

# FOMS News

Friends of Music of Shenendehowa

Spring 2008

## Letter from the president

April 2008

*Happy Spring! I can not believe we are in May already. It seems like this school year has flown by. We started the year with our membership drive and I'd like to thank you for your continued support for 2007-2008. Our number of memberships have matched last year's! This will allow us to continue to support our music teachers and our students. We've had a busy year with the Holiday concerts, the Musical fundraiser, and we've just completed our FOMS award and Dusty LaPlante award recipient selection. Again this year we will be supporting the upcoming All District Vocal Festival and the Shen Jazz Festival. We put out several calls for help and again your responses were great. I want to thank everyone who helped with this year's activities. I appreciate your help and I know the music teachers do as well. We couldn't have done it without you. I would like to remind you that we still have several open committee positions. They include Vice President, membership committee chair, and refreshment committee chair. Please consider helping out in one of these positions and if you can't make our meetings, we can work with you to accomplish what's needed.*

*Before the rest of the school year disappears I would like to take a minute to wish all of our graduating seniors luck in their future endeavors. I would also like to give special thanks to two of our Tri-M students: Tri-M/FOMS representative Alicia Caticha and Tri-M president Matt Duclos. Both Alicia and Matt attended all of the FOMS meetings updating the group with Tri-m news and actively participating in our conversations. Their feedback has been warmly appreciated and will be missed.*

*Please think about joining us for a meeting, we are always looking for new ideas.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kim Malinoski – FOMS president*

## Music Department Faculty News:

The music department is proud to welcome our newest staff members:

**Mr. Nathaniel Coyne** - Nate joins us as our High School long term instrumental substitute through June. He conducts the High School West Bands along in assisting with HS East instrumental lessons. Nate is a percussionist and recent graduate of the Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam.

**Ms. Danielle Parra** - Danielle joins us while string teacher, Mrs. Renny Tallman is on maternity leave. She conducts the Shatekon and Arongen Orchestra program as well as assists with middle school string lessons. Danielle is a graduate of The College of Saint Rose.

**Mr. Ryan Pangburn** - Ryan joins us as our new Gowana Middle School Band Director. He conducts the Gowana Grade 6, Grade 7/8, and Jazz Bands along with instrumental lessons. Ryan is a Trombone major and graduate of Ithaca College.

## Other Faculty News:

**Renny Tallman** - Congratulations to Renny and her husband as they welcomed their new baby daughter, Heidi Renetta Tallman on March 3, 2008.

**Michael Lotano** - Tesago music teacher recently appeared on stage with the Schenectady Light Opera Company in their production of "Bat Boy" – The Musical

**Diane Warner** - High School East music teacher was the featured guest clinician and conductor for the Scotia-Glenville All District Choral Festival.

**Walter Chaikowski** - Okte music teacher recently served as the guest conductor of the Elementary Choir for the Fulton County Music Festival.

**Joseph Gumper** - High School East music teacher was the featured guest conductor for the Rensselaer All-County Music Festival.

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## School & Community News

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The Karigon chorus presented "Secret Agents of Change" on April 9th; a musical story written by Karigon students and Mrs. Valentine about spreading good character throughout the world. Performances were at Karigon Elementary.

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Middle School Treble Choir and Ambassadors went to New York City to perform at the Fountain area of the Lincoln Center Plaza in May.

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The Shenendehowa Music Department presented their All-District Choral Festival on Tuesday, April 29th in the High School East auditorium. This special evening highlighted our vocal program grades 5-12!

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Middle School Treble Choir and Ambassadors sang for "Music in our Schools Month" at the Plaza. March is nationally recognized by the National Association for Music Education as music in our schools month!

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Albany Pro Musica hosts an annual High School Choral festival at Troy Music Hall. Five area high schools participated on Sunday, March 2nd. Queensbury High School Madrigal Singers, Emma Willard Inner Choir, Saratoga Springs High School Choraliers, Canajoharie Chamber Choir and Shenendehowa's Mostly A Cappella. Each group performed 10 minutes of repertoire on their own, including Albany Pro Musica. For the finale all groups combined with a professional orchestra to perform the first movement of the Brahms' requiem and Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine.

