



North Hunterdon Music Association

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Dear North Hunterdon High School Music Parents,

Another school year is over, and we must once again bid farewell to an extremely talented, and large, group of seniors. But before I do that, let's review the musical year as a whole.

The year started off with the Marching Band performing "Les Miserables," marching in the Columbus Day Parade, and accompanying the Parade's Grand Master Joe Piscopo on National television! We then had two delightful holiday concerts with the premier performance of our string ensemble directed by our newest faculty member, Ms. Reimer. The winter months brought endless rehearsals for 'Beauty and the Beast' and tryouts for All-State and Region choirs. After sold-out performances of the outstanding musical, the entire music department presented the best ever PRISM concert. The choirs went off to Montreal and came home with awards and fond memories. The students immediately worked hard to prepare for the spring concerts and Teen Arts. Also included was the wonderful end of year Music Banquet and the Memorial Day parade (even though it was HOT). Finally, we moved onto Show Choir and Marching Band Leader tryouts, so we can begin the cycle again. It was a musically-packed year, which the students all enjoyed and the parents can be proud.

In this newsletter, you will have updates on all the awards and activities that have happened since January including the end-of-year music awards and scholarships. We are fortunate to be able to give a scholarship donated by AT&T for the service hours of its employees who are NHMA volunteers. These people are very dedicated and we appreciate all their efforts on behalf of the students.

As this is my last newsletter as President, I want to thank my executive board and the faculty for all the hours devoted to helping the students in so many behind-the-scenes ways. Nothing at all could have been accomplished without their help. I would particularly like to thank two individuals who have helped above and beyond their duty. First, many thanks to Shirley Young who has been active for nine years; Shirley was responsible for Hospitality functions and made everyone feel welcome. So thank you Shirley and Bill Young for all your many years of service. The second thank you is to one who has worked as our treasurer for many years; she even agreed to stay on this year when she had no child in the music program. For all your wonderful work, Therese Shick, all of NHMA salutes you, and I personally thank you for your dedication.

I want to also thank all the members of NHMA for the help and support you have given to the students in whatever capacity you were able to give to our organization. Lastly, my husband Paul and I want to thank our two children, Carl and Cecelia, for deciding to make North's outstanding music program part of their lives and ours.

Next year is shaping up to be another great year as the tradition continues. We still are in need of another volunteer for hospitality! NHMA will continue on in capable and enthusiastic hands with Savet Rosenblum and Sandy Siedorf as the new co-presidents. You can reach Sandy at 730-9769; Savet at 996-8853. So from me, I bid you farewell and hope to see you next year at the football games, concerts, musicals...

Monica Gondek

Spring 2006 Awards

John Philip Sousa Award – Debra Young

National School Choral Award – David Rocca

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award – Ryan Rosen

**North Hunterdon Band Award for Musical Excellence
– Audra Giese**

**North Hunterdon Choral Award for Musical Excellence
– Amy Richards**

**North Hunterdon Band Award for Outstanding Service
– Elizabeth Snow
– Rick Kavin
– Carl Gondek
– Sharon Romelczyk**

**North Hunterdon Choral Award for Outstanding Service
– Laura Stiff
– David Dreifus
– Chrissie Marino
– David Imbriaco**

Semper Fidelis Awards – David Rocca

**Music Association Scholarships
– Amy Richards
– Sara Jane Leier
– Sarah Khatibzadeh
– Ron Leone
– David Rocca
– David Rosenblum
– Debra Young [AT&T Scholarship]**

**Music Theatre Scholarships
– Kim Porcino
– Erica Knight**

**Music Students of the Month
– January: Sarah Brokaw; David Rosenblum
– February: Sarah Khatibzadeh; Sean Reddington
– March: Nick Dogas; Amy Richards
– April: Rick Kavin; Erica Knight
– May: John Koneval; Sophia Price**

**Gary Gilbert Memorial Scholarships
– Natalie Khatibzadeh- Piano Institute, Dallas
– Rebecca Schwartz - Westminster Choir College**

Music Department News

We would like to thank all of those who participated in Music Association activities during the 2005-2006 school year. The NHMA is an invaluable organization dedicated to supporting and providing for our music students. We would like to appeal to all parents of music students to contribute a little time and effort to this kind, helpful, and vibrant volunteer organization. Thank you if you helped with Marching Band, Banquets, Receptions, Trips, Fund-raising, the Musical, and Scholarships. A special thank you to Monica Gondek and the administrative team for their selfless and able leadership throughout the year.

Sincerely,

The Music Staff,

David Lockart

Perry Andrews

Vincent Angeline

Katy Reimer

Music Education - a View

An excerpt from an article on Vocal Jazz by David Lockart, March, 2006, published in the NJ ACDA (American Choral Directors Assoc.) Journal.

