

HONORS



CONVOCATION

Friday, May 31, 2024

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A Message from Hilary Respass

Dear Hochstein Families and Friends,

Tonight we recognize 15 of The Hochstein School's most accomplished students – those who have won 2024 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 reflect 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). The 45 participating students were nominated by their teachers. Each student presented three contrasting works, which were heard by a panel of judges that included 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 gifts from a number of donors, often as a memorial tribute. We are 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. Four students, of 14 total in the program, 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hilary Respass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hilary Respass
President & Executive Director

2024 Merit Scholarship Winners

Grades 5-6

Joshua Lin, violin - student of Marcos Kreutzer
Eden Scott, guitar - student of Timothy Shannon
David Wu, violin - student of Katie Worley

Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship
Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship
Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship

Grades 7-8

Ian Dorrer, piano - student of Oleksandra Yurchenko
Sylas Newkirk, violin - student of Marcos Kreutzer
Krishna Vijay, guitar - student of Timothy Shannon

Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship
Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship
Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship

Grades 9-10

Noah Busch, violin - student of Pia Liptak
Ceyda Lenio, violin - student of Marcos Kreutzer

Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship
Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship

Grades 11-12

Nathan Bellinger, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
Lillian Brickman, guitar - student of Timothy Shannon
Julian Chumacero, violin - student of Pia Liptak
Caitlin Ott, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
Luciano Pagano, voice - student of Sandra Boyson Sluberski

Sydney and Pearl Rubin Memorial Scholarship
David Romig Memorial Scholarship
Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship
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Ruth & Sidney Salzman Memorial Scholarship

Students recognized with Honorable Mention

Cameron Fien, guitar - student of Timothy Shannon
Allison Glaza, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp

2024 Honors Certificate Program Graduates

Julian Chumacero, violin - student of Pia Liptak
Shuwen Ding, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
Caitlin Ott, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
Elizabeth Runion, flute - student of Diane Smith

Program

Welcome

Hilary Respass, President & Executive Director

Performances

Suite No. 5 in C Minor, BWV 1011
II. Allemande

Johann Sebastian Bach

Caitlin Ott, cello

Spanish Dances, Op. 23
I. Playera

Pablo de Sarasate

Ceyda Lenio, violin
Huiping Cai, piano

Sherry's Waltz

Andrew York

Eden Scott, guitar

Sonata for Solo Violin in G Minor, BWV 1001
I. Adagio

Johann Sebastian Bach

Julian Chumacero, violin

Sonata in E Minor
III. Gigue

Francesco Maria Veracini

David Wu, violin
*Yi-Wen Chang, piano

Romance, Op. 36

Camille Saint-Saëns

Nathan Bellinger, cello
Huiping Cai, piano

Six Pieces faciles, Op. 89
V. Lamento

Jacques Bosch

Krishna Vijay, guitar

Arabesken
XII. Introduction and Polonaise

Carl Bohm

Sylas Newkirk, violin
Huiping Cai, piano



Nocturnes, Op. 9
II. Andante in Eb Major

Frederick Chopin

Ian Dorrer, piano

Danse Espagnole from *La vida Breve*

Manuel de Falla
arr. Fritz Kreisler

Joshua Lin, violin
*Yi-Wen Chang, piano

Four Lieder, Op. 96
II. Wir Wandelten

Johannes Brahms

Luciano Pagano, voice
*Gary Palmer, piano

Twelve Caprices for Solo Violin, Op. 1
VI. Rachenitsa

Petar Christoskov

Noah Busch, violin

Cello Sonata in Bb Major, RV. 47
I. Largo
II. Allegro

Antonio Vivaldi

Shuwen Ding, cello
*Kathleen Murphy Kemp, cello

D'un Matin de Printemps (of a spring morning)

Lili Boulanger

Elizabeth Runion, flute
Julie Runion, piano

* *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](https://www.youtube.com/user/hochsteinschool).

Biographies



Nathan Bellinger, cello • Student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp • Sydney and Pearl Rubin Memorial Scholarship

Seventeen-year-old Nathan Bellinger is the fifth child of Mike and Nerina Bellinger. He is a home-schooled junior who has studied cello with Kathy Kemp since fourth grade. In addition to playing cello, he has also played piano, organ, and guitar. At Hochstein, Nathan is a member of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra, has participated in the Chamber Music Connection program, and is completing the requirements of the Honors Certificate Program. His interests outside of music include lifting weights, taking long walks, and volunteering for the Victor Fire Department. Nathan hopes to study music composition in college.

Lillian Brickman, guitar • Student of Timothy Shannon • David Romig Memorial Scholarship

Lillian Brickman is a junior at School of the Arts, where she is majoring in Visual Arts. She has been studying guitar at Hochstein for 10 years with Timothy Shannon. Lillian has previously won the Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship (2021) as well as the Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship (2020). Her hobbies include synchronized swimming, drawing, and cooking. Lillian hopes to attend college on the pre-medical track.



