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Hochstein Announces New Chair of Expressive Arts Department

*Jennifer Phillips to succeed Maria Battista-Hancock in June 2019 as
head of music, art, and dance therapy program*

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— The Hochstein School is pleased to announce the appointment of **Jennifer Phillips** to succeed **Maria Battista-Hancock** in June as **Chair of Hochstein’s Expressive Arts Department**. Phillips is currently a member of the Expressive Arts Department as music therapist since August 2017 and also an internship supervisor. The two will be working together through late May to ensure a smooth transition.

Hochstein President & Executive Director Margaret Quackenbush says, “I’m confident that Jennifer’s passion and dedication for the field, for her fellow creative arts therapists and interns, and for our clients will serve us well. We are fortunate to have such a strong team of faculty members in music, dance, and art therapy, and I look forward to working with Jennifer and the rest of the team to continue to develop our programs.”

Jennifer Phillips brings more than 10 years of experience as a board-certified music therapist. She holds degrees in music therapy and voice from SUNY Fredonia. Her professional career began at Upstate Music Therapy Center in Penfield where she remained until her husband’s education moved them to Williamsburg, Virginia. During her six years in Virginia, Phillips owned and operated a private practice where she provided in-services, assessments, consultations, and music therapy services to a variety of populations. Phillips is an avid presenter at conferences, symposiums, and community organizations across the East Coast about key topics, including music for wellness; music and neurorehabilitation; a person-centered model of care; interprofessional collaboration; and advocacy, outreach, and leadership in the field of music therapy.

Maria Battista-Hancock has been at Hochstein since 2008, first as a music therapist, then in 2011 as Expressive Arts Department Chair. She is leaving to relocate to Italy. During her tenure, the department has expanded significantly, along with the scope of both therapeutic and wellness

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programming, and Battista-Hancock has been a sought-after presenter about the value and impact of therapeutic arts services.

On the Move

Name:	Jennifer Phillips
Company:	The Hochstein School
Current Position:	Expressive Arts Department Chair
Effective	June 2019
Previous Company, if applicable:	The Hochstein School
Previous Position, if applicable:	Music Therapist
Current Town of Residence:	Rochester

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School was founded in commemoration of genius and is dedicated to providing access to opportunity regardless of age, level of skill, ethnicity, or ability to pay. Hochstein’s vibrant community of musicians, dancers, and supporters choose to come together to develop the ability to speak and communicate through music, dance, and expressive arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 3,500 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y. and continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low-cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall—and locations around our city—throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

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