The Shenendehowa Music department hosted the third annual Shen Jazz Festival on Thursday April 24th in the High School East auditorium. The evening concert featured jazz bands in grades 7-12 along with international recording artist, Scott Wendholt. Scott Wendholt is an articulate, passionate, and lyrical trumpeter who approaches music with energy and spirit. His list of credits include: The Carnegie Hall Big Band (lead by Jon Faddis), Maria Schneider's Big Band, the Bob Mintzer Big Band and the Buddy Rich Big Band. He has also recorded and/or worked extensively with artists including Kenny Garrett, Cyrus Chestnut, Christian McBride, Don Braden and Bruce Barth. This year's festival included, hands on clinics with our middle and high school music students, a district wide jazz concert on April 24th featuring all of our Shenendehowa School District Jazz Bands, and concluding with a non-competitive performance festival and workshops encompassing other regional schools on Saturday April 26th.

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## Friends of Music of Shenendehowa Summer Mini Grant

**FOMS is offering three \$100.00 summer mini-grants. The grants will be awarded to one band student, one orchestra student, and one chorus student. The grant money is to be used for a student's summer music program. The application form should be completed and returned to their music teacher by Friday, May 23, 2008. If more than 3 applications are received, priority will be awarded based on grade level. A FOMS committee will review the applications and announce award winners no later than Friday, June 13, 2008.**

**\*\*Your child can ask their music teacher for the forms.**

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## Musical Thanks!

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*Thanks* to Peg Digena and Sue Pierson for helping with the Middle School Chorus rehearsal on April 8, 2008. Pizza was served to the students and coffee was available for parents that stayed while the students rehearsed for the District Choral Festival.

*Thank you* to Elizabeth Mars, Erika Hebert, and Courtney Malinoski for participating in the Senior Award selection process.

*Thanks* to the following people that worked selling refreshments and /or helped setup: **Janet Simson, Marta Gomez, Rachel Garrison, Toni White, Sue Corliss, Jeanne Hebert, Carl Hebert, Karen Callen, Terri Dentinger, TJ Malinoski, and Kevin Malinoski.**

*Thanks* to Tri-M students who worked selling refreshments: **Samantha Lovering, Emily Kluball, Sarah Abelsen, Danielle Amyot, Abby Austen, and Brenden OConnor.**

*Special thanks* to **TJ Malinoski** for securing snack donations.



# Students Accomplishments

## Congratulations

to following students who were selected to represent Shenendehowa at the Saratoga/Warren All-County Choral Festival at Ballston Spa High School:

### Middle School:

Marissa Allen  
Alexandra Bateman  
Casey Hoffay  
Sarah LaPidus  
Gabrielle Manchester  
Alyssa Moran  
Alexis Clague  
Joseph Davila  
Alex Hochberg  
Andrew Matturro  
Emily Padula  
Nick Vigilante  
Kayla Burgess  
Devon Sosnowski  
Colin Wilson  
Matt Zitwer  
Shannon Kelly  
Meaghan Potter  
James Shay  
Tori Torrisi  
Bonnie Culpepper  
Jacqueline Homyk  
Chrisanne Pierson  
Maggie Fagan

### High School:

Amy Bouchard  
Alexis Khemili  
Lindsey Brenenstuhl  
Taylor Grupinski  
Kailey McCrudden  
Patty Pollard  
Joe Giangreco  
Michael Gachowski  
Matt McPartlon  
Ryan Hanehan  
Sara Tracey  
Sarah Paulsen  
Juilana Riebel

Sarah Romeo  
Hannay Tracey  
Amanda Labbe  
Sara Moore  
Sabrina Partisano

## Congratulations

to the following Shen students who participated in the annual High School Choral Festival at the Troy Music Hall:

