

THE RENSSELAER COUNTY SCHOOL  
MUSIC ASSOCIATION

PROUDLY PRESENTS



Tamarac High School Auditorium  
Brunswick Central School District  
Saturday, November 4, 2023 - 1:30PM

# PROGRAM

- I. **Greetings**.....Dr. Angelina Maloney, Superintendent  
*Brunswick Central School District*  
Christopher Siegenthaler, *President*  
*Rensselaer County School Music Association*
- II. **JAZZ ENSEMBLE**.....David Hawthorne, Conductor  
Kyle Chamberlin and Mike McGough, Managers
- Back Alley Shuffle.....Arr. Doug Beach  
Missing You.....Arr. Mike Tomaro  
Arnge Drank.....Arr. Paul Baker  
The Mudbug Strut.....Arr. Paul Baker
- III. **ELEMENTARY CHORUS**.....John Samonte, Conductor  
Carol Ann Weeks, Accompanist  
Hannah Wunsch and Melissa Zimmermann, Managers
- Gonna Rise Up Singin' .....Don Besig  
Will There Really Be A Morning?.....Craig Hella Johnson  
Al Shlosa D'Varim.....Allan Naplan  
Walk in Jerusalem.....Rollo Dilworth
- IV. **SENIOR CHORUS**.....Brendan Hoffman, Conductor  
Maria Braun, Accompanist  
Christopher Price, Manager
- Salmo 150.....Ernani Aguiar  
O Love.....Elaine Hagenberg  
Wheels of a Dream.....Arr. John Leavitt  
Tshotsholoza (Go Forward).....Adapted by Jeffery Ames
- V. **JUNIOR BAND**.....Mike Tiskowitz, Conductor  
David Bresnahan, Manager
- Verity March.....Laura Estes  
Chant and Tribal Dance.....David Shaffer  
Pirates of the Caribbean.....Klaus Badelt/Arr. Ted Ricketts

# JAZZ ENSEMBLE MEMBERS

## ALTO 1

Dylan Doeg T

## ALTO 2

Liam Ouimet LSI

## TENOR 1

Neea Gizzo EG

## TENOR 2

Tyler Munson BR

## BARI SAX

Mason Niedhammer L

## TRUMPET 1

McKenzie Villegas R

## TRUMPET 2

Sam Hart AP

## TRUMPET 3

John Long T

## TROMBONE 1

Aiden Taylor R

## TROMBONE 2

John Wasula T

## TROMBONE 3

Lee Snyder T

## TROMBONE 4

Collin Shea BR

## GUITAR

Theo Tichy AP

Luc Marra S

## PIANO

TBA

## BASS

Daniel McAlonie AP

## DRUM SET

Patrick Stawowy AP

## RENSSELAER COUNTY SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION DISTRICTS

AP.....Averill Park  
BE .....Berlin  
BR.....Brunswick (Brittonkill)  
EG .....East Greenbush  
EW.....Emma Willard  
HF .....Hoosick Falls  
HV.....Hoosic Valley

LSI.....La Salle  
L.....Lansingburgh  
R.....Rensselaer  
RCP.....Robert C. Parker  
S.....Schodack  
T.....Troy  
W.....Wynantskill

## ELEMENTARY CHORUS MEMBERS

### SOPRANO

Alexis Adair EG  
Anna Babcock T  
Addyson Boule S  
Eden Bromberg EG  
Harper Croll T  
Andrea Del Re HV  
Sadie Drew HF  
Emjai Dominy AP  
Eli Ehntholt BE  
Franisabel Eugene BR  
Aurora Ferraro HF  
Ellie Friday-Hohman T  
Astrid Gimenez RCP  
Harper Hansen T  
Gabrielle Heer BR  
Charlotte Hoffman BR  
Madison Johnson R  
Mikayla Jones AP  
Adele Kaskoun BR  
Mattingly Kruger BR  
Emily Kurimsky EG  
Abigail Lane AP  
Rosalina Lewis T  
Macy Masse EG  
Mallory Meissiner BR  
Brave Morstad BE  
Jenna Noble S  
Abigail Nowicki HF  
Patricia Paglialonga HV  
Amelia Radigan AP  
Rajdeep Ray EG

