

# FOMS News

## Friends of Music of Shenendehowa

Spring 2007

### Thanks for your help!

On behalf of the music teachers and Diane Warner... Thanks to the many parents and students who helped with the student and teacher lunches at the Suburban Council Festival as well as the Shen Jazz Festival. We could not do it without your help!!!

Sue Corliss	<i>All Tri-M students</i>
Marta Gomez	Matt Duclos
Wendy Nelson	Jennie Dixon
Sue Pierson	Eileen O'Conner
Lili Kuo	Laura Racht
Mary Lewis	Erin Horstman
Susan Campbell	Chelsea Slosberg
Teresa Campbell	Rebecca Slosberg
Mary Grebe	Elizabeth Grebe
TJ Malinoski	Kevin Malinoski
Carl & Jeanne Hebert	
Rachel Garrison	
Denise Lessard	
Jackie Marshall	

*Our apologies if any names were omitted.*

### Music Major Decisions

**Drew Coles** – music education and music business, Crane Schools of Music  
**Kevin Urvalek** – music education, Crane School of Music  
**Greg Marchand** – music education and music performance, Ithaca College  
**Mike Wessels** – music performance with a minor in theater, Ithaca college  
**Rick Cody** – jazz studies, guitar, Berklee School Of Music  
**Maegen Diener** – composition, SUNY Fredonia,  
**Amy Pierce** – composition, Hart School of Music  
**Hannah Corneau** – musical theater, SUNY Fredonia  
**Lauren Kornak** – music education, CSRE  
**Laura Racht** – music ed, Westminster Choir College  
**Greg Corliss** – vocal performance, Westminster Choir College  
**Steven Frost** – music education, SUNY Potsdam, Crane School of Music

### Faculty News

Congratulations to **Mrs. Elizabeth Mars**, she has been named a National Board certified teacher. This is an elaborate, portfolio, written and video-tape year long assessment that teachers elect to do.

**Ms. Heather Baird** was the 7-9 Saratoga Warren All County Chorus guest conductor. **Diane Warner** was the Colonial Council 9-12 festival chorus conductor. **Mr. Michael Lotano** was a member of the cast of the Cohoes Music Hall production for Jekyll and Hyde.

### In Memoriam

We sadly miss **Dusty LaPlante** who passed away due to complications from a heart transplant. Mr. LaPlante was a dedicated educator who gave 30 years of his professional life to the students of Shenendehowa. His most recent teaching was at Karigon/Orenda and Gowana grade 6 students. He also served on many interview and curriculum committees. Mr. LaPlante performed professionally in the community with many different groups and he was a wise mentor and college student teaching supervisor for many young music educators in the community.

**Mrs. Virginia Harkness** has been hired to assume the responsibilities that **Mr. Richard Rosoff** had been covering for Mr. LaPlante. She will be teaching elementary band students at Arongen, Chango and Okte. Mrs. Harkness is a veteran teacher with many years of successful teaching with this age group in Niskayuna. She is a professional french horn player and a former member of the Albany Symphony.

### Letter from the President

*April 2007*

*I can not believe we are at the end of April. It seems like this school year has flown by. We started the year with our membership drive and I was humbled by your response, we more than doubled last year's membership numbers and dollars! This increase of funds means that we can do more for our music kids. We've had a busy year with the Holiday concerts and the most current activities: the All District String Festival, the Shen Jazz Festival, and the Suburban Council Festival. We put out several calls for help and again your responses were great. I want to thank everyone who helped with these efforts. I appreciate your help and I know the music teachers do as well. We couldn't have done it without you. Please think about joining us for a meeting, we are always looking for new ideas.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kim Malinoski – FOMS president*

# Students Success

## Suburban Council 07

The following students performed at Shenendehowa High School East as part of the Suburban Scholastic Council Music Festival on April 21st. This year's festival included the middle school band, orchestra and choir students, as well as high school jazz. All the students who were accepted auditioned for this honor. *The Friends of Music paid their \$15 per student registration fee for this event.*

