School. He has been playing violin for 11 years, currently under the instruction of Dr. Pia Liptak. Noah was named concertmaster of the NYSSMA All-County Orchestra in 2020 and 2022. He has participated in many other orchestras as well, including the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO), where he currently is assistant principal second violinist. Noah won second prize at the 2021 Musika Foundation Violin and Piano Competition in New York City, and participated in the Chicago Violin Competition in 2022. Noah also plays soccer on his school's Junior Varsity team, and won the NYS West State Cup as co-captain of the New York Rush 08 Select Syracuse team. Noah enjoys participating in school musicals, some of his recent roles including Maui in Moana and Gavroche in Les Miserables. In his spare time, Noah enjoys reading and playing baduk. He intends to study pre-law and violin performance in college





Rebecca Camilleri, cello • Student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship

Rebecca Camilleri is a ninth grader at Minerva DeLand School in Fairport. She started playing the cello in fourth grade and has taken private lessons with Kathleen Kemp since 2021. She also takes piano lessons, music theory classes, and sings in the Eastman Youth Chamber Singers. For the past two years, Rebecca has been selected for the All-County and Area All-State Orchestra and Choir. She has participated in the Piano Gold Cup Festival four times and has been invited to perform in the Honors Recital each time. She also takes part in musicals and jazz band at school. When Rebecca is not pursuing her musical interests, she enjoys birdwatching and spending time outdoors, reading, photography, and creating modular origami.

Christian Chan, cello • Student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp David Romig Memorial Scholarship

Christian Chan is in tenth grade and is homeschooled. He has been studying the cello with Kathleen Kemp since the age of eight. He is a current member of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO). Besides music, he enjoys playing tennis. With gratitude to God, Christian finds joy making music with his cello. Many thanks and much appreciation to his wonderful teacher, his supportive family, and the Hochstein community.





Philip Chan, piano • Student of Paula Rodney Bobb Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship

Philip Chan is a homeschooled sixth grader. He began his piano studies with Paula Rodney Bobb in kindergarten. In his free time, he enjoys drawing, designing, and building skyscraper models with Lego building blocks as well as with paper materials. He is thankful to God for the gift of music. Philip is grateful for the dedicated tutelage of his teacher, Ms. Paula, and for the support of his family.

Julian Chumacero, violin • Student of Pia Liptak • Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship

Julian Chumacero is a junior at Victor Senior High School. He has been playing violin since he was 8 years old and currently studies violin with Pia Liptak at The Hochstein School, where he has been awarded multiple scholarships. In addition to violin, Julian also studies piano with Elier Suarez. Julian is concertmaster of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO) and won the 2022 HYSO Concerto Competition on piano. He is part of the Hochstein Honors Certificate program, a member of Hochstein's Westiyane String Quintet, and has participated in the 2022 NYSSMA Area All-State and Conference All-State festivals. Julian is captain of the Varsity Cross Country team and was named a Section V All-Star in 2022. He also does indoor and outdoor track and field, and is involved in his school's Math Team, Masterminds Club, Key Club, Music Society, and National Honors Society. Outside of music, Julian enjoys learning about astrophysics and hopes to pursue a career in music and science.



Rishov Datta, viola • Student of Olita Povero • Honors Certificate Program Graduate



Rishov Datta has studied viola with Olita Povero at Hochstein for 8 years. He is coprincipal violist in the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO) for the 2022-23 year, and was the principal violist on the HYSO tour of Germany and the Czech Republic in 2022. He has also played the viola with various Hochstein Chamber Music Connection groups for over four years. In addition to viola, Rishov has been learning piano for over 8 years, and has participated in piano festivals and guild auditions. He is also a third-degree black belt in karate. Rishov is currently a senior at Penfield High School and is planning to study Biochemistry in college.

Victoria Fedysiv, piano • Student of Oleksandra Yurchenko • Lois P. Lines Memorial Scholarship

Victoria Fedysiv is a sophomore at Brockport High School (BHS). She started playing the piano at age five and played in the studio of Marylin Sheehan for seven years. In 2018, she joined the studio of Oleksandra Yurchenko, and has been studying under her direction at Hochstein for the past year. Victoria has participated in multiple piano competitions, including the Gold Cup Festival, in which she was selected for the Honors Recital three times. She also plays piano in her school's upperclassmen jazz ensemble, and is a member of Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Honor Society, and Student Council. Victoria has been playing the viola since fourth grade, and plays in the BHS Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, and Chamber Orchestra. Her other favorite hobbies include ballet and pointe, volleyball, playing the guitar, vocal lessons, reading, and science clubs. She would like to be a pharmacist in the future and plans to study chemistry in college.