Isaiah Rosario R  
Gretta Rowlands HF  
Karsyn Sanchez S  
Dorothy Schneider AP  
Kennedy Schneider BR  
Talia Seals T  
Kate Sparks HF  
Kaelyn Stone T  
Novalie Stone R  
Caona Vaccaro-Asili RCP  
Gianna Viall HV  
Savanna Watson RCP  
Sophia Zinna BE  
Madelyn Zwinge HF

### ALTO

Brynn Benyo AP  
Addalynn Bloomfield T  
Addison Brandenburg L  
Aria Broussard EG  
Stella Cardone T  
Lillian Carlo HV  
Amelia Cavanaugh BR  
Declan Cronen T  
Abigail Cusack T  
Valentina DiScanio-  
Miano T  
Shane Easter BR  
Ryleigh Foust R  
Mikaili Gamble-Pratt T  
Abigail Hansen AP  
Alexandra Haught S

Grace Jackson T  
Daphne Johnson T  
Amos Kivenheimo EG  
Amara Khaing EG  
Joseph Knapp L  
Elise Laurange EG  
Anthony Lorini HV  
Samuel McKeon BR  
Paige McKinney L  
Jamani Miller EG  
Braedan Morrissey BR  
Jacqueline Morstad BE  
Sophia Mung R  
Leo Nassivera EG  
Myrah Ochis-  
Lutringer L  
Jack Onorato BR  
Glenn Overlock AP  
Jenna Plummer L  
Richelle Ponzo L  
Mckynzie Reinger AP  
Gabriel Rogers BR  
Liam Rose HV  
Alexa Sano T  
Madelyn Schielke AP  
Joshua Sicley L  
Erin Stott BE  
Shayne Strano AP  
Marshall VanVliet S  
Jocelyn Webster BE  
Derek Wyatt S

# SENIOR CHORUS MEMBERS

## SOPRANO

Juliann Amuso BE  
Hannah Beaudoin BR  
Elizabeth Brown L  
Jayli Capasso BE  
Mea Cleary HF  
Alisa Gray L  
Liana Goss R  
Kathryn Gross BR  
Isabella Hu EW  
Cami Lamora T  
Samantha Lyle HF  
Emoni Martinez T  
Phoebe Pershyn R  
Valentina Popov BE  
Skylar Quakenbush AP  
Kiera Rasmussen HV  
Madelyn Reilly S  
Ella Roberts BR  
Anya Roe T  
Eternity Rosencranz AP  
Megan Rounds AP  
Isabella Schmidt HV  
Amelia Stannard HV  
Peyton Taylor S

## ALTO

Tess Bates BR  
Kylee Bristol R  
Amelia Cordero L  
Terrie Cottrell HV  
Kiera Cronk L  
Kevaia Dozier R  
Bailey Fatato BR  
Melody Gallerie AP  
Hannah Gardner S  
Scarlett Gearwar BR  
Graziella Hartman BE  
Carly Hunter EW  
Helen LeStage HV  
Katrine LeStage HV  
Alys Lowell L  
Elisabeth McDonald T  
Emmalena Murphy HF  
Lillian Murphy HF  
Julia Neet AP  
Niya Roberts R  
Kassidy Rose AP  
Norah Smerdon BE  
Soorya Thiagarajan T  
Jasper Thomas S  
Natalie Withington T

## TENOR

Jack Barcomb BR  
Logan Bloomfield AP  
Tyler Clancy R  
Matthew Goebel BE  
Satya Groff T  
Charles LaBatt BR  
Jacob Maxon BE  
Hunter Patterson BR  
Eric Pressley T  
Elias Ramirez T  
Xavier Rosario R

## BASS

John Albarelli R  
Cole Jones BE  
Daniel Lane HF  
Ro Yeon Lee BR  
Amir Looney R  
Tyler Lumpkin BE  
Anthony McFadden L  
Ethan McMahan HF  
Ethan Medved BR  
Raymond Meeks T  
Jacob Price BR  
Daniel Williams BE

Please respect the hard work that these musicians have put into this festival by giving them an attentive and quiet audience. We kindly ask that you only enter and exit the auditorium between performing groups. Our festival brings in audience members from several school districts. Please avoid leaving empty seats in your aisle so there are enough seats for all ticket holders.

