



# Friends of Music of Shenendehowa

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## *A Message from the President*

Over the past year the FOMS officers and a handful of wonderful members put energy into thinking about how FOMS can be even more effective in supporting and enhancing our students' musical education. Much of our effort this year went into planning our first ever Day of Music workshops for middle and high school musicians. Read the supporting article about the Workshop activities.

Our funds come from membership fees (tax deductible), t-shirt sales, and refreshment sales at the High School Musical. Your support of FOMS helps finance programs that benefit the students, including the Jazz Festival, Summer Mini-Grants, Senior Awards, and All State Conference fees. FOMS funds programs not funded by the Fine and Performing Arts Department budget. FOMS also organizes volunteers to help at music events, and publishes this newsletter to keep you informed of our activities, announce performances, and recognize the accomplishments of our student musicians.

I want to thank our Academic Administrator Frank Rosselli for being supportive and helpful. I'm most grateful for the wonderful work of this year's FOMS officers, Learay, Jackie, and Sue. We will have three new officers and I will serve as President for one more year.

Enjoy the last concerts of the year and the wonderful music that our children make.

Marta Gomez, FOMS President

### **Congratulations to the Recipients of the 2011 FOMS Music Awards**

At the Senior Award Ceremony on May 26th two Shenendehowa seniors were awarded the FOMS Music Awards. The FOMS Music Award was presented to Brendon Wilkins for his exemplary dedication to music and for making music part of his education and personal growth. The Dusty LaPlante Memorial Music Award was presented to Jack Marshall for sharing his passion for music with his school and community, and continuing the legacy of Dusty LaPlante by pursuing a career in music education.

### **Eighty-five Shen Students Attend A Day of Music Workshops by Marta Gomez, FOMS President**

With the help of a grant from Friends *The Harper Family Foundation*, FOMS hosted a Day of Music Workshops for Shen middle and high school students. The goal of the workshops was to offer Shen students opportunities that would add to their musical experience. The day of workshops, including a hot ziti lunch, was free of charge. I attended all of the workshops and I was delighted to see the musicians enjoying the workshops and the instructors excited to be sharing their skills with our students.

With the help of Dr. Robert Hannsbrough of the College of St. Rose we were able to bring three experienced musicians as instructors. Dr. David Bebe is on the College of St. Rose music faculty, is a conductor, cello instructor, and teaches advanced music theory. Mr. Cliff Brucker, also on the St. Rose music faculty, lectures on classical, jazz, and rock music, and teaches music theory, songwriting, improv methods, and ensemble classes. Ms. Denielle Gallo, a soprano and graduate of the Music Education program at St. Rose, teaches elementary school music and is a performer in vocal ensembles and opera.

The Saturday workshop began at 9:30 with everyone gathering in the High School East Orchestra/Chorus room for a workshop Hints for auditions and stage presence taught by Dr. Bebe and Ms. Gallo. The second session allowed the students to choose from three workshops: Vocal technique for vocalists, Interpretative technique for band musicians, and String chamber music workshop. After lunch, we had three more workshops: Basic vocal technique for non-vocalists, Basic jazz improvisation, and a String Master Class. We ended the day with two classes: the History of Rock by Mr. Brucker and Intro to Music Theory by Dr. Bebe.

With the the remaining grant money, FOMS will be able to hold another day of workshops in 2012 and, hopefully, establish this as an annual tradition at Shenendehowa. Exit surveys showed there is room for improvement, so with ideas from our members and students, we will make changes to the workshops so that the event is even more successful.

