

FOMS News

Friends of Music of Shenendehowa

Winter 2006-2007

Students Success

Congratulations to all students selected for Empire State Youth Orchestra!!!

Jazz Ensemble 2:

Matthew Coyle: Saxophone, HS East
Alex Lessard: Trumpet, HS East
Greg Marchand: Bass, HS East
Jordan Nelson: Trumpet, HS East
Will Orlowski: Trombone, Gowana
Steven Rosenzweig: Trumpet, HS West
Brian Scholl: Trombone, HS East
Justin Siemian: Saxophone, HS West

Repertory Orchestra:

Keegan Donlon: Viola, Koda
Julia Knowles: Cello, Gowana
Lisa Liu: Violin, Acadia
Kayla Najafipour: Violin, Gowana
Angela Wang: Violin, HS West
Sarah Wildes: Violin, HS East
Jenny Xie: Violin, HS East

String Ensemble:

Jiakun Cheng: Violin, Acadia
Megan DiBenedetto: Violin, Gowana
Luoxiao Li: Violin, Acadia
Ciara Maginn: Violin, Koda
Jessica Wang: Violin, Okte
Sarah Yang: Violin, Gowana

Wind Orchestra:

Jonathan Keefner: Percussion, HS East
Will Orlowski: Trombone, Gowana
JuliAnne Patacsil: French Horn, HS East
Kyle Poore: Oboe, HS West
Jonathan Rodda: French Horn, HS East

Youth Orchestra:

Michael Chien: Violin, HS East
Amy Pierce: Cello, HS East

Conference All State

The following Shenendehowa students have been selected by competitive audition to participate in **Conference All State Honors Ensembles** in Rochester, New York in December. Each year thousands of juniors and seniors throughout New York State attend adjudication festivals and audition on material from an approved list. The following students have been honored:

Molly Bigness: Flute, grade 12
Hannah Tracey: Alto, grade 11
Laura Racht: Alto, grade 12
Lauren Kornak: Alto, grade 12
Ava Wing: Soprano, grade 11

The Choraliers and Mostly A Cappella Selected to Perform

Shenendehowa's HS East Choraliers and Mostly A Cappella have been invited to perform at the **MENC Eastern Division Conference** in Hartford, Connecticut on March 9th. These students were selected from other choirs representing the following states: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, US Military European Schools, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Mrs. Diane Warner is the conductor of both groups.

Area All State Students Selected

The following Shenendehowa students have been selected by competitive audition to participate in **Area All State Honors Ensembles** in Saratoga Springs in November. The students are selected from 70 high schools that attend adjudication festivals and audition on material from an approved list.

Molly Bigness: band, grade 12
Greg Corliss: chorus, grade 12
Matthew Coyle: band, grade 12
Erin Horstman: band, grade 12
Emily Kluball: band, grade 11
Dan Knorr: orchestra, grade 12
Lauren Kornak: chorus, grade 12
Maria Laurenzo: band, grade 11
Greg Marchand: jazz band, grade 12
John Mars: chorus, grade 10
Jordan Nelson: jazz band, grade 11
Erica Nirsberger: band, grade 11
Laura Racht: chorus, grade 12
Chelsea Slosberg: chorus, grade 12
Adam Steinberger: chorus, grade 11
Mary Francis Stoute: chorus, grade 11
Kristen Swift: orchestra, grade 11
Alexandria Todorov: chorus, grade 12
Hannah Tracey: chorus, grade 11
Sara Tracey: chorus, grade 11
Ava Wing: chorus, grade 11

Two Shen Students Selected for NYS Honors Concert Band

Two of our students, **Maria Laurenzo** (Trombone) and **Erica Nirsberger** (Flute) have been selected for participation in the **New York State Band Directors Association Honors Concert Band**. This festival will be held March 1-3, 2007.

Summer Study

Ava Wing – New York School of the Arts,
School of Choral Studies;

Lauren Kornak – Park Playhouse II,
Musical Theater

**Olivia Gliserman, Jacob Kahn,
Aaron Marquise** – NYSTI Summer
Theater Institute

Laura Racht – Peter Sklar’s
“Beginnings Workshop”

Eileen O’Connor – RPI Young Actors’ Guild

Hannah Corneau – New York School
of the Arts

Lydia Nightingale – School of Dramatic
Studies

Mark Minoogian – Crane School of Music

Ricky Cody – Berklee Guitar Summer
Session

Stephanie Gray – Shenendehowa
Summer Theater Camp

**Megan McCarthy, Sasha Stevanovich,
Courtney Sheridan, Valerie Tuite** –
Music Camp

Congratulations Ava Wing!

Ava Wing, now a junior at Shen High was accepted as one out of 80 students in the whole state into the NYSSSA Choral Studies 2006 summer program at SUNY Fredonia. She was the only one to represent Shenendehowa for the Choral Studies program.