# JUNIOR BAND MEMBERS

## FLUTE

Hannah Reidy HV  
Kiersten Skaarup BR  
Julia Schoeffel BE  
Caitlin Kaminsky EG  
Julia Mastromarchi HV  
Leanne Kaminsky EG  
Leandra Welch L  
Aidah DiPierro AP  
Corlie Ochis-Lutringer L  
Kate O'Connor AP  
Addison Dezess BE

## OBOE

Amar Lyons AP

## CLARINET

Briana Pillow R  
Kairi Graham EG  
Gracie Hastings HF  
Racheal Sung R  
Ahlciya Dempsey R  
Liam Casey T  
Allie Manchester BE  
Mayzee Peeters AP  
Jillian Morris T  
Linnea Dukes W  
Alexa Mulford HV  
Andrew Moe L  
Alivia Criscione HF  
Caitlin Leon AP  
Nate Place EG  
Lilly Parent HF  
Gabriella Madonia HV  
Megan Barry EG

## BASS CLARINET

Spencer Sweet AP  
Jason Bristol R

## ALTO SAXOPHONE

Morgan Dier AP  
Saige Keenholts EG  
Emma Cody HV  
Constantin Lutsevich T  
Markell Popov BE  
Lance Espino EG

## TENOR SAXOPHONE

Terry Kuebler HF  
Avery Qualitero T

## BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Lila Suwara T  
Gabe Gearwar BR

## TRUMPET

Halley Williams BR  
Grayson Clemente R  
Luke Turetsky BE  
Julian Habak HV  
Alice Bourdeau AP  
Grady Rowlands HF  
Joshua Allen HF  
Tyler Mercado AP  
Johnny Wang T  
Samir Pirani R  
Kyson Benyo AP  
Gianna Rotundo EG

## HORN

Teagan Taylor R  
Lillianna Demars AP

## TROMBONE

Nathan Goodermote BE  
Micah Thiell AP  
Jordyn Slade-Davis R  
Rose Bergendahl L  
Tristan Murphy EG  
Peyton Gardenier R  
Owen Hains BR  
Neil Gada EG

## BARITONE

Tupper Grimard AP

## TUBA

Xavier Lamica BE

## PERCUSSION

Lucas Heffern AP  
Genevieve Carbonaro EG  
Soham Shah EG  
Joe LeStage HV  
Abigail Weeden HF  
Mikhael Florado BE  
Reid Leone-Levine RCP



## NOTES ON CONDUCTORS

### —JAZZ ENSEMBLE—

**DAVID HAWTHORNE** has been the high school band director at his alma mater Oneida City School District for the last 33 years. While at Oneida, he has been the leader of the Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band and the Marching Band. His bands have performed in the Outback Bowl, Indianapolis 500 parade and the Kentucky Derby parade. He currently is the director of the largest scholastic jazz festival in NY and has brought in clinicians from Maynard Fergusons band, The County Basie Orchestra and much more.

Throughout his career he has been involved with pageantry arts, having worked with the Empire Statesmen and the Rochester Crusaders. While with Empire he presented a brass clinic at the World Music Conference held in Kerkrade, the Netherlands.

For the last 6 years he has been director and the founder of the Central Winds Jazz Ensemble, a jazz group made up of educators and performers from all over the state. This past June, this group performed in jazz festivals in Rome and Venice, performing at the Colosseum and in Venice square. He is currently finishing up his final year, retiring in June. He then plans to obtain his private pilot's certification and move to Miami, Florida.

He currently resides in Sherill with his wife Marjorie. They have two daughters, Jessica, a freelance trombonist in Las Vegas and Morgan who is a French pastry chef in Pasadena, California.

