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20 Members of Hochstein Youth Singers Selected for Regional Choral Director Conference March 4-7 in Rochester

First time Rochester is hosting this high-profile, regional conference

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Next month, 20 members of Hochstein Youth Singers (HYS), directed by Maryellen Giese, will sing in four separate honor choirs at the **American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Eastern Region Conference**, to be held in Rochester March 4-7, 2020. These students were each chosen for one of the conference's prestigious honor ensembles from hundreds of applicants from Virginia to Maine. All of these singers regularly participate in the Hochstein Youth Singers, an energetic chorus made up of motivated and dedicated young musicians who love to sing. **See below for a list of students by ensemble.**

Each of the ensembles – Elementary Honor Choir, Junior High School Honor Choir, High School Honor Choir, and Music Theater Repertoire Honor Choir – will be rehearsing during the ACDA conference under the direction of internationally acclaimed conductors. The ensembles will perform at Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre on **Saturday, March 7 at 2:30 pm (Elementary and Junior High choirs) and 4:00 pm (High School and Music Theatre choirs)**. These concerts are free and open to the public.

During the conference, **The Hochstein School itself will host 18 performances and rehearsals by school, church, community, and professional vocal ensembles.** Performances will also be held at the Downtown United Presbyterian Church and Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre, with rehearsals and conference sessions at various locations downtown. For more information about the ACDA conference, visit <https://acdaeast.org>.

HYS Director **Maryellen Giese** looks forward to having 20 enthusiastic, well-prepared young musicians representing Hochstein at the conference. She says, "I'm PROUD that so many of our excellent singers will have to opportunity to show off their talents in THEIR City of Rochester! This is the first time Rochester has been chosen for this high-profile ACDA regional conference, and that's due in no small part to Rochester's world class performance venues."

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.

Elementary Honor Choir participants:

Ashley Beyer (Hilton)
James Coté (Henrietta)
Lucy Coté (Henrietta)
Elizabeth Creary (Brighton)
Samantha Gullo (Irondequoit)
Mary Muller (Brighton)
Caroline Salamone (Webster)
William Scrivens (Greece)
Natalia Sierra-Wardlow (Rochester)
Kayden Smith (Farmington)

Junior High School Honor Choir participants:

Sean Adams (Pittsford)
Beatrix Freeman (Irondequoit)
Una Gogstetter (Brighton)
Rebecca Gullo (Irondequoit)
Luciano Pagano (Churchville)
Phillip Urai (Rochester)

High School Honor Choir participants:

Lauryn Beyer (Hilton)
Nathan Lee (Webster)

Music Theater Repertoire Honor Choir participants:

Caroline Fountain (Webster)
Brynn Peters (Rochester)



Photo caption:

Front Row from Left to Right:

Caroline Fountain, Brynn Peters, James Coté, Natalia Sierra-Wardlow, Ashley Beyer, Kayden Smith

Middle Row from Left to Right:

Nathan Lee, Phillip Urai, Sean Adams, Beatrix Freeman, Lauryn Beyer, Una Gogstetter, Caroline Salamone, Luciano Pagano, Maryellen Giese

Back Row from Left to Right:

William Scrivens, Elizabeth Creary, Rebecca Gullo, Samantha Gullo, Mary Muller, Lucy Coté

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