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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-2020

Congratulations on another wonderful year filled with art, music, friendship and community!

DEC

- 03** WHS Small Ensemble Concert
- 04** WHS Vocal Pops Concert
- 05** Gibbons MS Winter Concert: 8th Grade Band, Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra
- 10** WHS Winter Concert: Bands
- 12** Gibbons MS Winter Concert: 7th Grade Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Chorus
- 17** WHS Winter Concert: Choirs and Orchestras

JAN

- 09** Ranger Marching Band Banquet
- 18** CDMMEA Senior Festival
- 28** Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- 30** Choral Collage

MAR

- 13-15** WHS Musical
- 24** StringFest
- 27-29** Gibbons MS Musical
- 31** WHS MICCA Preview Concert

APR

- 3-5** MICCA Festival
- 14** Gibbons MS Spring Band Concert
- 16-20** WHS Performing Arts Trip to Orlando, Florida

MAY

- 01** WFAEA Senior Scholarship Application Deadline
- 02** CDMMEA Junior Festival
- 4-5** K-12 Art Exhibit
- 06** WHS Spring Chamber Concert
- 07** Swing Into Spring
- 14** Gibbons MS Spring Concert: Chorus & Orchestra
- 15-16** WHS Spring Drama Production
- 19** 5th and 6th Grade Band Concert
- 20** Pops Night
- 26** 4th Grade Concert: Chorus
- 21** WFAEA Senior Banquet
- 28** Mr. WHS
- 29** Improv/Acapellooza

JUN

- 02** 5th and 6th Grade Concert: Orchestra
- 03** 4th Grade Concert: Orchestra
- 05** Baccalaureate
- 06** WHS Graduation
- 08** Jazz Stock at Bay State Common
- 09** 5th and 6th Grade Concert: Chorus
- 10** All Elementary Strings Concert



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EVENTS / SERVICE

Ranger Marching Band Liason.....Chris O'Keefe
Fall Play Concessions, Nov 8-10.....Katrina Banks-Binici
Band-O-Rama, Nov 21.....Mary Lynn Hackett, Lisa Martin
Choral Collage, Jan 30.....Mary Lynn Hackett, Lisa Martin
Spring Musical Concessions, Mar 13-15.....Katrina Banks-Binici
String Fest, Mar 24.....open
MICCA Volunteers and Concessions, Apr 3-5.....Kim Keough, Chris O'Keefe
Pops Night, May 20.....open
Fine Arts Banquet, May 26.....Shona Plunkett

Logo Design.....Gabrielle Gu '20

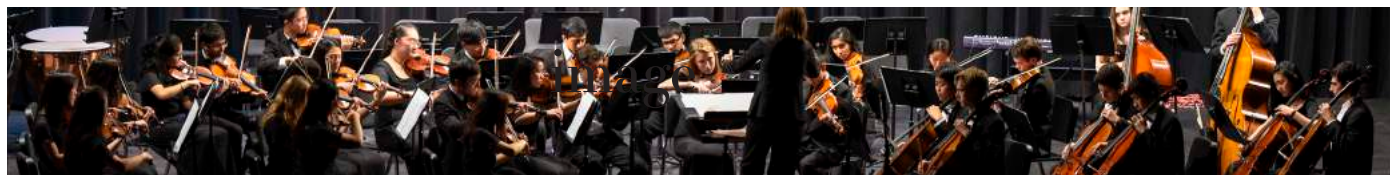
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Strings instruction (Grade 3)
- Classroom recorder instruction (Grade 3)
- Ukulele Club (Grade 3)

MILL POND SCHOOL

- Concert Band (Grades 5, 6)
- Orchestra (Grades 4, 5, 6)
- Chorus (Grades 4, 5, 6)
- Chamber Orchestra*
- Jazz Ensemble (Grades 5, 6) *
- Select Choir (Grades 4, 5, 6) *

GIBBONS MIDDLE SCHOOL

BAND ENSEMBLES

- Seventh-Grade Band
- Eighth-Grade Band
- Jazz Ensemble *
- Westborough Schools Wind Ensemble* (Grades 6-9)

ORCHESTRAL ENSEMBLES

- Orchestra
- String Chamber Ensemble *

VOCAL ENSEMBLES

- Mixed Chorus
- Concert Choir *

REGIONAL SELECT ENSEMBLES

- Central District Band, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Chorus *

ART EXHIBITIONS & HONORS

- Youth Art Month at the Worcester Art Museum
- District Art Display
- Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards Program

THEATER PRODUCTIONS

- Annual Fall Play *
- Annual Spring Musical *

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

- Eighth-Grade Band, Chorus, Orchestra

WESTBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

BAND ENSEMBLES

- Concert Band
- Symphonic Band *
- Ranger Marching Band
- Ranger Marching Band Color Guard
- Festival Jazz Ensemble *
- Repertoire Jazz Ensemble *
- Pit Orchestra (Musical) *
- Small Ensembles

ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLES

- Concert Orchestra
- Chamber Orchestra *
- Honors String Quartet *
- String Ensemble
- Pit Orchestra (Musical) *

VOCAL ENSEMBLES

- Women's Chorale *
- Mixed Chorus
- Concert Choir *
- Chamber Singers *
- A Cappella Groups *

THEATER PRODUCTIONS

- Fall Play *
- Spring Musical *
- Spring Drama *
- Improv Troupe
- Center Stage Theater Company

REGIONAL SELECT ENSEMBLES

- Central District Band, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Chorus *
- All-State Band, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Chorus *
- National Honors Ensembles *
- All-Eastern Band, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Chorus *

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Presented by WFAEA to graduating seniors

ART EXHIBITIONS & HONORS

- Youth Art Month at the Worcester Art Museum
- Art All-State
- Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards Program
- Westborough Public Schools Town-wide Art Exhibit

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

- Band O Rama
- Choral Collage
- Pops Concert
- StringFest
- Swing Into Spring
- Jazzstock
- Performance tours
- Massachusetts Instrumental & Choral Conductors Association Festivals (MICCA)
- Massachusetts Association for Jazz Education Festival (MAJE)
- American Choral Directors Association Festival (ACDA)

MUSIC AWARDS & HONORS

- UMass-Amherst Band Leadership Camp Grants
- Marching Band Participants: Varsity Letters & Pins
- Fine Arts and Music Ensembles Achievement Awards
- Senior Music Banquet Recognition Awards
- John Philip Sousa Band Award
- National School Choral Award
- National School Orchestra Award
- Louis Armstrong Jazz Award
- Tri-M National Music Honor Society

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GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FINE ARTS

Dear Patrons of the Arts,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Westborough Public Schools Concert Series. We are pleased that you have chosen to support our young musicians through your attendance at this event, and we hope that you enjoy the performance.