Laura Ambrosy  
Theresa Armenia  
Abigail Austen  
Jessica Bagley  
Samantha Bobek  
Ann Marie Bono  
William Boyajian  
Rachel Carrozza  
Rachel Dentinger  
Jonathan DiMaria  
Matthew Duclos  
Kelly Feuerstein  
Michael Fitzgerald  
Ariel Gilbert  
Sarah Golley  
Stephanie Gray  
Hannah Hill  
Christopher Hofer  
Christopher Homyk  
Jacob Kahn  
Laura Kenneally  
Alexandra Kerestly  
Emily Klubell  
Andrea Krok  
Christina Manion  
John Mars  
Mark Minoogian  
Cara O'Brien  
Zachary Olsavicky  
Erica Ozols  
Julie Patacsil  
Richard Perilli  
Nicholas Picard  
Larisa Posada

Kathryn Quackenbush  
Caroline Santoro  
Ryan Smith  
Chelsea Spataro  
Adam Steinberger  
Mary Frances Stoute  
Brian Tosti  
Renee Townsend  
Hannah Tracey  
Sara Tracey  
Ava Wing  
Ashley Yoshikawa  
Jordan Zusy

## Congratulations

to the following Shen students who performed as members of the Capital District Youth Chorale at the National Cathedral on December 16th. They were selected to represent New York and their performance was broadcast on the world wide web.

Laura Ambrosy - *HS East*  
Kara Cregin - *HS West*  
Allison DiGena - *Gowana MS*  
Grace DiGena - *HS East*  
Katie DiMaria - *HS East*  
Laura Duclos - *HS East*  
Matt Duclos - *HS East*  
Katie Fitzmorris - *HS East*  
Sarah Golley - *HS East*  
Lauren McGarry - *HS West*  
Zach Olsavicky - *HS East*  
Juliana Riebel - *HS East*  
Lauren Silberstein - *Acadia MS*  
James Scarantino - *HS West*  
Michaela Varrone - *HS West*

The students listed above

were joined by the following Shenendehowa members of CDYC to perform with the Albany Symphony and Albany Pro Musica during the fall semester.

Devon Brady - *HS West*  
Eliyana Keisler - *Orenda*  
Eric Keyrouze - *HS West*  
Carolyn Krupski - *HS West*  
Ryan Mewhorter - *Okte*  
Kody Pomeroy - *Skano*  
Nicholas Ringelberg - *Gowana MS*  
Andrew Sutton - *HS East*  
Tommy Swimm - *HS West*  
Tori Torrisi - *Gowana MS*

The Syracuse University Chamber Chorus joined the Shenendehowa HS East select choirs for an exchange and workshop on February 14th. Dr. John Warren provided a workshop for the combined choirs. Dinner and dessert were provided by Wesley Roy's parents. Wesley, a former Shen singer, is currently singing in the Syracuse choir.

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# Students Accomplishments

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**Congratulations** to following students who were selected to represent Shenendehowa at the Saratoga/Warren All-County Band Festival at Mechanicville High School:

**Middle School:**

James Cobb  
Nick Ringelberg  
Cassandra McNitt  
Jocelyn Waite  
Kaite Wildes  
Julianna Badalucco  
Tyler Olney  
Kayla Fraser  
Joonas Lemetyinen  
James Alessi  
Alexandra Kosek  
Chris Patrizio  
Yana Salei

**High School:**

Haleigh Barrett  
Lindsay DeVito  
Kara Kregin  
Robert Krupanich  
Andrew Desbians  
Scott Whitney  
Cassandra Whitford  
Alex Lessard  
Kevin Malinoski  
Jonathan Keefner  
Emily Skibo  
Matthew Goldberg  
Karissa Jump

**Congratulations** to following students who were selected to represent Shenendehowa at the Saratoga/Warren All-County Orchestra Festival at South Glens Falls:

**Christine Dombroski**

Taryn Wilson  
Lauren Ottaviano  
Emma Huneck  
Sonya Langan  
Kate Jameson  
Annemarie Gundel  
Kerry McDermott  
Amy Bouchard  
Blaise Barra  
Joseph Langan  
John Marshall  
Mackenzie Clements  
Christina Catanzaro  
Chelsea Davis  
Inge Chen  
Kaitlin Davies  
Lucas DeCarr  
Kellie Graf  
Emma Hartman  
Olivia Morna  
Zhuo Shi  
Sara Wong  
Kirthana Bhat  
Lauren Fish  
Eric Leach  
Adrianna Ortiz  
Arienne VanCleaf  
Dylan Yates  
Brian Chrzan  
Samuel Collins  
Nicolas Vigilante  
Brian Amaratunga  
Valerie Kaufmann  
Hannah Ladd  
Charles Chen  
Joshua Todt  
Jonathan Werthmuller

**Congratulations** to the following students have reported college acceptances:

**Erica Nirsberger** – Crane School of Music – Music Education

**Hannah Tracey** – The College of Saint Rose and Schenectady Community College – Music Education – Awarded a \$56,000 talent scholarship!

**Ava Wing** – Schenectady Community College – Music Performance

**Jordan Zusy** – Hope College – Cello Major. She received the freshman talent scholarship.

**Nick Picard** – SUNY Buffalo – Music Theatre

**Will Boyajian** – Ithaca College - Music Theatre and Music Performance

**Jacob Kahn** – SUNY Fredonia – Music Performance

**Jordan Nelson** – Michigan State University and William Patterson – Jazz Studies

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## Summer Music Study:

**Joe Valenti** – New York State School of Orchestral Studies

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## Award Winners

The Saratoga/Warren County Music Scholarship Award Winners for 2008 (from Shenendehowa) are as follows:

**Stephanie Gray** - voice, mezzo soprano,

**Justin Siemian** - tenor saxophone

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# Congratulations!

## Congratulations to the 2008 FOMS Music Award Recipients

The FOMS Music Award is presented to a graduating senior who embodies the goals of Friends Of Music of Shenendehowa. This is a student who has made music a part of her education and who has grown as an individual through music. This student has demonstrated a passion for music through her experiences as a musician as well as her influence as a musician on her family, friends, school, and community.

*Congratulations to the recipient of this year's FOMS music award  
Danielle Bouchard.*

The FOMS/Dusty LaPlante Memorial Music Award is presented to a graduating senior who plans to pursue a career in the music arts (which includes music education, theater, performance, composition, or business). This student has demonstrated a commitment to music through his role as a musician in his school, as well as his future plans in music.

*Congratulations to the recipient of this year's FOMS/Dusty  
LaPlante Memorial award Jordan Nelson.*

## Student Selected

Arongen 4<sup>th</sup> grade student, **Maureen Gallagher**, was recently selected to participate in the Capital District Youth Chorale.

## Invited to Perform

High School student, **Joe Valenti** was invited to perform in a Clarinet Master Class for Michael Sussman of the Springfield Symphony and U-Mass Amherst at SCCC on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

# "Two of a Kind"

**A Benefit Cabaret for "The Sammie Fund"**  
**Featuring Erika & Adam Hebert with Matt Duclos, Piano**  
**May 31 at 7 pm**  
**Shen High School East Little Theater**

"Two of a Kind" is a cabaret performance featuring Erika & Adam Hebert with Matt Duclos on piano. Theater selections, mostly duets, from Annie Get Your Gun, My Favorite Year, The Wild Party, Seussical, The Pajama Game, Spamalot and more!

Sponsored in part by the Shenendehowa Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter, all proceeds from the event will go to Sammie Sagnelli, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at Karigon Elementary School in Clifton Park, NY who is fighting lymphoma. Her "In It To Win It" campaign has been inspirational throughout the community and is supported by various Clifton Park businesses and individuals. This is our way of helping out.

**Pay-what-you-will donations at the door and a bake sale too!**

*More information on Sammie and the events happening in the community can be found on her website:  
[www.caringbridge.org/visit/sammiesagnelli](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/sammiesagnelli)*

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# FOMS NEWS

## **Join us at FOMS**

We welcome all parents, students, and friends to join the Friends of Music of Shenendehowa (F.O.M.S.) and to attend our monthly meetings.

**Meetings for are: 5/29, & 6/19**

**at 7:30 PM in the Choir/Orchestra Room  
(RM #164) at the HS East Building.**

Thank you for your support!