

HONORS



CONVOCATION

Friday, June 4, 2021

HOCHSTEIN

A Message from Dr. Quackenbush

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2021 Hochstein Honors Convocation! With this set of performances, we recognize our most accomplished students: those who have won Merit Scholarships and those who will complete the Honors Certificate Program this year.



Merit Scholarships were awarded earlier this year in four sets of virtual auditions for music students (for grades 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12). Participating students were nominated by their teachers. Each student prepared and recorded 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 on their perseverance in the face of the pandemic, which so greatly affected the entire year! Merit Scholarships established with endowed or annual gifts from a number of donors, often as a memorial tribute. We are so grateful for this support of our students and our program!

The 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 greatly appreciate the significant ongoing support for this program from the Donald F. and Maxine B. Davison Foundation!

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 all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Quackenbush". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peggy" being more prominent.

Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Quackenbush
President & Executive Director

2021 Merit Scholarship Winners and Honors Certificate Program Graduates

Merit Scholarship Winners

Grades 5-6

Wendy Brown, violin - student of Kathy Tarantelli
Ian Dorrer, piano - student of Oleksandra Yurchenko

Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship
David Romig Memorial Scholarship

Grades 7-8

Nathan Bellinger, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
Lillian Brickman, guitar - student of Tim Shannon
Christian Chan, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
Allison Lee, violin - student of Marcos Kreutzer
Joseph McQuaid, violin - student of Marcos Kreutzer

Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship
Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship
Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship
Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship
Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship

Grades 9-10

Caitlin Ott, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
Neil Stringer, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp

Sydney & Pearl Rubin Memorial Scholarship
Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship

Grades 11-12

Martina DeLuccio, voice - student of Sandra Boysen Sluberski
Amy Feng, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
Felix Huang, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
Katherine Huang, flute - student of Diane Smith
Sean Li, piano - student of Joseph Werner
Isaac Pollock, guitar - student of Tim Shannon

Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship
Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship
Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship
Donald Yungkurth Memorial Scholarship
Sidney & Ruth Salzman Memorial Scholarship
Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship

Honors Certificate Program Graduates

John Canham, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
Joshua Fugate, violin - student of Pia Liptak
Felix Huang, cello - student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp

Students recognized with Honorable Mention

Abigail Black, flute - student of Diane Smith
Noah Busch, violin - student of Pia Liptak
Thomas DeFisher, piano - student of Paula Bobb
Shane Kuo, piano - student of Willie LaFavor
Erica Liu, violin - student of Marcos Kreutzer
Timothy Suen, piano - student of E-Na Song

Program

Welcome

Dr. Margaret Quackenbush, President & Executive Director

Performances

Concerto II in D Major
I. Allegro Moderato

J.B. Breval (1753-1823)

Neil Stringer, cello
Yi-Wen Chang, piano

Prelude, Op. 28 #6

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

Sonatina in C Major, Op. 55 #1
II. Vivace

Freidrich Kuhlau (1786-1832)

Ian Dorrer, piano

Spring Song

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Nathan Bellinger, cello
Julie Runion, piano

Gavotte in D Major
Allegro moderato

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Wendy Brown, violin

Sonata in G Minor
I. Largo
II. Allegro

Henry Eccles (1670-1742)

Christian Chan, cello
Yi-Wen Chang, piano

Partita II in D Minor for Solo Violin, BWV 1004
I. Allemanda

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Joseph McQuaid, violin

*Le Nozze di Figaro

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Giuse alfin il momento Deh vieni, non tardar

Martina DeLuccio, voice
Yasuko Kelly, piano

La Captive, Op. 40 #1

Caitlin Ott, cello
Julie Runion, piano

Amy Beach (1867-1944)

*Caprice No. 20 in D Major, M.S. 25: Allegretto

Allison Lee, violin

Niccolò Paganini (1782-1840)

Etude, Op. 60 #7

Lillian Brickman, guitar

Matteo Carcassi (1792-1853)

Meditation

John Canham, cello
Julie Runion, piano

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

*Rhapsody in G Minor, Op. 79 #2

Sean Li, piano

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano
IV. Allegretto poco mosso

Joshua Fugate, violin
Yi-Wen Chang, piano

César Franck (1822-1890)

Liebestraum

Amy Feng, cello
Raymond Feng, piano

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)
arr. Patrick Loiseleur

*Julia Florida (Barcarola)