CHRISTOPHER MARTIN
DIRECTOR OF FINE ARTS
WESTBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I am proud and excited to be a member of the Westborough Public Schools. The community's support for the arts in our schools has a strong reputation across the state. Your support of our program is evident in our fundraising efforts, the exemplary quality of the students participating, and the high-caliber teachers the program attracts. At tonight's event, you will see ample evidence of quality teaching, as well as our students learning in a collaborative and creative environment.

Learning about the accomplishments of our alumni in the Fine Arts Department never ceases to amaze me. We have former students sitting in major orchestras around the United States, and many working in museums, colleges, and public schools around the country. The members of our department can attest to the value of a strong arts education in helping to prepare students for life after graduation. This understanding of the arts provides a window into the human soul and helps to make life more rewarding. Our students take these experiences with them long after leaving our school district.

We hope that through participation in our public school arts programs that your child learns to celebrate creativity, push themselves to new levels of accomplishment, measure success against standards of performance, accept criticism and use it towards self-improvement, have a vehicle for self-expression, and learn how to work in a collaborative environment with other artists. Students in the arts also learn how to reflect on their work and use this information to improve their own craft. I am proud of our teachers who promote these higher-order thinking skills daily in their lessons and hold their students to such high standards.

At tonight's concert, you will observe world-class teaching from our staff, as well as students who constantly strive to surpass expectation. In addition, you too will be able to celebrate the arts with us through your personal experience of each performance.

I would like to thank you again for supporting our students and I hope you enjoy tonight's performance.

Christopher Martin
Director of Fine Arts
Westborough Public Schools

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Christopher Martin, Director of Fine Arts

Emma Ballachino.....High School Visual Art
Rebecca Burgoyne.....Middle School Visual Art
Kristin Chartier.....Strings. Grades 7-12
Theresa Cleary..... Strings, Grades 4-6
Valerie Clemans.....Elementary Strings
Alana Conlin.....Elementary Visual Art
Alexandra Costin.....Collaborative Pianist
Evan Doyle.....High School / Mill Pond Bands
Andrea Ehrenreich..... Elementary Music / Chorus
Karen Forrest..... Middle School Band
Judy Gerratt.....Elementary Strings
Peter Glenn.....High School Visual Art
Alyson Greer Espinosa..... High School Chorus
Samantha Hackenson..... Middle School / Mill Pond Bands
Melinda Jaz..... High School Theater Arts
John Kinney..... Elementary Music
Ellen Mannherz.....Elementary Visual Art
Carolyn McGrath.....High School Visual Art
Susanne “Jackie” O’Rourke.....Elementary Visual Art
Karin Puffer..... Elementary Music
Joseph Stillitano..... Middle School Music / Chorus
Zachary Taylor..... Theater Technical Director
Paul Tomashefsky..... Elementary Music / Band
Pamela Yanco..... Elementary Music

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CHRISTOPHER MARTIN is the K-12 Fine Arts Director for the Westborough Public Schools and holds a Master's Degree in Music Education (*magna cum laude*) and a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and Vocal Performance (*cum laude*) from Ithaca College. He also received his administrative licensure through Boston University and the Education Cooperative. Christopher is the Artistic Director of the Neponset Choral Society, an auditioned choir based out of Foxboro, MA. Prior to his position in Westborough, Christopher spent eight years in the Norwood Public Schools where he taught five curricular choruses, as well as an auditioned Honor Chorus, Women's Chorus and Men's Chorus. Christopher served as faculty of the Handel & Haydn Society's Vocal Apprenticeship Program, where he taught music theory and ear training. As a soloist, Christopher has performed with the Mystic Chorale under the direction of Nick Page, and the Neponset Choral Society, under the direction of Michael Turner. Christopher is an active member of the National Association for Music Education, as well as the Massachusetts' Music Educators' Association where he has served as the All-State Chorus Manager and Concert Manager. He was also the Chorus Manager for the Central District MMEA Senior Festival from 2015-2017. Christopher is a member of the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors' Association (MICCA) executive board, serving as the Choral Festival Co-Chairperson, and serves as the K-12 Administrative Representative for the MMEA executive board.

EMMA BALLACHINO is beginning her third year as 3D Art Teacher at Westborough High School. In the classroom, she emphasizes the importance of material exploration and a willingness to make mistakes. Along with teaching technical skills and multiple approaches to 3D art making, Emma works hard to create a space in which students

feel safe to explore and grow as artists. Emma graduated with a BFA from Massachusetts College of Art and Design and is currently working towards her M.Ed at Framingham State University. At the High School, Emma teaches 3D Foundations, Sculpture, AP 3D Studio Art, Pottery, and Modernism. She is excited to form connections and build relationships within the schools and town of Westborough and looks forward to showcasing student artwork throughout the community.

BECKY CONNOR BURGOWNE has taught visual art in the Westborough Public Schools for the past 17 years. She teaches at Gibbons Middle School, where she focuses on providing a well-rounded visual art experience for seventh- and eighth-grade students. Class offerings traditionally include drawing, painting, art history, ceramics and other sculpture forms. The Art Club, Sculpture Club and Anime Club offer additional time after school for students to pursue their artistic interests. Mrs. Burgoyne has completed coursework from Worcester State University, Fitchburg State University, Worcester Center for Crafts and Worcester Art Museum; concentrating in drawing, sculpture and non-Western art history. She holds a B.A. and M.Ed. from Framingham State University. With a focus on drawing and three dimensional sculpture, Mrs. Burgoyne's artwork has been exhibited in a number of local venues. She lives in Millbury with her husband, Andy, and their twins, Connor and Avery.