Cameron Fien, guitar • Student of Timothy Shannon Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship

Cameron Fien has been playing classical guitar at Hochstein for five years with Dr. Tim Shannon. He is 12 years old and a sixth grade student at Cosgrove Middle School in Spencerport. He is a percussionist in the sixth grade band and plays the electric guitar in the sixth grade jazz band. His interests are playing video games, watching movies, playing soccer, camping, reading, hiking, and biking. He also enjoys creating videos, spending time with his family, and playing with his baby brothers.



Oliver Hood, cello • Student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship

Oliver Hood is currently an eighth grader at The Harley School. His cello adventures began around kindergarten when he started lessons with Kathleen Murphy Kemp, and he has been lucky to have her as his teacher ever since. Oliver is a member of a string quartet in Hochstein's Chamber Music Connection Program, plays in his school orchestra, and performs frequently at church. He has participated in All-County Music Festivals numerous times, and this year Oliver had the honor of being selected as the principal cellist for the Jr. High All-County Orchestra. Oliver is also a competitive swimmer during the school year, and he enjoys sailing in Maine during the summer season. However, his greatest passion is technology, and Oliver

describes himself as having been a techie since birth. In his spare time, Oliver fixes computers, and he is also kept busy helping family, friends, and teachers with their technology challenges.

Joshua Lin, violin • Student of Marcos Kreutzer Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship

Joshua Lin is a fifth grader from Victor Central Schools and is a hornist in the school band. He started playing violin at the age of four, and has been studying with Marcos Kreutzer for six years. Joshua started in Hochstein Concertino Strings (HCS) and quickly worked his way through the orchestra program to become a member of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO). Outside of music, he swims competitively as a member of the Victor Swim Club, qualifying for both Silver and Gold Championships. He loves outdoor sports such as hiking in the summer and skiing in the winter. In the future, he wants to be a member of the Berlin Philharmonic.





Joseph McQuaid, violin • Student of Marcos Kreutzer Sydney & Pearl Rubin Memorial Scholarship

Joseph McQuaid is a ninth grader at Brighton High School. Joseph started playing Suzuki violin at the age of five. He has been a student of Marcos Kreutzer at Hochstein for the past nine years. He enjoys playing video games in his free time, and is learning how to code his own games.



Ben Rosenhack, violin • Student of Aika Ito Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship

Ben Rosenhack is 16 years old and a junior at Brighton High School. He grew up in a musical family and has been playing violin for 11 years. He is currently mentored by Aika Ito at The Hochstein School. Over time, he has fondly learned and engaged in solo repertoire, orchestral/chamber works, fiddle tunes, and improvisational styles of music. He performed alongside Jessie Montgomery and Jeffrey Young with the Kanack School of Musical Artistry in 2018 in Chicago, and recently performed at the

National Orchestral Festival for the American String Teachers Association (ASTA) in Orlando. Ben is an active member of the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (RPYO), which he has played in for four years. He has participated in masterclasses with Rachel Barton Pine, Gil Shaham, and Jeremy Bell. Ben has also been largely involved with the chamber music community for nine years. As of 2022, he is part of the Emerald Piano Trio for Hochstein's Chamber Music Connection Scholarship program with cellist Alina Ying and pianist Matthew Berry (coached by Joe Werner).

Elizabeth Runion, flute • student of Diane Smith • Donald Yungkurth Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Runion, a junior at Gates Chili High School, has studied flute with Diane Smith since 2015. Lizzie is the principal flutist of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO), has participated in MCSMA ensembles and NYSSMA Senior High Area All-State, and is a member of both the Hochstein Scholarship Flute Choir and Woodwind Quintet. She also plays in the Cornerstone Presbyterian Church praise team and the Gates Chili marching and concert bands. Lizzie was a winner of the 2022 and 2023 Merit Scholarship Competition and is pursuing the Honors Music Certificate at Hochstein. She was a winner of the HYSO Concerto Competition and performed the Carmen Fantasie by François Borne. She also performed the Mozart Flute and Harp Concerto with the String Orchestra at the Csehy Summer School of Music and was the principal flute of the orchestra. At school, she is a member of the National Honors Society, Model UN, and the Service Club. Lizzie is a passionate reader, and she enjoys studying history.