New FOMS Website

*Has everyone checked
out our web site?*

www.fomshen.org

Bill Grebe has been working hard designing the Friends of Music web site. Bill, a high school senior, put many hours over the summer designing the site. Thanks Bill it looks great!

ProgOctoberfest Fundraiser a Success!

Many thanks to Tom Occhiogrosso and his band ‘Fear of Flying’. Tom organized ProgOctoberfest, a fundraiser with the theme of Musicians helping Musicians. A portion of each ticket sale was donated to Friends of Music, and we received a donation of \$358. Thanks to Tom and the many people who put countless hours into the event.

Letter from the President

November 2006

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to a new year of great student music and great enthusiasm from our music director, Diane Warner and her staff of music teachers.

FOMS is a volunteer organization promoting music in our schools and in the community. You have seen us at your child’s open houses kicking off our annual membership drive.

You will see us at the holiday concerts serving refreshments and selling t-shirts, as well as at festivals hosted by Shen. We rely on the generosity of you, the families of music students and the community. We raise funds thru our membership drive as well as fundraisers held thru the year. This year we will be selling the Shen Music t-shirts again in charcoal grey and black.

My goal as president is to increase the dollars raised thru membership and to funnel the funds back to our music kids. My priority as president is music enrichment through guest artists, as I feel this is a great way to benefit many music students. I would like to thank everyone receiving this newsletter because your response to our membership drive has been awesome this year.

I would like to introduce and thank this year’s FOMS Board:

Dave Knorr; vice president, Gary DiLallo; treasurer, and Sue Corliss; secretary.

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

Sincerely,

Kim Malinoski – FOMS president

Faculty News

Mr. Dan Packard left his position as vocal music teacher at Skano to become an elementary assistant principal in Cairo Durham Elementary School. **Caroline Slezak**, a former traveling general music teacher, has taken his place at Skano.

Kathy Mason, a former part-time middle school vocal music teacher has replaced Caroline as the traveling general music teacher.

Jessica Vickers is our new part-time Tesago-Skano band teacher. She has also replace **Kathy Mason** in the middle school general music classes. Jessica came to us with experience in both general music and band instruction. She is a recent graduate of CSR.

Festival News

Shenendehowa Central Schools Jazz Festival April 25-28th

The Shenendehowa Central Schools is proud to welcome internationally acclaimed jazz artist and educator, **Mike Davis**. Mr. Davis will join the district as the featured artist-in-residence and clinician for the 2007 **Shen Jazz Festival**, April 25th-28th.

The festival is non-competitive, and is supported by the International Association of Jazz Educators. Ensembles from across New York State and surrounding areas will have (30) minutes to present their selected program during which time Mike Davis will briefly talk with each group to offer comments and suggestions for further development. Each group's performance along with Mike's on-stage comments will be recorded to CD. Each director will receive a copy along with written comments from (2) additional adjudicators.

Certificates of Outstanding Performance will be awarded to selected student musicians. These awards may be given for an outstanding soloist, or outstanding overall section within the ensemble. In addition, monetary awards will be 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 day's events will culminate in an afternoon clinic/performance featuring Mike Davis and the Shenendehowa High School Jazz Ensemble.



2007 Shen Jazz Festival Presents:

Mike Davis and the Shenendehowa High School Jazz Ensemble

Saturday April 28th
at 4:00 p.m.

Shen High School East
Auditorium

All are invited to attend the
afternoon performance.

For additional information please contact:

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FOMS Needs Help!

- Building representatives (elementary and middle school)
- T-shirt committee chair
- Refreshment chair
- Secretary

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Thank You!

Thanks to Marta Gomez and High School Junior **Alicia Caticha** for updating and redesigning the Friends of Music display board. Alicia is a Shenendehowa music student, her mom, Marta, just joined us for her first FOMS meeting in September. The board is displayed on the FOMS table at open houses, concerts, etc. It is one way we communicate with You!

Thanks to the following members who manned the FOMS table at the high school and middle school open houses:
Bill Grebe, Andy Grebe, Sue Corliss, Marta Gomez and **Jeanne Hebert**.

Thanks to the teachers who either spoke for FOMS or allowed us to speak during their parent sessions.

Thanks to **Jeanne Hebert**, t-shirt committee chair, for organizing this year's t-shirt fundraiser.

Thanks to **TJ Malinoski** for securing donations for our holiday concert refreshments.

Thanks to everyone who has helped man the FOMS tables at Holiday concerts:
Jeanne Hebert, Carl Hebert, Dave Knorr, Sue Corliss, Marta Gomez, TJ Malinoski.

Thanks to your overwhelming response to our 2006-2007 membership drive. We have already surpassed last years numbers.