Noah Busch, violin • Student of Pia Liptak • Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship

Noah Busch is a 15-year-old sophomore at Brighton High School, and has been playing violin since the age of three. He currently studies with Dr. Pia Liptak, and is on track to complete Hochstein's Honors Certificate Program. He has participated in numerous honors ensembles, including NYSSMA All-County and Area All-State Orchestras, as well as HYSO, which he has been a member of since seventh grade. He has competed in several regional and national violin competitions, recently winning the HYSO Concerto Competition and frequently earning scholarships through Hochstein's Merit Scholarship Program. In 2021, Noah won second place

in the Manolov International Violin and Piano Competition in New York City, and earned the prize for best rendition of a modern piece. Noah has participated in the Hochstein Chamber Music Connection Program since the age of nine, and currently plays in a scholarship quartet that has been together since 2022. He has participated in masterclasses with RPO concertmaster Juliana Athayde and Rachel Barton-Pine. Outside of music, Noah looks forward to playing soccer for his high school's varsity team in 2024 and plans to pursue collegiate study in pre-law and violin performance.

Julian Chumacero, violin • Student of Pia Liptak • Honors Certificate Program Graduate • Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship

Julian Chumacero is a senior at Victor Senior High School. He has been playing violin since he was eight years old and studies with Dr. Pia Liptak. In addition to violin, Julian also studies piano with Elier Suarez. Julian has been a member of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO) for four years. He has had the honor of winning the 2022 HYSO Concerto Competition as a pianist, and has performed as concertmaster during the 2023-2024 school year. Julian won the 2024 Jo Amish Young Artist Competition and will perform with the Penfield Symphony Orchestra in May 2024. He is a 2024 graduate of



Hochstein's Honors Certificate Program and a member of a Chamber Music Connection piano trio. Julian has participated in several NYSSMA Area All-State and Conference All-State festivals. He has been captain of the Varsity Cross Country Team for two seasons and has run Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. He is also involved in his school's Math Team, Masterminds Club, Key Club, Music Society, and National Honors Society. Outside of violin, Julian enjoys listening to music and hopes to pursue a career in applied mathematics and violin performance.



Shuwen Ding, cello • Student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp • Honors Certificate Program Graduate

Shuwen Ding is a senior at Pittsford Sutherland High School. She has studied cello with Kathleen Kemp since she was nine years old. She has been involved with the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra for four years and has served as assistant principal for the past two years. She has also attended various All-County, Area-All-State, and Conference All-State festivals since Middle School. Outside of music, she enjoys reading, writing, and baking. In the future, she plans to study a medicine-related subject in college.

Ian Dorrer, piano • Student of Oleksandra Yurchenko • Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship

Ian Dorrer is an eighth-grader at Twelve Corners Middle School in Brighton. He has been a student of Oleksandra Yurchenko for almost 10 years. He participated in this year's Gold Cup Festival, playing at the honors recital. In his free time, Ian enjoys reading, watching movies, playing tennis, rock climbing, and cooking. Ian has played the clarinet in his school band for four years, and participated the MCSMA All-County Band this year. He is excited for high school next year, and hopes to continue playing the piano and take part in more piano festivals and events.



Ceyda Lenio, violin • Student of Marcos Kreutzer • Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship

Ceyda Lenio is a sophomore at Brighton High School in Brighton. She has been playing the violin since she was five, and started taking lessons with Marcos Kreutzer in sixth grade. She has participated in all of Hochstein's orchestras, from starting in Concertino Strings, to now, in her second year with Hochstein's Youth Symphony Orchestra. This is her first merit scholarship through Hochstein, and she is very thankful to have the opportunity to play in the 2024 Honors Convocation. Ceyda also loves acting, and has performed in several musicals, plays, and commercials. She has interests in painting and drawing, and her art has been displayed in multiple art shows in and outside of school. In school, her favorite class is English,

where she loves to write and create stories. As Ceyda has not yet decided what she wants to do in her future, she hopes that her love for art and writing will stay in her life.



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

Joshua is a sixth-grader from Victor Intermediate School and he has been studying violin with Mr. Marcos Kreutzer since he was 5. Joshua started playing in the Hochstein ensemble program in Concertino Strings and is now a member of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra. He is also a hornist, and plays in the Victor Intermediate School band. Outside of music, he swims competitively as a member of the Victor Swim Club, where has qualified for both Silver and Gold Championships, and loves hiking in the summer, and skiing in the winter. He is grateful to join the HYSO 2024 Italy tour.



Sylas Newkirk, violin • Student of Marcos Kreutzer • Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship

Sylas Newkirk is 14 years old and has been studying violin with Marcos Kreutzer for 10 years at The Hochstein School. He enjoys playing in Hochstein Sinfonia Strings as well as participating in the Chamber Music Connection program. He is majoring in violin at Rochester City School District's School of the Arts, where his favorite subjects are English and Science. In his free time, he enjoys creating things with wood and hugging his cats. He is grateful to Marcos Kreutzer who has been by his side providing excellent instruction since the beginning of his violin journey.