"In this age where the focus is on increased literacy, it is unfathomable that some schools may have choirs, bands, and orchestras, but no courses that specifically focus on the job of building musical literacy in their students. Notation is the written language of music. All schools should provide instruction in music theory, where they can learn to read and understand musical notation. Middle schools should include the development of aural and written theory skills as an integral part of their program. All high schools should provide at least a fundamentals course, and should work toward the inclusion of an AP level theory course. With limited rehearsal time, there is not enough time available in the choral rehearsal room to adequately address the development of theory skills. Elevating the reading, analysis and aural skills of your music students is essential to building their ability to tackle more difficult and sophisticated repertoire. It would be ideal if our ensembles were filled with literate, if not fluent readers."

Recap of 2005-2006 Events

During the school year, our talented students participated in sixty choral and instrumental events.

August 25th, 2005	Band Camp Performance	Marching Band
September 9th, 2005	Pep Rally	Marching Band
September 17th	Half-time Performance	Marching Band
September 30th	Half-time Performance	Marching Band
October 7th, 2005	Half-time Performance	Marching Band
October 10th, 2005	Columbus Day Parade - New York City	Marching Band
October 17th, 2005	Half-time Performance	Marching Band
October 28th, 2005	Half-time Performance	Marching Band
October 28th, 2005	Performance - Hunterdon Sr. Citizens Recog.	String Ensemble
October 28th, 2005	Halloween Parade, Hunterdon State School	Marching Band
November 4th, 2005	Phillipsburg Festival	Marching Band
November 9th, 2005	Bon-Fire Performance	Marching Band
November 10th, 2005	All-State Choir and Orchestra	Students
November 11th, 2005	Half-time Performance	Marching Band
November 17th, 2005	Powder Puff Football Game	Marching Band
November 24th, 2005	Dickens Days, Clinton	Brass Ensemble
November 30th, 2005	Marching Band Banquet	Student Performances
December 2nd, 2005	Clinton Christmas Parade	Marching Band
December 8th, 2005	Winter Concert I	String Ensemble
		Concert Choir
		Jazz Ensemble
		Show Choir
		Madrigal Singers
		Freshman Women's Choir
		Concert Band
		All Ensembles
		Concert Choir
		Soloists
		Band
		Band
		Show Choir and Jazz Band
		Show Choir and Jazz Band
		Students
		Soloists
		Orchestra and Cast
		Orchestra and Cast
		Orchestra and Cast
		Jazz Ensemble
		All Ensembles and Soloists
		Show Choir
		Concert Choir
		Madrigal Singers
		Brass Ensemble
		Solo and Small Ensemble Performances
		Freshman Women's Choir
		Madrigal Singers
		Wind Ensemble
		Band
		During the day
		String Ensemble
		Concert Choir
		Jazz Ensemble
		Show Choir
		Select Ensembles
		Solo and Small Ensemble Performances
		Marching Band
		Show Choir
		Jazz Ensemble
		Band and Show Choir
		Summer Band
December 15th, 2005	Winter Concert II	
December 21st, 2005	School Assembly - New Gym	
December 21st, 2005	Caroling around NH	
December - February	National Anthem performances at home games	
January 10th, 2006	8th Grade Orientation	
January 11th, 2006	8th Grade Orientation	
January 12th, 2006	Middle School Performances	
January 17th, 2006	Middle School Performances	
January 29th, 2006	Region II Orchestra and Choir	
February 14th, 2006	Superintendent's Luncheon	
March 2nd, 2006	BEAUTY & the BEAST - Musical	
March 3rd, 2006	BEAUTY & the BEAST - Musical	
March 4th, 2006	BEAUTY & the BEAST - Musical	
March 25th, 2006	Jenny Haver Scholarship Concert	
March 29th, 2006	Prism Concert	
April 7 - 10	Montreal Music Festival	
May 2nd, 2006	Veterans Meeting, Glen Gardner	
May 9th, 2006	Hunterdon County Teen Arts	
May 18th, 2006	Spring Concert I	
May 18th, 2006	Hunterdon County Teen-Arts Festival	
May 25th, 2006	Spring Concert II	
May 25th, 2006	NJ State Teen-Arts Festival	
May 31st, 2006	Music Awards Banquet	
May 29th, 2006	Memorial Day Parade, Flemington	
June 6th, 2006	Trenton Thunder Baseball - National Anthem	
June 8th, 2006	Senior Awards Night Performance	
June 16th, 2006	Graduation Ceremony	
July, 2006	Summer Symphonic Band Camp Performance	

Gary Gilbert Memorial Scholarship Fund

The *Gary Gilbert Memorial Scholarship Fund* is open to ALL North music students to get monetary aid to attend workshops, music camps, or seminars outside of NHHS anytime during the school year or in the summer.

Applications can be obtained from any North music teacher.



North Hunterdon High School "Golden Lions" Band 2006 Summer Rehearsal Schedule

Evening Rehearsals

August 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

6:00 PM-9:00 PM for new members, Band Leaders, and all Percussion
7:00 PM-9:00 PM for all others

Band Camp

August 21, 22, 23 from 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon
August 24 from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
August 25 from 8:00 AM-7:00 PM



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