KRISTIN CHARTIER began teaching orchestra in Westborough, MA in 2010. Her teaching responsibilities include directing the Westborough High School Orchestras, WHS String Chamber Ensemble, WHS Honors String Quartet, the Gibbons Middle School Orchestra, and the Gibbons Middle School String Chamber Ensemble. Before coming to Westborough, she taught middle school and high school orchestra in Chelmsford, MA from 2004 to 2010. Under her direction, Ms. Chartier's orchestras have consistently earned high ratings at state adjudicated festivals. Ms. Chartier completed her Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 2004 and earned a Master of Music in Music Education from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell in 2010. A violinist, Ms. Chartier plays regularly with Symphony Pro Musica, a local community orchestra. She is currently a member of the American String Teachers Association (ASTA) and the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). Ms. Chartier lives in Northborough, MA with her husband, James, and two children, Alexander and William.

THERESA CLEARY is in her fourth year as director of the 6th Grade Orchestra at the Mill Pond School, teaches general music classes and co-teaches 4th and 5th grade strings. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in viola performance from UMass Lowell (*magna cum laude*) and is currently working on her Master's of Music Education at Gordon College. Previously, Ms. Cleary taught strings in the Fall River Public Schools, led the UMass Lowell String Project



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and Up With Music, and taught privately with the Chelmsford and Milton Public Schools. She has adjudicated for the Junior and Senior SEMSBA Festivals and solo competitions. She maintains a private lesson studio in Ipswich, is Master Teacher of the UMass Lowell String Project, and is a chamber coach and adjudicator for the Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras. In addition to performing with multiple New England orchestras and theater companies, Ms. Cleary has performed for and participated in masterclasses with Jeanne Bamberger, the Harlem String Quartet, and the Borromeo String Quartet. She is currently principal violist for the New Hampshire Philharmonic, a member of Symphony Pro Musica and a substitute violist for the Cape Ann Symphony. Ms. Cleary enjoys playing as a studio musician in recording sessions and is a member of a folk rock band and an indie rock band opening for national acts.

VALERIE CLEMANS In addition to her work in the Westborough Schools, Valerie Clemans is concertmaster of Symphony Pro Musica and performs with the Trillium Trio and the Serata String Quartet. Before moving to Massachusetts, Ms. Clemans served as concertmaster of the Maryland Symphony for four seasons and was an active freelance violinist in the Washington D.C. area. Previously, she was co-concertmaster of the New World Symphony in Miami, and in 1997 she was selected by Sir George Solti to participate in his Carnegie Hall Orchestra. Ms. Clemans has given solo recitals across the United States, France and the UK. Following a solo appearance in Washington DC, the Washington Post raved that Clemans played “with splendid assurance, presence and an electrifying level of

communication.” She has recorded for Nau’s the Time, Élan, London, and Argo/Decca labels. Ms. Clemans holds a degree in Molecular Biology from Princeton University and she earned a masters degree in Violin Performance from the University of Michigan. She currently lives in Westborough with her husband and two children.

ALANA ROBLES CONLIN Originally from San Francisco, California, Mrs. Conlin is an alum of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston, where she received her Bachelor’s degree in Art Education in 2008, receiving the Fallon Art Education award. Teaching at Hastings Elementary and Mill Pond School, she enjoys painting and creating clay sculptures with her young students. Alana has taught kindergarten through eighth grade in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and she feels very privileged to be a part of the Westborough education system. She lives in Rhode Island with her husband Ryan, her daughter Polly Mae, and her dog Betsey.

ALEXANDRA COSTIN in is in her fifth year as a collaborative pianist at Westborough Public Schools. After graduating from National University of Music Bucharest in her native Romania, she attended Mozarteum University in Salzburg, Austria. Her Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees are from Baylor University and Boston University, respectively She has given over 250 performances with orchestras including the Radio Romania Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra of Taiwan, Orquesta Sinfónica del Estado de México, Münchner Bachsolisten, and the Belgrade Philharmonic. She has



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collaborated with conductors Justus Frantz, Alexander Rahbari, Horia Andreescu, Ilarion Ionescu-Galati and Gerd Schaller; with John Rutter. She made her debut at Carnegie Hall in 2008. Dr. Costin has also been a jury member in both local and international piano competitions. As a collaborative pianist, she has performed with singers, instrumentalists, and artists at The Boston Conservatory, Boston University, Paulette's Ballet's Studio, and Baylor University, and in recitals at numerous festivals, including the George Enescu Festival (Romania) and Finca Festival (Spain, Grand Canary), Dr. Costin firmly believes in education and collaboration, and has a special passion for teaching children on the spectrum. She has taught in a variety of settings including the Shanghai Conservatory in China, the European Piano School at the Boston Organ & Piano store, Boston University, and M. Steinert & Sons in Boston. Dr. Costin currently teaches a small and highly selective studio.

EVAN DOYLE is in his sixth year as band director at Westborough High School. Prior to that, he taught in the Houston, TX area for seven years. A native of Massachusetts, Mr. Doyle is an alumnus of the University of Massachusetts Amherst where he studied under George Parks, Lynn Klock, Malcolm Rowell, and Lanfranco Marceletti. He also has a graduate degree from Western Carolina University, where his assistantship included working with the "Pride of the Mountains" Marching Band, the Wind Ensemble, and the saxophone studio. Among his mentors at WCU were John West, Bob Buckner and Matt Henley. Mr. Doyle is also one of the lead clinicians for the George N. Parks Drum Major Academy. Through DMA, he is fortunate to work with over 1,000 high school and college student leaders each summer, helping them to develop the conducting, teaching, and leadership skills necessary to serve as leaders of their bands. Mr. Doyle currently resides in Sutton with his wife, Avery, and their two lovely daughters.

ANDREA EHRENREICH is in her eighth year of teaching at Westborough schools where she is the Director of the Choral Program at Mill Pond School. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Music from Ithaca College, a Master's Degree in Vocal Performance from Boston University and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Miami. Ms. Ehrenreich has served on the faculties of the New England Conservatory, Anna Maria College, The Hong Kong International School, Newton North High School and The Walnut Hill School for the Arts and currently teaches at Tufts University. She is co-founder and artistic director of Children...Together in the Arts. Ms. Ehrenreich has appeared in recitals throughout the United States, Europe, Hong Kong, Indonesia, New Zealand and India. She has appeared as a guest soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra, the Sinfonieorchester Leonberg, the Miami Symphony, the St. Cecilia Orchestra of Dublin, the Boston Chamber Orchestra, the Back Bay Chorale of Boston, the MIT Symphony Orchestra, the New World Symphony, and with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Summer

Pops Orchestra. As an advocate of American music, Ms. Ehrenreich toured the South Pacific and the Far East as a US Artistic Ambassador, singing highlights from American opera, art song, and musical theatre. She has been featured on live radio broadcasts of National Public Radio, Art of the States, RTHK-Hong Kong, and the internationally syndicated 'Voice of America.'