### All County Band Festival

Grace Barkhuff  
 Nicholas Benedetti  
 Kevin Bennett  
 Sara Conroy  
 Kristen Cregin  
 Joshua Foote  
 Kayla Frasier  
 Joshua Garber  
 Dillon Harding  
 Sarah Kimball  
 Ethan Koval  
 Julie Ann Lattanzio  
 Amy Lee  
 Tyler Olney  
 Rachel Palmieri  
 Christopher Patrizio  
 Erika Persons  
 Nicholas Ringelberg  
 Robert Robak  
 Yana Salei  
 Ben Sibson  
 Nick Soldani  
 Kevin Voelger  
 Sierra Vorsheim  
 Greg Waldek  
 Stephen Whimple  
 Nicholas Wroe

### All County Orchestra Festival

Brittany Adams  
 Ife Adelugba  
 Brian Amaratunga  
 Blaise Barbo  
 Christopher Bell  
 Sarah Butts  
 Kristin Ching  
 Akam Chrzan  
 Chelsea Cramer  
 Alex Davidson  
 Amy Duo  
 Kathryn Fish  
 Chloe Gatwick  
 Allison Goetz  
 Tyler Gougler

Reid Hartl  
 Valerie Kaufmann  
 John-Kyle Konye  
 Dowon Lee  
 Sarah Lilholt  
 Jack Marshall  
 Jack Moorby  
 Olivia Moran  
 Katie Nemeth  
 Harry Newman-Plotnick  
 Grant Novotny  
 Lucy Oliverio  
 Juan Pablo Perez  
 Jay Park

Anagha Putrevu  
 Ryan Rest  
 Elisabeth Schanz  
 John Serbalik  
 Andre Skala  
 Wesley Turner  
 Erin Underhill  
 Arianne Van Cleef  
 Nicolas Vigilante  
 Sierra Vorsheim  
 Jonathan  
 Werthmuller  
 Tyler Werthmuller  
 Colin Yates

### Suburban Council Music Festival

#### *Band*

Leonardo Castillo  
 Kristen Cregin  
 Jarrod Derring  
 Joshua Drabek  
 Josh Garber  
 Aidan Gilpin  
 Collin Rowe  
 Nicholas Soldani  
 Greg Waldek

#### *Orchestra*

Monica Bay  
 Sarah Butts  
 Emily Chen  
 Melanie Chen  
 Adam Chrzan  
 Sara Feinland  
 Kathryn Fish  
 Julia Gauthier  
 Brian Halliday  
 John-Kyle Konye  
 Dowon Lee  
 Sarah Lilholt  
 Jay Peak  
 Grace Qian  
 Evan Smith  
 Monica Williams  
 Ellen Yang

#### *Chorus*

Hailey Belanger  
 Jessica Bristol  
 Marcus Brown  
 Michael Coy  
 Evan Ernst  
 Melissa Frank  
 Jasmine Gold  
 Haley Kastler  
 Kaytlin Kelly  
 Zhenya  
 Kniajanskaya  
 Brianna Kobylar  
 Nathan Lazuras  
 Nate McCarten  
 Kristina Neaton  
 Jacob O'Shea

### THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

All the money in the world is useless without people to do the work. Thank you for your generous and gracious help. Our sincerest apologies if we neglected to list your name.

**HS Musical Refreshments:** Kim & TJ Malinoski, Lili Kuo, Jackie & George Marshall, Learay Silvia, Carol Harper, John Liu, Ellen, Marta Gomez

**Music Workshops:** Sue Scarantino, Learay Silvia, Jackie Marshall, Jack Marshall, Lili Kuo, Vee Abbitt, Lourinda Olsen, and performers Lauren Fish, Raquel Caticha, Stephen Chrzan, Keegan Donlon

**Jazz Festival:** Kim & TJ Malinoski, Peter Merchant, Jackie & George Marshall, Marta Gomez, Learay Silvia

**Music Awards Selection Committee:** Peter Merchant, Tina Hurley, Janet Coons, Jamie Hanley, Vee Abbitt

### All Eastern Festival

Two Shen students were selected to attend the Music Educators National Conference All-Eastern Festival in Baltimore, Maryland.

Lisa Liu (Junior violinist)  
 Mackenzie Cohn (Senior vocalist)

We are the music makers,  
 And we are the dreamers of dreams,  
 Wandering by lone sea-breakers,  
 And sitting by desolate streams;  
 World-losers and world-forsakers,  
 On whom the pale moon gleams:  
 Yet we are the movers and shakers  
 Of the world for ever, it seems.  
 —Arthur O'Shaughnessy, 1844–1881