Julian Shand, piano • Student of Gary Palmer Ruth & Sidney Salzman Memorial Scholarship

Julian Shand is 11 years old and attends Barker Road Middle School. He has been studying piano since he was five years old, first with Mrs. Baiba Peelle and then with his current teacher, Dr. Gary Palmer. Since he could walk to the piano, he has enjoyed experimenting with piano keys and tones! In addition to studying piano at Hochstein, he plays piano in his school jazz band, and plays the oboe as well. Julian loves all styles and genres of music and particularly enjoys composing his own music at the piano or on digital apps. Julian also participates in hockey, Math Club, Science Olympiad, writes for the school Yearbook, and is part of the inaugural Kindness Club. He has a deep love for dance – ballet, jazz, and contemporary – and has studied at the Draper Center for Dance Education for the past 3 years. He performs in Rochester City Ballet's annual performance of *The Nutcracker* with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Julian is looking forward to a summer of hiking in the Adirondacks with his older brother and parents.





Neil Stringer, cello • Student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp Honors Certificate Program Graduate

Neil Stringer is a senior from Canandaigua Academy and will be attending Brown University in the fall of 2023, where he will be studying Neuroscience, Biophysics, and Music. He has been playing cello since the age of nine, and has studied under Kathleen Kemp and Cora Swenson-Lee at Hochstein since sixth grade. In addition to being an Honors Certificate Program graduate, Neil is also a past Merit Scholarship winner and Chamber Music Connection musician. He is a member of the prestigious Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO) and toured with them in 2022. Neil is a member of both the Tri-M Honors Music Society and Canandaigua Academy's Chamber Orchestra, has performed as guest conductor at the Canandaigua City Schools concerts many times, and has played as honorary first chair with the Finger Lakes Symphony

Orchestra. He is the Board Representative of his school, the Treasurer of his class, and the Founder, President, and Executive Director of the Canandaigua Academy UNA/USA/MUN chapter. He loves swimming, cross country, skiing, and reading, and is passionate about the studies of neuroscience, quantum and astrophysics, and mathematics. His aspirations include becoming a Neurosurgeon and playing in a professional symphony orchestra.

Krishna Vijay, guitar • Student of Timothy Shannon • Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship



Krishna Vijay is an eleven-year-old sixth grade student at Calkins Road Middle School. He has been taking guitar lessons with Mr. Timothy Shannon at Hochstein for the past five years. He enjoys playing guitar very much and wishes to continue learning and playing for as long as possible. Krishna also enjoys participating in the school orchestra as a violist, and has been learning South Indian classical vocal music for the past few years. Krishna is a black belt in Taekwondo and is working towards obtaining his second degree. He loves to draw and play games, and wants to be a professional artist when he grows up.

Sara Ward, baritone saxophone • Student of Nancy Boone-Bahr

Honors Certificate Program Graduate • Dawn & Jacques Lipson, MD Music Scholarship Sara Ward is currently a senior at Churchville Chili High School. She has been studying saxophone under Nancy Boone-Bahr at The Hochstein School since March 2020. Sara is enrolled in the Hochstein Honors Certificate Program and has played with the Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony (YWS) for two years. This is her second year winning a Merit Scholarship, and she had the opportun ty to play on Live from Hochstein, broadcast by WXXI Classical, in April 2022! At Churchville Chili, she participates in wind ensemble, jazz band, pit orchestra, symphonic orchestra, and small chamber groups. In her free time, she enjoys biking, walking her dog, reading, and hiking. After graduation, she plans to continue her studies in music education at SUNY Potsdam, as a part of their saxophone studio. Sara is appreciative of her opportunities at Hochstein, and she looks forward to taking what she's learned with her to college and beyond.



Youyou Wu, violin • Student of Katie Worley • Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship



Youyou (pronounced Yoyo) Wu is an eighth grade student at Barker Road Middle School in Pittsford, and is a 2022 and 2023 Hochstein Merit Scholarship winner. She has been studying the violin with Ms. Katie Worley since 2019. Youyou is a member of the Hochstein Philharmonia Orchestra (HPO) and the Qoolest Quartet in the Chamber Music Connection program. She also participates in her school orchestra and string guartet. In her free time, Youyou likes to draw, make crafts, read, and swim. She aspires to become an artist or a physician and hopes to continue developing her musical abilities in the future.

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