### —ELEMENTARY CHORUS—

**JOHN SAMONTE** is the choral director at the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District. He conducts the 6th Grade Treble Choir, the 7th & 8th Grade Chamber Choir, and directs an auditioned show choir and a tenor-bass singing group at Albert G. Prodel Middle School.

He has taught general music, choir, and orchestra at both the elementary and secondary level. John has been trained in Orff-Schulwerk, Kodály, World Music Drumming, Suzuki, and holds certifications in First Steps in Music, as well as Conversational Solfege (both Lower and Upper Levels) from the Feierabend Association for Music Education (FAME). He is currently the Past President of the Long Island American Orff-Schulwerk Association, President-Elect for the Kodály Organization of New York, Member-at-Large of the Choral Society of the Moriches, and serves on the Crane Alumni Board for SUNY Potsdam.

John earned his Bachelor of Music from the Crane School of Music in Potsdam, NY. He majored in Music Business and Music Education, with concentrations in Voice, Violin, and Special Music Education. In addition to his applied music studies, John holds a Master of Arts in Music & Music Education from Teachers College, Columbia University.

### —SENIOR CHORUS—

**BRENDAN HOFFMAN** is the choral director at Albany High School, a position he has proudly held since 2004. During his tenure the choral program has flourished, earning top ratings at NYSSMA choral festivals, establishing partnerships and collaborations with other choral programs, touring, and performing an exciting and challenging array of music for a wide variety of events. The Albanettes, an auditions women's choir, has performed for a number of high profile events, including Governor Andrew Cuomo's Inauguration in 2011, and twice at the NYS State of State Address. The Select Choir has tackled several major works, performing Faure's Requiem in a memorial concert and fundraiser for cancer research, then Carl Orff's Carmina Burana with the Empire State Youth Orchestra together with choirs from Guilderland, Shaker and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, and most recently Rutter's Gloria with Texas State University Associate Choral Director Jonathan Babcock and choirs from Mount Sinai High School and Smithtown High School on Long Island.

Brendan has a bachelor's degree in music education from The Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam. As a clinician, Brendan has conducted several all-county choirs including Schoharie County, Greene County and Schenectady County. As a singer, Brendan has performed regularly throughout the Capital Region as a soloist with organizations such as Albany Pro Musica, Burnt Hills Oratorio Society, The Octavo Singers, and on stage with Park Playhouse, Cohoes Music Hall and Lake George Opera. In 2014 he was named a Top Teacher by WNYT. . .

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News Channel 13. He lives with his wonderful wife, Kim - a music educator at the Thomas O'Brien Academy of Science and Technology, and two beautiful children, CJ and Nate.

### —JUNIOR BAND —

**MICHAEL TISKOWITZ** has been the band director at LaGrange Middle School in the Arlington Central School District for the past 23 years, and also serves as director & conductor of the Arlington Summer Band Program. Prior to working in Arlington, he taught at Rombout MS in Beacon, NY. He has had the pleasure of guest conducting throughout the Hudson Valley, including Ulster and Greene Counties, and has been invited twice to guest conduct the Columbia, and Putnam County MS All-County Bands. Most recently, Michael worked with the 2023 Suffolk County Division II East All-County Band, and the 2022 Connecticut Middle School Western Regional Band. He is honored to have spent ten summers conducting the Symphonic Band at Western Connecticut State University's Summer Music @West Conn.

Michael earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam with a double concentration in voice and tuba. He earned his master's in Music Education from Western Connecticut State University. His primary conducting students have been with L. Fernando Jimenez and Timothy Topolewski with additional musical studies with Will Rapp and Robert Washburn.

Michael was fortunate to be a presenter at the 2007 International Conference for the Association for Positive Behavior Support (PBIS), in Boston MA. He also served two terms on the Executive Board of NYSSMA as Hudson Valley Zone 10 Representative.

Michael lives in Poughkeepsie, NY with his orchestra director wife Alexis and their children Abigail, a violinist and flautist, and Benjamin, a cellist and trombonist. His daughter Amanda is a new mom living in Arizona.

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