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14 Hochstein Students Earn Merit Scholarships, Honors Certificates, and Perform at Honors Convocation on June 1

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Fourteen Hochstein students in grades 5 to 12 will be recognized at Hochstein's Honors Convocation on **Friday, June 1 at 7:00 pm**, representing two of Hochstein's programs for the most advanced students: the **winners of Merit Scholarships** and candidates for completion of the **Honors Certificate Program**. The students also will perform solos during the Honors Convocation. ***See below for the full list of scholarship winners and honors certificate students.***

Hochstein teachers nominate students for Merit Scholarships and auditions were held January–March. They are organized in four categories for various age levels of music students. The scholarships are provided with funds established to memorialize former board members Sydney Rubin and his wife Pearl Rubin, Lillian Taylor Hubbard, and Walter Holloran, as well as Sidney & Ruth Salzman, Dorothy Pund Allen, David Romig, Christina and Diana Wang, and Donald Yungkurth, and members of the Knights of Pythias.

The Honors Certificate Program is entered by audition and is an intensive course of study over several years. Many of the graduates of Hochstein's Honors Certificate Program have pursued further musical studies at the finest conservatories and university schools of music in the country. There are two seniors who are expected to complete the program this year. Significant support for the Honors Certificate Program comes from the Davison Foundation.

Merit Scholarship Winners

Grades 5-6

- Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship: **Shreya Bhattacharya** of Penfield, violin; grade 5, Cobble Elementary School; student of Marcos Kreutzer
- Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship: **Erica Liu** of Rochester, violin; grade 5, Harley School; student of Marcos Kreutzer
- Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship: **Aaron Sheu** of Rochester, violin; grade 5, St. Louis School; student of Marcos Kreutzer

Grades 7-8

- David Romig Memorial Scholarship: **Thomas DeFisher** of Williamson, piano; grade 8, Williamson Middle School; student of Paula Bobb
- Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship: **Luke Pisani** of Rochester, piano; grade 7, homeschooled; student of Gary Palmer
- Christina & Diana Wang Memorial Scholarship: **Amy Feng** of Pittsford, cello; grade 8, Calkins Road Middle School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp

Grades 9-10

- Christina & Diana Wang Memorial Scholarship: **Felix Huang** of Webster, cello; grade 9, Webster Schroeder High School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
- Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship: **Isaac Pollock** of Rochester, guitar; grade 9, homeschooled; student of Tim Shannon
- Donald Yungkurth Memorial Scholarship: **Agathya Visveswaran** of Brighton, guitar; grade 10, Brighton High School; student of John Wiesenthal

Grades 11-12

- Sidney & Ruth Salzman Memorial Scholarship: **Michael Blum** of Penfield, piano; grade 12, homeschooled; student of Gary Palmer
- Christina & Diana Wang Memorial Scholarship: **Jacqueline Hager** of Brighton, cello; grade 11, Brighton High School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
- Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship: **Nikhil Damani** of Pittsford, violin; grade 12, Pittsford Sutherland High School; student of Pia Liptak
- Sydney & Pearl Rubin Memorial Scholarship: **Erin Allen** of Pittsford, viola; grade 11, Harley School; student of Olita Povero

Honors Certificate Program Graduates

- **Amelia Snyder** of Irondequoit, saxophone; grade 12, Irondequoit High School; student of Nancy Boone-Bahr
- **Nikhil Damani** of Pittsford, violin; grade 12, Pittsford Sutherland High School; student of Pia Liptak

Additionally, three students were recognized with **Honorable Mention**:

- **Aden Bany Ata** of Pittsford, violin; grade 7, Calkins Road Middle School; student of Pia Liptak
- **Ji-Mi Jang** of Pittsford; grade 10, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
- **Amelia Snyder** of Irondequoit, saxophone; grade 12, Irondequoit High School; student of Nancy Boone-Bahr

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School celebrates 97 years of nurturing the creative spirit by providing excellent music and dance instruction to anyone who is interested—regardless of age, level of skill, background, or ability to pay. Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music

School, today Hochstein serves approximately 4,000 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y., with offerings in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). In addition, Hochstein continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

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CALENDAR LISTINGS

2018 Honors Convocation

Friday, June 1, 2018; 7:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; free

Hochstein showcases Merit Scholarship winners in grades 5-12 and two Honors Certificate Program graduates in this special student performance concert. The scholarship winners were selected during auditions that were held January–March 2018. There will be a reception after the concert to celebrate the performers.

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