

HOLIDAY CONCERT OF YOUNG VOICES

featuring:

Hochstein Youth Singers,
Hochstein Little Singers,
& Hochstein Singers

DECEMBER 11, 2021

3:00 PM

HOCHSTEIN PERFORMANCE HALL

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DIRECTORS

Maryellen Giese, Director, Hochstein Youth Singers, Hochstein Singers joined the Hochstein Faculty in 2002 and conducts the Hochstein Youth Singers (grades 4-12), and the Hochstein Singers (grades 6-12). She earned a BS in Music Education, with piano as major instrument and a minor in voice from Nazareth College. Her graduate studies were at SUNY Brockport and the Eastman School of Music. Maryellen is retired from 31 years with the Brockport Central School District where she served as a vocal music teacher and Chair of the Music Department. At Brockport, she directed Choirs and Vocal Ensembles at the Elementary, Middle School and High School levels. For 38 years she directed Youth Choirs and Handbell Choirs at First Presbyterian Church in Brockport and has directed the Senior Citizen Chorus, the "Sweden Senior Singers", in Brockport since 2003. Maryellen regularly guest conducts honor choruses throughout New York State and enjoys multiple listings in Who's Who Among American Educators. In 2008 she received the Rochester Philharmonic Musicians' Award for Outstanding Music Educators, and in 2009 Hochstein's Faculty Service Award. Maryellen and her husband, Jay (also a retired Music Teacher) live in Kendall, NY and are the proud parents of two grown sons, Drew and Adam. Now, they have a little GRAND-son and GRANDdaughter to sing with.

Shana Kohler, Director, Hochstein Little Singers holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Nazareth College and a Master of Music in Music Education from Syracuse University. Kohler is currently a general music teacher at QUEST Elementary School in the Hilton CSD. The 2021-2022 school year marks her 20th year as a music educator. Kohler is responsible for teaching K-6 elementary general music and the direction of the QUEST chorus. Under her direction, the QUEST choristers have had the honor to premiere new music by local composers. Kohler is an Outstanding Young Choral Director, recipient from the NY Chapter of American Choral Directors Association. Kohler was appointed as the Elementary Classroom Committee Winter Conference Chairperson for New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA), where she continues to promote the importance and value of classroom music in music programs and schools. She strives to provide quality professional development for current and future music educators to improve the quality, scope and effectiveness of classroom music instruction. Kohler also serves as a cooperating teacher for undergraduate and graduate music students pursuing degrees in Music Education at Eastman School of Music. Kohler worked alongside Dr. Barbara Tagg as the director of the Young Men's Ensemble for the Syracuse Children's Chorus. She has also been a guest conductor and a clinician for various groups within and outside of Monroe County. Kohler was selected as a conducting fellow for the Chorus America Orchestral Choral Conducting Masterclass where she was able to learn under the direction of Stephen Cleobury and Ann Howard Jones, while conducting a full chamber orchestra and the Anima and Chicago Children's Choir.

HOCHSTEIN LITTLE SINGERS

Michaela Buyondo
Kennedy Cepeda
Isabella Dardzinski
Logan Esquivel-Mccarson
Milania Jovcevski
Annika Lozano
Adequin Meisenzahl
Benjamin Reed
William Reed
Antonio Reyes
Teigen Rogers
Emma Vorrasi
Carl Bradford Walter

HOCHSTEIN YOUTH SINGERS

Sean Adams* 🎵
Enes Barbouchi
Jannat Barbouchi
Ashley Beyer*
Lauryn Beyer * 🎵
Kaia Bode
Lucille Brown
Gabriella Buyondo
Ada Coté*
James Coté*
Lucy Coté*
Delaney Cranmer*
Tayler D'Angelo* 🎵
Beatrix Freeman* 🎵
Willa Freeman
Katy Gaul*
Una Gogstetter*
Ronin Hiller*
May Hornbuckle* 🎵

Katie Kovacs*
Josh Kruchten
Nathan Lee*
Maura Lutz
Elan Matthews
Lily McArdle
Isabella Mettler*
Weedor Morlu*
Mary Muller*
Claire Neuderfer
Luciano Pagano * 🎵
Abigail Phillips
Rochelle Redmond-Blair
Maeve Rosati*
Caroline Salamone* 🎵
Janis Schreiber
Natalia Sierra-Wardlow*
Auset Smith
Tahani Smith