Isaac Pollock, guitar

Agustin Barrios (1885-1944)

The Great Train Race

Katherine Huang, flute

Ian Clarke (b. 1964)

Sonata, Op. 40
II. Allegro

Felix Huang, cello
Julie Runion, piano

Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)

** Performers in "blue" with an asterisk are not performing live but will be included in the final video performance on our YouTube channel.*

2021 Merit Scholarship Winners & Honors Certificate Program Graduates

Nathan Bellinger, cello • student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp • Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship



Nathan Bellinger, 14, is the youngest of five children of Mike and Nerina. He is in eighth grade at St. John Bosco Schools in East Rochester. Nathan started playing cello in Kindergarten, and also plays piano and guitar. When he is not practicing, he can be found drawing cartoons, walking his dog, or playing basketball. In addition to his parents, he would like to thank Mrs. Kemp for her great instruction and sense of humor.

Lillian Brickman, guitar • student of Tim Shannon • Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship

Lillian Brickman is an eighth grade student at School of the Arts. She has been studying the guitar with Timothy Shannon for eight years. In addition to music, Lillian's hobbies include swimming, drawing, and reading.



Wendy Brown, violin • student of Kathy Tarantelli • Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship

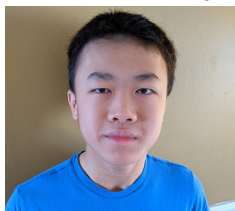
Wendy Brown is 11 years old and lives in Fairport. Wendy has been a Hochstein student since she started violin at 3 years old. For many years she has been under the excellent tutelage of Kathy Tarantelli. Wendy is presently in sixth grade and is homeschooled. Her hobbies include swimming, bicycling, and playing with her friends. Wendy hopes to be a teacher or Veterinarian in the future.

John Canham, cello • student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp • Honors Certificate Program Graduate

John Canham is currently a senior at Pittsford Mendon High School. He began his cello studies at the age of three as a Suzuki student at Hochstein and has played in Concertino Strings, Sinfonia Strings, Philharmonia Orchestra, and the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra during his eleven years in the Hochstein orchestral program. John has studied with Kathy Kemp for the last seven years and is looking forward to completing the Hochstein Honors Certificate Program this spring. He has also studied the piano since the age of five and, as a current student of Harriet Zimmerman, is looking forward to completing the Eastman Diploma in Piano this spring. Outside of his musical studies, he skis on the Pittsford Nordic Ski Team and enjoys spending time outdoors and tinkering with electronics. Next fall John plans to attend RIT as an engineering student. As John moves on, he will fondly remember his friends at Hochstein and he would like to thank all of his teachers for their patience, encouragement, and inspiration over the years.



Christian Chan, cello • student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp • Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship



Christian Chan is a homeschooled eighth grader. He has been studying the cello with Mrs. Kathy Kemp since the age of eight. He is a current member of the Hochstein Philharmonia Orchestra and a past member of Hochstein Sinfonia Strings and Hochstein Concertino Strings. An avid tennis fan, Christian also enjoys playing the sport competitively. Recently, he has found an interest in web development. He is thankful to God for the opportunity to play the cello and is grateful for the tutelage of Mrs. Kemp, the support of the Hochstein community, and his family.

Martina De Luccio, voice • student of Sandra Boysen Sluberski • Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship

Martina De Luccio is a junior at Greece Athena High School. She is an Honor Roll with Distinction student who has participated in many of her high school's productions such as Mamma Mia! (ensemble) and Cinderella (Gabrielle). Martina studies voice at The Hochstein School and studies piano and dance privately. She is also a member of Greece Athena's Select Choir, Show Choir, and is a violinist in the orchestra. She has participated in the Area All-State Choir and performed with the RPO Holiday Pops Chorale in 2019. As a student of Dr. Sandra Boysen Sluberski, Martina had the honor of competing in the 11th-12th Grade Merit Scholarship Competition and winning the Lillian Taylor Hubbard Scholarship. Although Martina does not yet know her plans for the future, she hopes to continue her studies with voice.