Caitlin Ott, cello • Student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp • Honors Certificate Program Graduate • Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship

Caitlin has been homeschooled for 13 years and lives in Pittsford. She has been studying the cello since the age of five and has had the opportunity to participate in honors chamber groups at both the Eastman Community Music School and The Hochstein School. Caitlin has been a member of the ECMS Beginning Strings and Chamber Program, Hochstein Sinfonia Strings, Hochstein Philharmonia Orchestra, the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra, and the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. In February 2020, she performed with the RPYO at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. Caitlin attended The Masterworks

Festival in Spartanburg, S.C. in July 2020 and 2021. While at Masterworks, Caitlin enjoyed studying with former Hochstein cello faculty member, Ron Gardiner. She recently had the opportunity to travel to Japan for a mission trip focused in the Tokyo area. Closer to home, Caitlin adores her two Himalayan cats and beloved Green Bay Packers!

Luciano Pagano, voice • Student of Sandra Boysen Sluberski • Ruth & Sidney Salzman Memorial Scholarship

Luciano Pagano is a senior at McQuaid Jesuit High School. This is his sixth year studying voice with Dr. Sandra Boysen Sluberski. Luciano has been in Hochstein Youth Singers and Hochstein Singers with Maryellen Giese since the third grade, and before then was in Hochstein Little Singers. He is in his third year as a student scholar with the Rochester Oratorio Society, and is a two-time recipient of the ROS Youth Scholarship. Luciano is a member of the McQuaid Select Chorus and has been a member of the Eastern American Choral Directors Association Honors Choirs five times. In addition to singing, Luciano also studies piano with Dr. Gary Palmer. He plans to continue his studies in voice and piano while majoring in Computer Science at RIT.



Elizabeth Runion, flute • Student of Diane Smith • Honors Certificate Program Graduate



High school senior Elizabeth Runion has studied flute with Diane Smith since 2015. Lizzie is the principal flutist of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO), has participated in MCSMA and NYSSMA honors ensembles, and is a member of both the Hochstein Scholarship Flute Choir and Woodwind Quintet. She also plays in the Cornerstone Presbyterian Church praise team. Lizzie was a winner of the 2022 and 2023 Merit Scholarship Competition, the 2022-2023 HYSO Concerto Competition, and is pursuing the Honors Certificate at Hochstein. Lizzie won the 2024 Aldridge-Tinker Scholarship for Instrumentalists from the Rochester Philharmonic League Competition. At school, she is a member of the marching band and concert band, NHS, Model UN, and the jazz band. Lizzie plans on studying flute performance in college, hoping to become an orchestral flutist.



**Eden Scott, guitar • Student of Timothy Shannon •
Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship**

Eden Scott is a classical guitarist who has been studying with Dr. Timothy Shannon at The Hochstein School since the age of five. She is an outgoing, fun-loving 10-year-old who loves to sing and dance in addition to playing guitar. She loves worshipping God through singing at the top of her lungs whether she is in church or the backseat of a car. Eden participates in competitive gymnastics and has earned several medals and awards. Eden is homeschooled and hopes to one day work with children in need of homes.

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

Krishna Vijay is a seventh grader at Calkins Road Middle School in Pittsford, and has been taking guitar lessons with Timothy Shannon for almost six years. He enjoys playing tennis and reading, and is currently a second-degree Black Belt at Master Kim's Taekwondo Institute. He was grateful for the opportunity to play an opening with his quartet friends (under guidance from Mr. Shannon) for the Rochester Guitar Festival 2024. Krishna plays the viola in his school orchestra, and is taking Indian Classical guitar lessons on the electric guitar. He is very passionate about the guitar and plans to continue playing it in his future years.



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

David Wu is a 10-year-old fifth grader at Mendon Center Elementary. He began his musical journey at the age of six, studying violin with Katie Worley. He is currently a member of the Hochstein Philharmonia Orchestra, plays in the band and orchestra at Mendon Center Elementary, and enjoys performing at church. David has been selected for the All-County Orchestra in 2023 and 2024. In addition to violin, David has been learning piano with Dr. Jacob Ertl for two years, and has won the Piano Gold Cup and Diversity in Music awards at the 2023 Nazareth University Piano Competition. Outside of music, David is a competitive foil fencer at the Rochester Fencing Club. He also enjoys reading, playing video games, and hiking in his free time. David is thankful to God for the gift of music and is grateful for the guidance

of Ms. Worley, the support of the Hochstein community, and his family.



Emily Sibley Watson Society at HOCHSTEIN

We are deeply grateful to our 2023-24 Emily Sibley Watson Society members.

The Emily Sibley Watson Society recognizes those leadership donors who make annual unrestricted donations of \$1,000 or more to The Hochstein School. Members stand at the forefront of a movement to help the School provide increased services and continually adapt to our community's needs. They will earn a place in the School's history for their dedication to and belief in the power of music, dance, and Expressive Arts instruction.

For more information about the Emily Sibley Watson Society, visit www.hochstein.org/support or contact our development staff at development@hochstein.org.

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(Includes gifts made between 7/1/2023 and 5/24/2024)

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