Journey Snead
Benjamin Timm* 🎵
Phillip Urai * 🎵
Jaleesah West

*Hochstein Singer
🎵 ACDA Boston Honor Choir
Member

WELCOME:

Eric Logan, Hochstein Board of Directors

HOCHSTEIN SINGERS

Maryellen Giese, Director

Yasuko Kelly, Accompanist

Alex Nick, Student Intern from Eastman School of Music

Jon Madden, Assistant and Composer in Residence

We Raise Up Our Voices

Amy Bernon

Featuring: Luciano Pagano & Maeve Rosati

No More Silence

The Burns Sisters

Soloist, Tayler D'Angelo

Featuring: Lauryn Beyer, Luciono Pagano, Una Gogstetter

Gaudete

from Piaie Cantiones, 1582

Soloists: May Hornbuckle, Una Gogstetter, Nathan Lee

Hallelujah Soulful Celebration

George Frideric Handel
arr. John Higgins

HOCHSTEIN LITTLE SINGERS

Shana Davenport Kohler, Director

Jamilya Arzanesh, Accompanist

Sing Me a Song

Leonard Enns

Animal Imagination

Tom Shelton, Lucy Jones

Excerpt from Wiegenlied by Johannes Brahms

A Little Bird

Valerie Showers Crescenz

The Penguin Dance

Clifford Crawley

Bye Bye Blackbird

Ray Henderson, Mort Dixon

Soloist: Antonio Reyes

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Alleluia Incantation

Andrew Miller

Misty Morning

Carl Nygard

Lift Every Voice and Sing

John Rosamund Johnson, James Weldon Johnson

Please Sing Along:

Lift Every Voice and Sing,
'Til earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound high as the rolling sea.

Sing a song
Full of the faith that our dark past has taught us,
Sing a song
Full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun
Of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Youth Singers continued ...

- Peter Piper
Traditional Tongue Twister
Lon Berry
- Three Quotes by Mark Twain
Andrea Ramsey
- Sesere eeye
Traditional Song from the Torres Straights Islands
- Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*
George Frideric Handel
Joined by Masked, Socially Distanced HYS Parents, Friends and Members
of the Rochester Oratorio Society.
Audience members who have previously sung this piece
are MOST welcome to join us!

HOCHSTEIN YOUTH SINGERS AND HOCHSTEIN LITTLE SINGERS

A Million Dreams from "The Greatest Showman"
Benj Pasek & Justin Paul
Featuring: William Reed, Kaia Bode, Maeve Rosati, Maura Lutz

It's the Holiday Season
arr. Jill Gallina

SPECIAL THANKS:

Dr. Margaret Quackenbush, President & Executive Director
Dr. Gary Palmer, Assistant Director & Dean
Debbie Tretter, Marketing & Communications Manager
Randy Kemp, Operations Manager
Janice Hanson, Marketing & Communications Associate
Daniel Ayyette, Stage Manager
Our excellent Hochstein Office Staff!
Fred Grimes, Gerry Doughty - Desk Monitors/Security/Custodian
Alex Nick HYS Intern from Eastman School of Music
Jon Madden, HYS Assistant
Jay Giese, Sound Technician
Arpad Sekeres, Our Kind and Faithful Videographer and Dad of Former
HLS/HYS Singer
Blair Hornbuckle, Our Kind and Faithful Percussionist (aka May's dad!)
Doug Ashbaugh, Livestream videographer
Families and Friends of our Singers who encourage and support the
Music Education of our Young Musicians!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW WITH OUR HYS PERFORMANCES FOR 2021-2022:

December 12 - HYS/Rochester Oratorio Society Community Holiday
Performance, Hochstein Performance Hall
February 9-12 - ACDA Honor Choir Singers in Boston
March 5 - Three Minutes of Fame
March 17 - Voices of Spring Recital
May 14 - Darien Lake
June 4 - Spring Concert of Young Voices
June 22-23 - Harriet Tubman Trail Performances-Auburn & Rochester



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