Ian Dorrer, piano • student of Oleksandra Yurchenko • David Romig Memorial Scholarship

Ian Dorrer is a fifth grader at French Road Elementary School in Brighton. He has been playing the piano at Hochstein since he was about four years old with Dr. Oleksandra Yurchenko, and also plays the clarinet. He likes to play music, ride his bike, and read. He loves to listen to classical music. His favorite composer is Frederic Chopin. Ian would like to become a doctor, an architect, or a scientist, and he wants to continue playing the piano.



Amy Feng, cello • student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp • Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship



Amy Feng, a junior at Pittsford Sutherland High School, is currently studying cello with Kathy Kemp. Amy is the principal cellist of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO) and the 2018 NYSSMA Junior High Area All-State Orchestra. Amy was the featured cello soloist in the 2020 Hochstein Centennial Orchestra concert after winning the 2019 HYSO Concerto Competition. Also a pianist, Amy is the top prize winner of the Nazareth College Piano Competition, Empire State Piano Competition, and David Hochstein Recital Competition, among others. Amy has been a featured piano soloist in concerts with both the Genesee Symphony Orchestra and HYSO. As a chamber musician, she plays cello with the Hochstein Saturday String Quartet. Outside music, Amy loves math, reading, and playing varsity tennis.

Joshua Fugate, violin • student of Pia Liptak • Honors Certificate Program Graduate

Joshua Fugate began violin lessons at Hochstein at the age of three. Since then, he has played in all four of Hochstein's youth orchestras and has participated in multiple chamber and choral events. He is currently a member of the Roberts Wesleyan College Community Orchestra, as well as his church's music team. Joshua began taking piano lessons in 2016 from Dr. Gary Palmer, who has been a continual support. He is a recipient of the Howard Hanson Certificate of Merit on piano. In 2017, Joshua was accepted into Hochstein's Honors Certificate Program. He is a four-time winner of the Hochstein Merit Scholarship for violin. Joshua is a high school senior and is homeschooled by his mother. After graduation, he plans to study Psychology at RIT. Joshua is grateful for the invaluable time invested in him by his violin teachers, Kathy Tarantelli and Dr. Pia Liptak.



Felix Huang, cello • student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp • Honors Certificate Program Graduate • Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship



Felix Huang is currently a senior at Webster Schroeder High School. He has been studying cello with Kathy Kemp for 11 years and has been a part of her studio since he was in elementary school. Felix also serves as the principal cellist for the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and has been with the organization for five years. Through RPYO, Felix has been able to perform in venues such as Carnegie Hall and Kennedy Center across the country. Besides playing the cello, Felix also studies piano with Bonnie Choi. Most recently, Felix won the RPYO Concerto Competition and performed the Grieg Piano Concerto in A Minor in Eastman Kodak Theatre. Outside of music, Felix enjoys playing on Schroeder's varsity football team and varsity tennis team. He is also involved in Science Olympiad, Math League, Speech and Debate, and Future Business Leaders of America. Next year, Felix will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to study Computer Science and Business Management. Felix would like to thank Kathy Kemp for all the support and dedication she has shown him throughout the years.

Katherine Huang, flute • student of Diane Smith • Donald Yungkurth Memorial Scholarship

Katherine Huang is a senior at Pittsford Mendon High School. She has played the flute for ten years and currently is studying with Mrs. Diane Smith. In school, Katherine is a part of the Wind Ensemble and Pep Band. This year, she participated in New York State's virtual Conference All-State Band. Katherine also shares her love for music in the RPYO and at church as a worship team leader. Outside of flute, Katherine enjoys swimming competitively for Pittsford's varsity team. She plans to study Business and Economics at Notre Dame in the fall, and continue making music in college.



Allison Lee, violin • student of Marcos Kreutzer • Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship

Allison Lee is an eighth grader at Churchill Junior High School in East Brunswick, NJ and has been playing the violin and piano for seven years. She loves music and has performed at both Carnegie Hall and Steinway Hall. She was also the Assistant Concertmaster of the Central Jersey Regional Orchestra for two years and a first violinist in the New Jersey All-State Orchestra. In addition to music, Allison enjoys playing tennis and competing as part of her school Math Team.