KAREN WEEKS FORREST directs the Gibbons Middle School Seventh Grade Band, Jazz Band, and the Westborough Schools Wind Ensemble. A native of Shrewsbury, Mrs. Forrest earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Boston University and earned her Master of Music degree from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, where she also completed her certification in Orff-Schulwerk pedagogy. Mrs. Forrest began her teaching career in New Hampshire, taught in Concord and Littleton, Massachusetts and in 1992, she became Band Director at Queensbury Middle School near Lake George in New York. Mrs. Forrest directed numerous honor bands including the 1997 Saratoga-Warren All-County Junior High Band, 2007 Quabbin Valley Music Educators Association Middle School Concert Band and 2010 MMEA Western District Junior Jazz Band. In 2015, Mrs. Forrest earned Administrative Licensure through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Bands under her leadership have received superior ratings at numerous state festivals and invitations to MMEA All-State Conferences. Mrs. Forrest



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serves on the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Instrumental & Choral Conductors Association (MICCA) as Co-Chair of the Concert Festival, and has served on the Executive Board of the International Association for Jazz Education. She holds an active membership with the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). Mrs. Forrest lives in Grafton with her husband Rich. Her son Tim recently completed his undergraduate degree from Westfield State University and younger son Brad is a sophomore at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst.

JUDY GERRATT is in her 20th year as co-director of the Westborough elementary string orchestra program. After receiving her Bachelor's of Music degree from the New England Conservatory of Music, she went on to pursue a successful career as a violinist, performing extensively with such groups as Emmanuel Music, the Boston Baroque and the Handel and Haydn Society Orchestras, the Boston Ballet and Opera Orchestras and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra under Arthur Fiedler. She has also performed in various improvisational settings in both Europe and the US. During her teaching career, Ms. Gerratt has served on the faculties of the Longy School of Music, the New England Conservatory of Music, and Morely College in London, as well as maintaining a private violin studio in her home. Before coming to Westborough she held a position teaching strings in the town of Weston. She holds her Master's Degree in Education from Cambridge

College and is a London trained, S.T.A.T. certified teacher of the Alexander Technique of kinesthetic re-education.

PETER GLENN graduated from Syracuse University majoring in advertising design. After working in both client and agency settings and longing for a more art focused career, Peter began to work as a professional illustrator and layout artist for a newspaper in Southwest Colorado. When his lifelong passion for the arts crossed unlikely paths with adaptive sports instruction, Peter knew that an academic environment was exactly where he wanted to be. Previously, he has worked as a paraeducator at Westborough High School, getting to know the wonderful students, faculty and culture, all the while teaching studio art in the evenings to middle and high school students. Peter still freelances seasonally and enjoys sharing the challenges of real life client experience with students. He is an active contributor to the local art scene and has worked with various youth programs to further emphasize the importance of art as a creative outlet and positive form of self-expression. Peter could not be more thrilled to be a member of the teaching staff at WHS, and he looks forward to many years of sharing his passion for the arts with our students.

ALYSON GREER ESPINOSA in her eighth year as the Director of Choral Music at Westborough High School. Ms. Greer conducts the Women's Chorale, Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and four contemporary a

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cappella ensembles. Ms. Greer also serves as the music director of the WHS Center Stage Musical and is the collaborative pianist for the Gibbons Middle School Chorus. In 2011, Ms. Greer was appointed conductor of the Handel and Haydn Society Chorus of Sopranos and Altos and in 2013 named conductor of The Chamber Choir. Ms. Greer earned a Bachelor's degree of Music in Vocal Performance, magna cum laude, and a Master's degree of Music in Music Education from The Boston Conservatory. During the summer of 2008 Ms. Greer traveled to Tuscany, Italy as a full conducting fellow under Brian O'Connell and Simon Carrington. During the summer of 2007 Ms. Greer attended the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria, performing at churches and concert halls as a soloist and as a member of choruses. Ms. Greer is a member of the national honor music society of Phi Kappa Lambda; Sigma Alpha Iota; NAfME; and ACDA. Ms. Greer lives in Framingham with her husband, Allan Espinosa, a violinist in the Boston area, and their two children, Calvin and Evelyn.

the 8th grade band and beginner sixth grade sectionals. She graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor's Degree of Music Education. While at URI, Samantha played clarinet in the Concert Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, University (continued on page 24)

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Some of our activities include:

- Providing scholarships for graduating seniors
- Funding for clinicians to visit the schools and work with our students
- Replacing & repairing instruments and uniforms
- Purchasing dance and theater program equipment
- Funding for student transportation
- Providing need-based financial assistance with activity fees
- Purchasing and repairing visual arts equipment
- Hosting meals for students at performances
- Hosting the annual Choral Performances for the MICCA Festival:

WFAEA provides volunteers throughout the weekend festival - hosting ensembles, judges and staff & selling concessions and tickets.

How you can help:

ATTEND AN EVENT OR MEETING: Meetings are typically on the first Tuesday of the month in the high school library at 7:00PM.

VOLUNTEER: To stay current with WFAEA activities and volunteer opportunities, email info@wfaea.org to be added to our email distribution list and follow us on Facebook.

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ART

Children in grades K-6 learn how to create visual art using a variety of media including: painting, drawing, sculpture, and ceramics. Children will utilize observational skills while learning how to develop an artist's eye and hand.

At the High School level students have the opportunity to become proficient in the visual arts through electing a sequential art curriculum in 2D, 3D, or Digital Arts that helps prepare students for opportunities in college and career.



THEATER

Students in grades 7-12 are able to explore theater arts through acting, production, and technical theater opportunities. The High School curriculum features courses in Film, Theater, Arts, and Stage Direction, while our Center Stage Theater Company produces three shows a year and maintains an active Tech Crew.

Students at the Middle School level are exposed to theater arts through two annual productions: the Fall Play and Spring Musical.



DANCE

Students studying dance in Westborough are exposed to a wide variety of styles. Beginning in General Music, students in grades K-6 learn and perform folk dances from around the world and showcase these dances each Spring. After elementary school, students can choose to participate in the WHS Dance Ensemble, Gibbons and WHS theatrical productions as part of the dance ensemble, or even the colorguard as a member of the Ranger Marching Band.