### Chorus

David Campbell

Katie Kahn

Chrisanne Pierson

Kailey McCrudden

Jessica Ketchum

Brittany Cosgrave

### Jazz Ensemble

Justin Siemian

Jordan Nelson

Kevin Urvalek

Greg Marchand

Maria Laurenzo

### Band

Sylvia Kool

Scott Whitney

Robert Krupanich

Stephen Lovering

Andrew Desbiens

Kayleigh Geel

Morgan Kruegler

Kayleigh Geel

Morgan Kruegler

### Orchestra

Joshua Bay

Sarah Yang

Raquel Caticha

Kayla Najafipour

Lisa Liu

Joshua Gorton

Luoxiao Li

Krista Olsen

Lauren Fish

Sara Wong

Lisa Lindebaum

MacKenzie Clements

Jiakan Cheng

Bailey Dineen

Steven Chrzan

Julia Knowles

Leah Hofgesang

## All County Orchestra

The following students participated in the All County Orchestra on March 23 and 24 at Hadley Luzerne High School.

### Grade 6

Zhou Shi

Sara Wong

Lisa Lindenbaum

Emma Gray

Frederique Renou

Keisten Dice

Katlin Davies

Lyndsay Schaefer

Andrew Vu

Tessa Marino

Luc DeCarr

### Grade 7

Raquel Caticha

Lauren Fish

Matt Ciotti

Sarah Essa

Steven Chrzan

Phillip Necaise

### Grade 8

Mackenzie Clements

Krista Olsen

Blaise Barra

Jack Marshall

### Grade 9

Elyse Burke

Nathan Burrell

Kerry McDermot

Taryn Wilson

Cindy Wong

Emma Huneck

Catherine Jameson

Laura Duclos

Jessica Petterson

### Grades 10-12

Christine Dombrowski

Angela Wang

Amy Pierce

Kristen Swift

Sonya Langan

William Grebe

## All County Chorus

The following students participated in the Saratoga Warren All County Chorus on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Saratoga Springs High School.

### Grade 6

Kelly Butters

Zachary Joseph

Cassie Reed

Meaghan Potter

James Shay

Mark York

Taylor Zimmermann

Rachael Beairsto

Kendra LaVigne

Alexandra Rizzo

Devon Sosnowski

### Grade 7 & 8

Savannah Gordan

Taylor Grupinski

Ryan Hanahan

### Grade 9

Kathryn DiMaria

Estaban Castillo

Megan Drennan

Julianna Riebal

Jenna Iwaniek

Lyndsay Moore

### Grades 10-12

Ava Wing

Sara Tracy

Laura Ambrosy

Alex Todorov

Anna Moscovic

Hannah Tracy

Emily Cusick

Sarah Golley

Birana Pipeczynski

John Mars

Adam Steinberger

Ryan Smith

Andrew Sutton

## Extraordinary results

The high school choirs attended NYSSMA and they had some extraordinary results.

- HS West **Concert Choir** (level 3) and **Choraliers** (level 4 jazz) – Gold
- HS East **Concert Choir** (level 4) – Silver
- HS East **Choraliers** (level 5) – Gold with Distinction
- HS East **Mostly A Cappella** (level 6) – Gold with Distinction

**Heather Baird** directs the High School West concert choirs and the High School East Concert Choir. **Diane Warner** directs

the High School East Choraliers and Mostly A Cappella.

Twenty-three members of High School East **Choraliers** and **Mostly A Cappella** were rated Superior and ranked first place at a Festivals of Music when they performed at Newark Symphony Hall on March 30th. They were also given the highest mixed choir award. **Greg Corliss**, a senior planning to major in vocal performance, was given the most outstanding soloist award. Diane Warner is the director of these ensembles.

## Jazz Success!

**Kevin Urvalek** was selected to participate in the All County High School Jazz Ensemble.

## All County Band Festival

The following students participated in the Saratoga Warren All County Band Festival at Galway High School on February 21st.