Sean Li, piano • student of Joe Werner • Sidney & Ruth Salzman Memorial Scholarship

Sean Li, 16, is a junior at Pittsford Mendon High School. He has been playing the piano since the age of six and the cello since the age of ten. Currently, he studies piano with Joseph Werner and cello with Kathy Kemp. He is in Hochstein's Honors Certificate Program for cello and is a current member of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra. Sean has consistently earned the highest score on MCSMA All-County and NYSSMA All-State solo festivals, and is the principal cellist of Mendon's Symphony Orchestra. He was one of 16 students selected to participate in the Virtual Summer Cello Institute at the Eastman School of Music. Outside of music, Sean is an avid tennis player on Mendon's varsity team and is an officer in both the junior class and all-school student councils. He takes interest in the physical sciences and is especially captivated with the chemical basis of the natural world. He spends his free time writing, and has won many Scholastic writing awards. Sean also volunteers at the Rochester Pediatric Urgent Care, where he assists with treating young patients in need of immediate medical attention. He aspires to become a surgeon or a chemist and hopes to continue developing his musical abilities alongside his future career.



Joseph McQuaid, violin • student of Marcos Kreutzer • Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship

Joseph McQuaid is a seventh grader at Twelve Corners Middle School in Brighton. He has been studying the violin since the age of six, and currently studies with Mr. Marcos Kreutzer at Hochstein. Playing video games is his favorite activity, followed by playing the violin, reading, and playing outside. He plans to be a programmer or game designer in the future.



Caitlin Ott, cello • student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp • Sydney & Pearl Rubin Memorial Scholarship

Ninth grader Caitlin Ott lives in Pittsford with her parents, siblings, and a menagerie of pets including a Cockatiel, a Persian cat, and a Newfoundland Dog. She has been home-educated for ten years. Caitlin began studying the cello at age five with Ms. Pamela Frame, and became a student of Kathleen Kemp four years ago. She has been a member of the Eastman Community Music School Beginning Strings and Chamber Program, Hochstein Sinfonia, Hochstein Philharmonia, Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra and, most recently, The Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Last February, Caitlin performed with the RPYO at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. She attended The Masterworks Festival in Spartanburg, SC last July and she looks forward to attending the festival again this summer. Caitlin enjoys various visual arts and pursues her love of culinary arts by working alongside her mom in the kitchen. She participates in baseball and Ultimate Frisbee leagues and is a huge football fan - GO PACKERS! Caitlin loves history, Star Wars, and the Lord of the Rings.



Isaac Pollock, guitar • student of Tim Shannon • Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship

Isaac Pollock is currently a freshman at MCC and has been studying with Dr. Tim Shannon for the past six years. He has participated in the Honors Program at Hochstein since tenth grade. At 18, Isaac is the oldest of seven brothers. He is an MCC freshman and is currently pursuing a degree in Business Administration. Isaac is also a private pilot working through the required ratings to become a commercial pilot. Musically, besides activities at Hochstein, Isaac enjoys playing music with his family or for church. He also plays bass guitar, guitar, and sings for Daybreak – a worship band that he and his friends started. Isaac also enjoys the outdoors, cars, aviation, and playing the piano.



Neil Stringer, cello • student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp • Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship

Neil Stringer is a tenth grade student from Canandaigua Academy. He has been playing cello since the age of nine, and has studied under the guidance of Kathleen Kemp and Cora Swenson-Lee at The Hochstein School since sixth grade. Neil is a member of Hochstein's prestigious Youth Symphony Orchestra and has been a member of the Hochstein Chamber Music Connection for three years. Neil is a part of Hochstein's Honors Certificate Program and is a past Hochstein Merit Scholarship winner. In addition, he is a member of Canandaigua Academy's Chamber Orchestra and the Tri-M Honors Music Society. He has been a Guest Conductor each year at the Canandaigua City Schools Concerts since fifth grade. In the past, Neil was a guest soloist and part of the Hummingbird Theater's Production of Broken Glass performed at MuCC Community Theater, and played in the pit orchestra for the CA Production of Mamma Mia. In his free time, he enjoys listening to and playing classical music swimming, cross country skiing, and reading. His other passions include Neuroscience and Astrophysics, and he hopes to one day become a Neurosurgeon and to play in a professional Symphony Orchestra.



Emily Sibley Watson Society at HOCHSTEIN

Thank you to our Emily Sibley Watson Society members of 2020-21!

The Emily Sibley Watson Society was created to recognize and thank those leadership donors who make annual unrestricted donations of \$1,000 or more. 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 and dance education.

For more information about the Emily Sibley Watson Society, visit www.hochstein.org/support or contact Thomas Graber at thomas.graber@hochstein.org.



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