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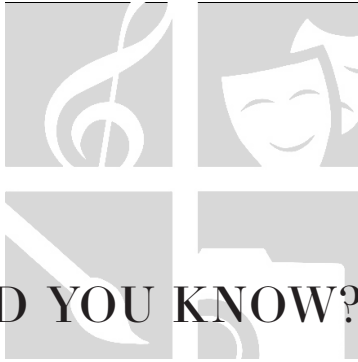
Instrumental Music begins in 3rd grade with string instruction on violin and viola being offered as an elective. Orchestra begins in 4th grade and continues at all grades through High School. Students can elect to participate in a variety of extra-curricular string programming such as the Mill Pond Chamber Orchestra, Gibbons Chamber Orchestra, or High School String Ensemble.

Band begins in grade 5 and is offered at all levels through high school. In addition to curricular ensembles, students participate in a variety of performing groups including Jazz Bands, Marching Band, and Chamber Ensembles.

VOCAL

In addition to weekly singing in music class, children have the opportunity to sing in choir beginning in grade 4. Starting in grades 7-8 children also receive a section rehearsal in addition to their bi-weekly chorus rehearsals. Students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to participate in Women's Chorale, Mixed Chorus, or Concert Choir. These ensembles all perform several concerts per year both in and out of Westborough.





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WFAEA serves over 1,900 slices of pizza to over 900 students between performances at Band-O-Rama and Choral Collage.

It takes over 80 WFAEA volunteers each spring to organize and run the MICCA Choral Festival at WHS where we host over 50 different ensembles from 30 different schools.

WFAEA volunteers help to fit over 350 students in tuxes, gowns and marching band uniforms every fall.

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100% of Westborough students at the elementary and middle school levels participate in fine arts activities.

Close to 900 students at the high school level take advantage of fine arts programming each year.

Over 200 orchestra students in grades 5-12 perform at the String Fest.

On average, at least 80 Westborough students perform at the CDMMEA Jr. & Sr. District festivals each year.

Over the last three years, WFAEA has awarded fine arts scholarships to over 60 graduating seniors.

WFAEA SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

A long-standing tradition for the Westborough Fine Arts Education Association is to award scholarships to graduating seniors involved in Fine Arts programs throughout their High School years.

*Membership in WFAEA is required for two of the past four years in order to be eligible.

PASSION FOR THE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP*

Sponsored by WFAEA, this scholarship is open to any student who plans on pursuing post-secondary studies in the Arts. Students must have dedicated themselves to taking Fine Arts courses for all four years of their high school career. 2019 Recipients of the Passion scholarship:

Jack Goodman Abby Hammond Helena Spofford

PARTICIPATION IN THE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP*

This scholarship is offered to any Westborough High School student who has dedicated themselves to taking courses within the Fine Arts Department for all four years of their high school career. This scholarship is also sponsored by WFAEA. 2019 Recipients of the Participation scholarship:

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Orchestra, Ram Marching Band, and Clarinet Choir. She also sang in the Concert Choir and Women’s Choir. Additionally, she was a member of Kappa Kappa Phi, which is a National Honor Society for College Band Members. In her free time, Samantha is a member of the Blessed Sacrament World Color Guard, plays the clarinet in the American Band, and takes weekly ballet classes. .

MELINDA JAZ in her first year at Westborough Public Schools, is a theater educator, director and teaching artist living in Westford, MA. Most recently, Melinda developed the Worcester Forum Theater Project to create a theatrical performance addressing issues of equity and inclusivity in schools. She presented this work at both the NAIS Diversity Conference and Harvard Graduate School of Education’s Delving Into Difference Summit. She has over ten years of experience teaching and directing high school theater. Melinda has a BFA from Tisch School of the Arts at NYU where she studied with the Atlantic Theater Company. In NYC, Melinda performed with the Riot Theater Company, the Hardcore Theater Company and the Atlantic Theater Company Acting School. She also worked at the Public Theater, the Denver Center Theater Company and the Huntington Theater Company. Melinda has a M.Ed from the Harvard School of Education with a focus on Arts Education.

JOHN KINNEY is a second-year PreK–3 teacher in Westborough. John earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Berklee College of Music, where he worked as an on-campus tutor and studio guitarist for student projects. Upon graduation, John was presented with the Promising Future Music Educator award through the Massachusetts Music Educators’ Association. John is eager to continue growing as an educator and is an active member of the New England Chapter of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association. By attending workshops, collaborating with other music educators, and maintaining a high level of musicianship, John brings his musical experiences and passion to the classroom in order to have a memorable impact on his students. In his spare time, John performs in a duo at restaurants and small functions, experiments in the kitchen, and spends time with friends and family.

ELLIE MANNHERZ is in her third year of teaching art at Fales Elementary School. Some of her favorite lessons are clay pinch

pots and watercolor dragon eyes. Ms. Mannherz graduated from Acton Boxborough Regional High School in 2010, and received her degree in Art Education from Saint Michael’s College in Vermont in 2014. Since graduating from college, she has held several long-term substitute art teacher positions, including here in Westborough in 2015 at Fales and Hastings Elementary Schools. In her spare time, she enjoys creating her own art, DIY projects, traveling, cooking, and relaxing on the beach. While she enjoys all types of art, Ms Mannherz’s favorite media is pottery, especially wheel throwing. During the summer, she teaches ceramics at Summer Fenn Day Camp in Concord. She loves teaching at Fales Elementary School and is looking forward to many more years of teaching.



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CAROLYN MCGRATH is proud to be teaching Visual Arts at Westborough High School, especially since she attended Westborough Public Schools herself from grades K through 12. Ms. McGrath graduated Summa Cum Laude from Framingham State University in 2007 with a B.A. in Studio Art (concentration in Graphic Design). At FSU, she was a recipient of the Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Scholarship for exemplary academic credentials combined with evidence of noteworthy achievement in non-academic areas. In 2016, she completed her Master of Education, Art degree at Framingham State University. She is a member of both the National Art Educators Association (NAEA) and the Massachusetts Art Educators Association (MAEA). Ms. McGrath thoroughly enjoys working with children of all ages, and is looking forward to a long future of teaching the young, aspiring artists of Westborough.