### Gowana

Emily Scholl

Nick Ringelberg

Lindsey Devito

### Acadia

Drew Desbiens

Joonas Lemetyinen

Tina Cavicchio

Ashley Parrington

### Koda

Haleigh Barrett

Robert Krupanich

Elise Moinzadeh

Scott Whitney

### HS West

Karissa Jump

Carolyn Enos

Steven Rosensweig

Alex Lassard

Kyle Heflin

Tommy Pierson

### HS East

Erica Nirsberger

Krysty Dross

Cassandra Whitford

Joseph Valenti

Juli Patacsil

Jonathan Keefner

## Shenendehowa Central Schools Jazz Festival

The Shenendehowa Central Schools recently hosted internationally acclaimed jazz artist and educator, **Mike Davis**. Mr. Davis was the featured artist-in-residence and clinician for the 2007 Shen Jazz Festival held April 25th-28th.

Mr. Davis spent time with students in grades 6-12 in various capacities including master classes, brass workshops, improvisation clinics and large ensemble rehearsals. He joined all of the school jazz bands in concert on Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> and the evening culminated in a grand finale performance on stage with all ensembles combined!

In an effort to further extend into the community the festival incorporated another dynamic. An invitation was extended to several schools throughout the capital region and across New York State. Schools could participate on a first come, first serve basis with spots available for (10) schools. Each participating school presented a musical program after which time Mike Davis worked with the ensemble and director offering comments and suggestions for further development. Each group's performance along with Mike's on-stage comments were recorded to CD. Directors received a copy along with written comments from (2) additional adjudicators.

Certificates of Outstanding Performance were awarded to selected student musicians. These awards were given for an outstanding soloist, or outstanding overall section within the ensemble. In addition, monetary awards were presented to selected students on behalf of The College of Saint Rose Summer Jazz Program, and the International Association of Jazz Educators. Students are encouraged to use these monetary awards for private study or participation in a summer jazz music program. The festival was non-competitive, and was recognized by the International Association of Jazz Educators.

The day's events also featured clinics & performances featuring Mike Davis and the Shenendehowa High School Jazz Ensemble.

Congratulations to all participating schools, and special congratulations to all of our Shen jazzers, our parents, faculty and staff!!

### Friends of Music of Shenendehowa Membership 2007-2008

One year membership effective August 2007 through August 2008

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

Member last year?  Yes  No

Can you help?

Refreshments  Newsletter  T-shirt sales  FOMS Building Rep

Family Membership Levels:

\$5 Sponsor  \$10 Patron  \$25 Benefactor  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: F.O.M.S.

Mail to: F.O.M.S., P.O. Box 1164, Clifton Park, NY 12065

## Musical Thanks!

Thanks to the many people who helped sell refreshments at the High School Musical intermission. This is one of FOMS fund raisers. We couldn't have done it without you!!!

Sue Corliss

Marta Gomez

Dave Knorr

TJ Malinoski

Cindy Zlogar

Sheri Murphy

Morlock

Eva Reed

Jeanne Hebert

Carl Hebert

Erin Hanley

Ava Wing

Mary Francis Stoute

Adam Steinberger

Zach Evans

Adam Hebert

Rachel Carrozza

Devyn Morlock

Rachel Caticha

## Swingin in the Spring with Strings

The Shenendehowa orchestra students were "swingin" on the evening of April 4<sup>th</sup> during this year's string festival concert. The evening was a culmination of a three day visit by Yamaha guest artist **Christian Howes**. During his stay here Mr. Howes worked mostly with the 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade string students on exploring non-written, improvisatory music. There were workshops, rehearsals and performances during which students were given license and encouraged to create using the various elements of music as well as the natural facets of their instruments. During the concert not only did Mr. Howes feature with the various age groups, but many students also had the opportunity to solo on electric instruments that were provided for the kids by John Keal Music. The night was filled with many fine "licks" on behalf of the students. The apex of the evening was the finale during which over 400 students from grades 5 through 12 jammed out with the Duke Ellington tune "C Jam Blues". The string faculty would like to thank the students, parents, and Friends of Music for supporting and making this year's string festival such a huge success.

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