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## **18 Hochstein Students Earn Merit Scholarships, Honors Certificates, and Perform at Honors Convocation on May 31**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Eighteen Hochstein students in grades 5 to 12 will be recognized at Hochstein's Honors Convocation on **Friday, May 31 at 7:00 pm**, representing two of The Hochstein School'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 & Diana Wang, Dawn & Jacques Lipson, 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 three 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**

- Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship: **Lillian Brickman** of Rochester; guitar; grade 6, Anna Murray Douglass Academy, School Number 12; student of Tim Shannon
- Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship: **Felicia Garnot** of Naples; cello; grade 5, homeschooled; student of Kathy Kemp
- Sydney & Pearl Rubin Memorial Scholarship: **Erica Liu** of Rochester; violin; grade 6, Harley School; student of Marcos Kreutzer

- Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship: **Gillian Vit** of Canandaigua; violin; grade 5, Canandaigua Elementary School; student of Katie Worley

### **Grades 7-8**

- Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship: **Caitlin Ott** of Pittsford; cello; grade 7, homeschooled; student of Kathy Kemp
- Sidney & Ruth Salzman Memorial Scholarship: **Luke Pisani** of Rochester; piano; grade 8, homeschooled; student of Gary Palmer
- Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship: **Neil Stringer** of Canandaigua; cello; grade 8, Canandaigua Middle School; student of Cora Swenson-Lee

### **Grades 9-10**

- Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship: **Thomas DeFisher** of Williamson; piano; grade 9, Williamson Middle School; student of Paula Bobb
- Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship: **Amy Feng** of Pittsford; cello; grade 9, Pittsford Sutherland High School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
- Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship: **Felix Huang** of Webster; cello; grade 10, Webster Schroeder High School; student of Kathy Kemp
- David Romig Memorial Scholarship: **Katherine Huang** of Pittsford; flute; grade 10, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Diane Smith

### **Grades 11-12**

- Dawn & Jacques Lipson Music Scholarship: **Chloe Engin** of Fairport; flute; grade 12, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Diane Smith
- Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship: **Jett Kopalek** of Henrietta; violin; grade 11, Rush-Henrietta High School; student of Eri Noda
- Donald Yungkurth Memorial Scholarship: **Hannah Schultz** of Brockport; flute; grade 12, Brockport High School; student of Rita George-Simmons
- Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship: **Agathya Visveswaran** of Brighton, guitar; grade 11, Brighton High School; student of John Wiesenthal

### **Honors Certificate Program Graduates**

- **Chloe Engin** of Fairport; flute; grade 12, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Diane Smith
- **Jackie Hager** of Brighton; cello; grade 12, Brighton High School; student of Kathy Kemp
- **Erik Schroeder** of Scottsville; violin; grade 12, Wheatland-Chili High School; student of Marcos Kreutzer

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

- **Ji-Mi Jang** of Pittsford; cello; grade 11, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
- **Erik Schroeder** of Scottsville; violin; grade 12, Wheatland-Chili High School; student of Marcos Kreutzer