SUSANNE "JACKIE" O'ROURKE teaches at Armstrong Elementary School and Mill Pond Elementary School grades kindergarten through sixth. She focuses on blending an extensive array of art techniques which include drawing, painting, printmaking, clay and 3d designs, while incorporating classroom studies and art history whenever possible. Projects align to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks while connecting the visual element of design. Most importantly, her goal is to enhance student's abilities, ideas, and thoughts as an expressive artist and help foster students confidence in their own abilities. She is presently working on a body of work that focuses on animals using

encaustic paints. Jackie graduated from Framingham State University in 1995 with a bachelor of fine arts and a minor in art history. She waited to pursue her career to remain at home while her children were young. Jackie completed her Masters of Education with a concentration of fine arts at Framingham State University in 2015.

KARIN PUFFER is in her sixth year as the K-3 General Music Teacher for the Armstrong Elementary School. This is her 13th year of teaching and during that time, she has taught in various aspects of music at the elementary level across the state of Massachusetts. Most recently, she was teaching Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 6 General Music, 4 - 6 Band, 4 - 6 Strings/Orchestra and 5 - 6 Chorus at the Benjamin Banneker Charter Public School in Cambridge, MA. Mrs. Puffer completed her Bachelor of Science in Music Education from The College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY and her Master of Music Education from Boston University. She has completed Levels I and II in Orff Schulwerk Certification. Mrs. Puffer is very active in the music education community. She serves on the New England American Orff Schulwerk Association as Co-Editor of the chapter's newsletter, The Broadside. She serves on the Educator's Advisory Council for the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She adjudicates Senior and Junior vocal districts for Western MA. She has presented workshops at MMEA and has been published in the Massachusetts Music News.



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DAWN KAHLE SHONEMAN is starting her first year in the Westborough School District and will be teaching visual arts at Mill Pond School. Her goal is for students to see that art connects us to ourselves, to each other, to past generations, and to people around the world. In the classroom, she helps students develop these connections through exploring a variety of art materials and techniques while studying a wide range of artists and cultures. In her own art, Dawn enjoys exploring different materials to make art and upcycling, creating something new out of something old. Dawn earned her Masters in Art Education at Tufts University in collaboration with the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, in 2017. She also has a Bachelor of Architecture from Pennsylvania State University. Prior to becoming an educator, Dawn enjoyed a career as an architect for over 18 years.

JOSEPH STILLITANO has been teaching music in the Westborough Public Schools since 2001. He was the WHS and Gibbons Middle School choral director 2001-2012. Since 2012, he has been conducting the Gibbons Middle School Chorus and Concert Choir, and teaches 7th Grade Music to all students in the district. Stillitano has a Master of Music Education degree and Bachelor degrees in Music Education and Vocal Performance from Ithaca College. He was the founding conductor of the Handel and Haydn Society's Young Men's Chorus, conducting the ensemble from 2006-2014. Prior to teaching in Westborough, he taught and conducted at West Genesee High School in the Syracuse, NY area. His choral arrangements have been performed throughout the country at every level. He has conducted All-County, Area All-State, and District Festival Choirs at the high school and middle school levels in Massachusetts, New York, and Vermont. He has also been a clinician/presenter for ACDA, MMEA and NATS. Stillitano has been called to serve as the Interim Minister of Music at The Congregational Church of Westborough, United Church of Christ. He is currently a member of ACDA, NAfME, and Phi Mu Alpha and Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary music fraternities. He has performed as a member and soloist for Boston area Masterworks Chorale and the Mystic Chorale, under the direction of the late Allen C. Lannom and Nick Page, respectively.

ZACHARY CALVIN TAYLOR moved to Massachusetts after a two-year national tour with Missoula Children's Theater. He studied Dramatic Arts and Business Marketing at Georgia Southwestern State University and The University of Montana, and proceeded to work in both stage and film, as an actor, director, and technical engineer. Finding his passion directing and designing children's theater productions he and his wife Tania Taylor founded "SkyRise Children's Theater" in 2009. In his free time, Zac loves to hike with his family. He also designs and builds specialty indoor and outdoor furniture and enjoys pushing

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PAUL TOMASHEFSKY is originally from Brooklyn, New York, and received his Bachelors Degree in Music Education from the Berklee College of Music. He directed the Bentley College Jazz Ensemble from 1985-1996. He has been on faculty at Westborough since 1989. Prior teaching positions included East Boston, Newton, Malden, Duxbury, Wellesley, and Dedham public school systems. He has been a recognized "Yamaha" Band Instrument Co. Trumpet Artist since 1988 and is currently a free-lance performer with The Fantasy Big Band and the Worcester Jazz Orchestra. Past performance and recording credits include: Jordan Valentine & The Sunday Saints, A Decade of Soul, Quintessential Brass, Bobby Rydell, The Four Tops, Jacques D'Amboise and the National Dance Institute, Harvard University's (Hasty Pudding Theatrical Society) and his own Spectrum Jazz Quintet. Mr. Tomashefsky's publishing credits as a visual artist include book covers for Charles Colin Music publishers under composer/ arranger David Berger, and a commissioned portrait of jazz bassist Charles Mingus for WMJX radio, Boston. Presently, Mr. Tomashefsky is teaching at the Mill Pond School as the fifth grade band director and General Music teacher. As WHS Jazz Band director from 1999-2003, his group received both gold and silver medals at the MAJE jazz festival. When

not busy teaching or performing, Mr. Tomashefsky enjoys spending time with his family at the beach in York Harbor, Maine.

PAM YANCO is in her eighth year of teaching general music at Fales Elementary School. She previously taught in the Brockton and Milford Public Schools, as well as at Thacher Montessori School in Milton. Mrs. Yanco served on the faculty of The Boston Conservatory for 18 years, in the Master of Music in Music Education program, and supervising student teachers. Pam also taught in the Boston University OrffSchulwerk Teacher Training Program for 11 years. A frequent clinician at state and national conferences, she serves on the executive board of the New England OrffSchulwerk Chapter, and was a Regional Representative on the American Orff-Schulwerk National Board of Trustees. In 2009, she received the Excellence in General Music Award from the Society for General Music in Massachusetts. Mrs. Yanco is the co-director of Eine Kleine Consort, a recorder ensemble that presents school enrichment programs for beginning recorder students throughout New England. With grants from the Westborough Education Foundation, Mrs. Yanco brought mountain dulcimers and ukuleles to the Fales School where every student learns to play these wonderful instruments. Pam graduated from Wells College with a degree in Music History and enjoys playing the guitar, recorder, ukulele, mountain dulcimer, crumhorn, and singing with friends.



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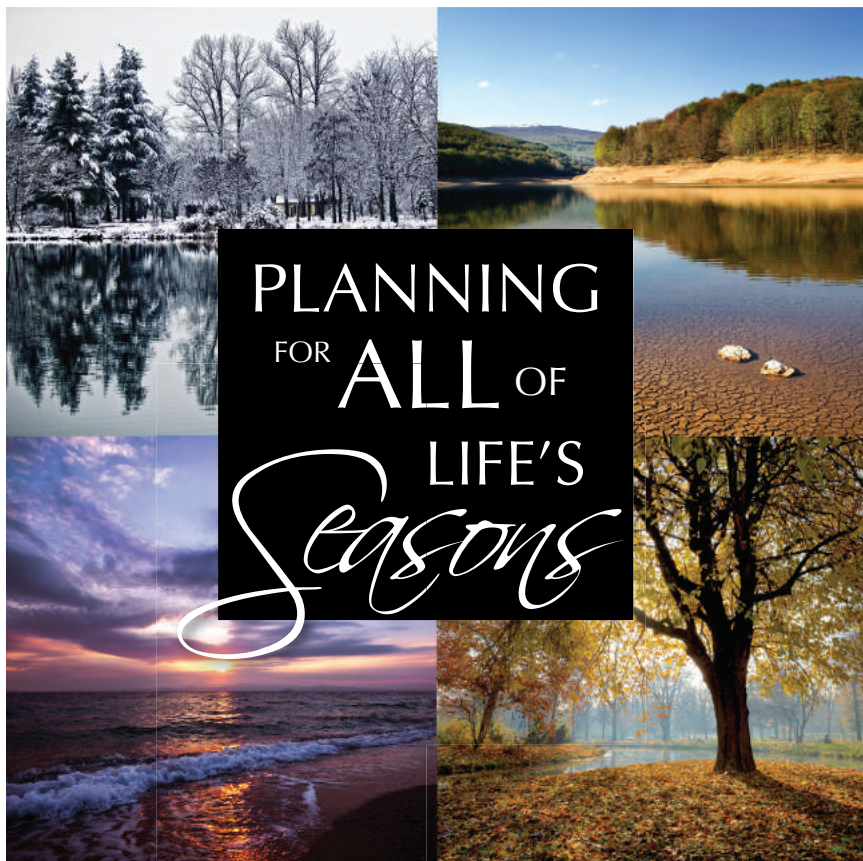
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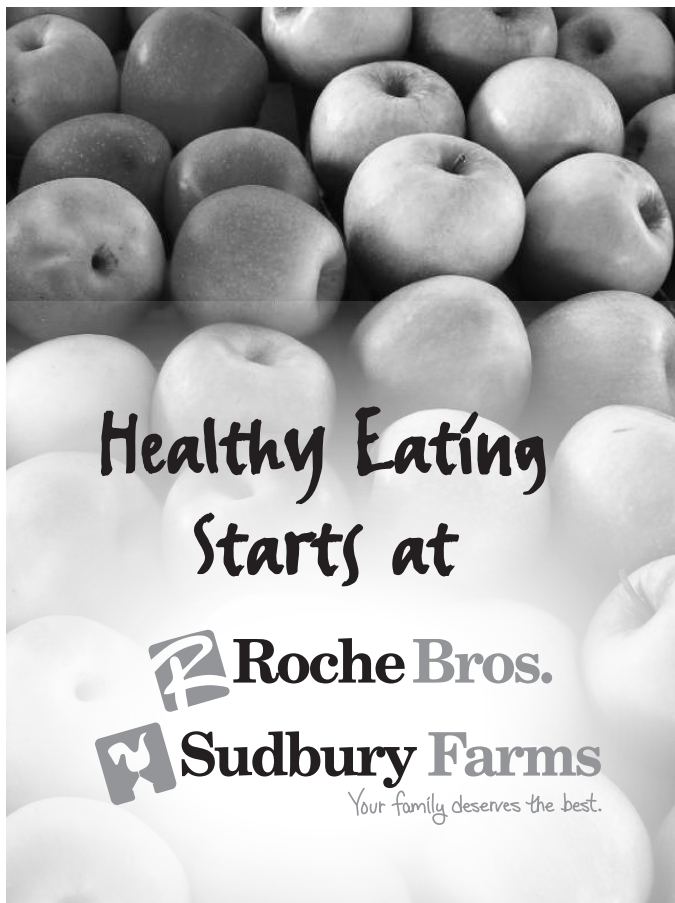


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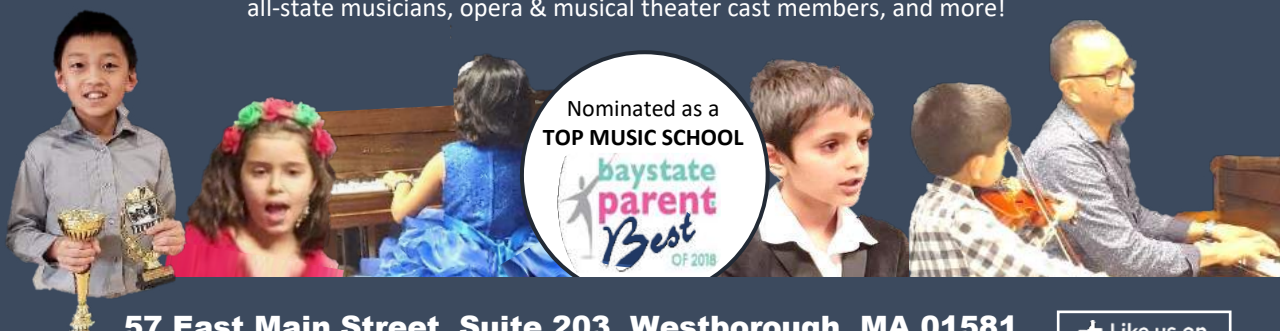
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SARAH WILLIAMS '95 – is a full-time Visual Art teacher at Shrewsbury Public Schools. She also teaches Art Appreciation and Intro to Drawing at Quinsigamond Community College. Sarah has exhibited her work at ArtsWorcester, Sprinkler Factory, Barbara Singer Fine Art, The Danforth Museum, The Diego Rivera Gallery at the San Francisco Art Institute and the Society of Arts and Crafts in Boston.

MELYNDA DAVIS '95 – works in property management and is a Boston-based professional opera singer. She specializes in opera, oratorio, and

art song and has performed with companies such as Opera Boston, Opera Providence, Boston Lyric Opera, MassOpera and the Boston Pops.

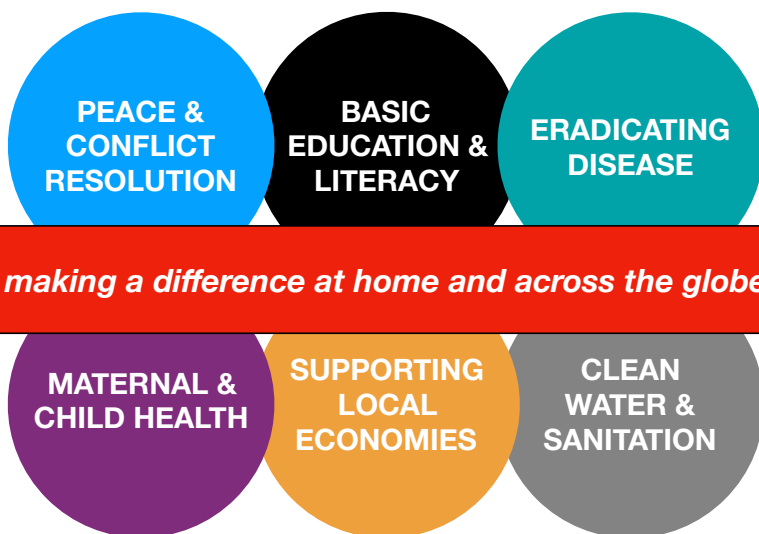
STEPHANIE FORRYAN '98 – is a singer-songwriter and recording artist. She has two solo albums and has toured extensively in the U.S and in Europe.

SARAH ROIZEN '98 – is a practicing artist and art therapist. Her current focus in art therapy is working with adults with mental health issues, histories of trauma, and substance abuse. She also shows and sells her work locally.

JONATHAN ELDRIDGE '99 – teaches in the Weston Public School system as a music teacher at the Weston Middle School.



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CHARLES CLEMENTS '05 – is a professional double bassist and bass teacher at New England Conservatory Prep School. He also substitutes for Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops.

ERIC DITTELMAN '05 – performs at comedy clubs, colleges, casinos and corporate events all across the country. He was the first mind reader ever on "America's Got Talent" where he was a season 7 Top Ten finalist and judges' favorite. He's also been featured on "Live with Kelly & Ryan", "Penn & Teller: Fool Us" and "Ellen". In 2018, he made his Broadway debut performing with "The Illusionists: Magic of the Holidays".

ALEX KNUTRUD '07 – is a professional trombonist and trombone teacher. He performs with Bangor Symphony in Maine, and substitutes in other ensembles such as Symphony New Hampshire, Boston Philharmonic and Hartford Symphony. He works in the Boston University College of Fine Arts, and as a professional trombonist around Boston. He is also an oil painter who paints professionally and shows throughout MA and NY and teaches classes in plein air painting.

ANTHONY S. CINCOTTA II '08 – is Adjunct Professor of Saxophone at Bridgewater College in Virginia, and the Graduate Teaching Assistant at James Madison University while he pursues his Master of Music degree. Anthony has been invited to perform

at the 2020 Navy Band International Saxophone Symposium, both as a guest soloist and with the saxophone quartet he founded, Invicta. In the fall of 2020, Anthony will begin his pursuit of his Doctorate of Musical Arts degree.

KATIE SPEED '09 – is the drama teacher at Wellesley Middle School. She also acts in and directs theatrical productions in and around the Boston area.

EVAN CADAVIECO '11 – After graduating from Berklee College of Music with a degree in composition, Evan Cadavieco has written commissioned works for a variety of ensembles and performers, scores for independent films, and music for advertisements. Outside of composition, he plays trombone in the Claflin Hill Summer Winds, the Westborough Community Band, and the Interboro Community Band, serving as cover conductor for the latter two. Evan is also the assistant director of the Westborough High School Ranger Marching Band and is currently completing training to become a commercial pilot.

DIANA ZENG '11 – is a contemporary painter and professional speaker based in St. Louis, MO. Her work has been featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions in the St. Louis area and in private collections in China, London, New Zealand and all over the United States.

JOE FANNING '12 – is the Lead Rigger and Assistant Stage Ops Supervisor at the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

LUCY SONG '12 – is a professional flutist/piccoloist and flute teacher. She is also the second flute in the Dubuque Symphony, Chicago, and performer in and cofounder of the chamber group, Trio Sappho.

BENEDICT HENSLEY '16 – is a 4th year student in Vocal Performance at the Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University. He will complete the program in 5 years along with a second major in psychology. His repertoire includes opera, operetta, sacred music, and other classical music. He participated in the Austrian American Mozart summer program in Salzburg, Austria and also regularly serves as section leader for liturgical music at Evanston area churches.

JULIA MARCUS '16 – will be graduating from Carnegie Mellon University's School of Music in 2020 with a BFA in Vocal Performance and a certificate minor in French. She has been a part of many performances throughout her college career, including the female lead in The Marriage of Figaro. Julia is applying to graduate schools for both Contemporary Performance and Jazz. She is also writing a singer/songwriting album that she will be recording next year.

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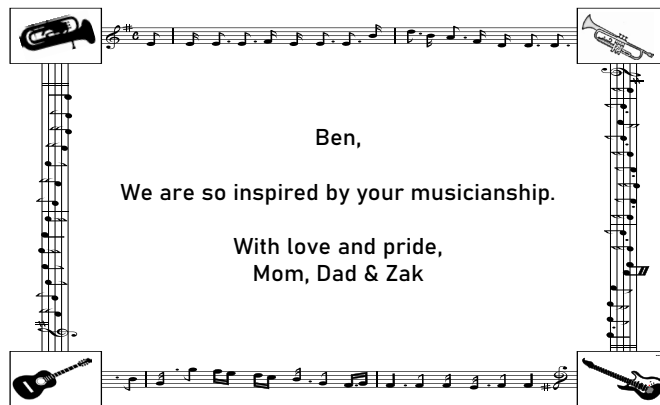
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