



Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of *Hunterdon Academy of the Arts*

September 2017

Welcome to the 2017/18 School Year!

I'm thrilled to welcome you to the new school year! Some of you are joining us for the very first time this month, while others are returning to HAA to resume their Music or Acting Lessons and Classes. But the vast majority - over 600 Students - actually stayed with us throughout the summer, enjoying our various HAA programs and holding on tight to their prized spots in our crowded schedules! The past couple of months at HAA have been filled with some exciting activities, planning, and events. Among these were the July 8 ROCK+ Performance at the Flemington Car Show, the popular Red Carpet Event of our Acting Students on July 18, and the wonderful "HAA Performing Arts Showcase" on August 4. This Showcase, in particular, took our programs - Music and Acting - to a whole new level (see the article on p. 3). Moreover, coming up at the time of this writing is a late-summer Acting Performance at Flemington's Turntable Junction, scheduled for August 22.



Another huge event for us was the move of our Lebanon Campus to a larger space in the same complex (Oasis Commons, 148 Main Street). The new location has been operational since August 14, and initial feedback from parents, students, and teachers alike has been outstanding. Doubling our Lebanon room capacity, this new location will accommodate the growing demand especially for music lessons in the area. A particularly nice feature of the new unit is a small performance space, which allows us to host fun events here - such as recitals, open mic nights, picture days, etc. Among the first events to be staged in Lebanon is the new HAA Charity Performathon, a special student performance designed to raise funds for the local YMCA's Financial Assistance Program. Stay tuned for more info on this important event, which is scheduled for November 4!

Valentina Jtoix



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September Student Birthdays

Kaitlyn Jones, Victoria Coey, William Jacobson, Abigail Washuta, Tushya Mishra, Manny Modugno, Zander Dominczyk, Ethan Weiner, Aidan Berson, Alan Calvo, Kaitlyn Cullinane, Shival Panchal, Olivia Viscomi, Kirsten Lelli, Jason Strauss, Sophia Loewenstein, Joe Tedesco, Sean Souvenir, Michael Giannouris, Regina Podchaski, Spencer Asch, Peyton Smith, Kiernan Kelleher, Swati Mehta, Bryce Nelessen, Yahya Ozair, Anya Karnani, Sophia Milicevic, Sylvia Schultz, Mikyla Scott, Melody Neu, Molly Abbott, Abri Villa San-Pedro, Claudia Benke, Madison Heller, Marissa Yerramilli, Natalie Loewenstein, Camila Mendez-Castilla, Anna Bennington, Malcolm Bogroff, Nathan Kodua, Alasdair Shoemaker, Florence Madurzak, Lilly Spanton, Kadambari Prabakar! A special shout out to Kyle Benson who had a birthday back in August! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Save the Date!

Friday 9/1, Jam Session
7:15-8:15pm

Friday 9/8, Acting Out!
7:15-8:15pm

9/16 and 9/17, Flemington
Craft Fair

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In the Spotlight: Performing Arts Showcase

On August 4, we presented our first-ever “Performing Arts Showcase,” finally putting to the test an idea we had been contemplating for quite some time: a joint performance of our Music Lesson and Acting Students as well as our music ensembles--True Voice Project and ROCK+. And what a wonderful show it was!! An important part of the production was the performance location itself, which was a huge discovery for us: South Ridge Community Church in Clinton--a fantastic 700-seat space with a large stage, lighting, and sound equipment that very much resembles a professional concert stage.

Feedback on the Performing Arts Showcase has been outstanding, with parents, students, and teachers letting us know how much they enjoyed the experience. We are so grateful for the feedback, which will help us in our future events planning. We’re also immensely grateful to the South Ridge Community Church for opening their doors to HAA and providing a very professional service.



Amoriello - Jerusha

Hunterdon Academy of the Arts guitar instructor, Tom Amoriello has teamed up with a stellar roster of special guest musicians for his debut heavy metal recording including former members of Black Sabbath, Whitesnake, Ozzy Osbourne, Yngwie J. Malmsteen’s Rising Force, Dio and Quiet Riot. His recording called Jerusha will be available in December. His book, A Journey to Guitarland with Maestro Armadillo (Black Rose Writing) has received favorable reviews in Guitar Player Magazine (USA), Hard Rock Magazine (Germany), Screamer Magazine (Los Angeles) and praise from guitar legends Brian May, Steve Hackett and Jennifer Batten. It is available worldwide in English. Congrats Tom!



Student Achievements: Samantha Soybel

Samantha Soybel, a vocal student of Ms. Lilla’s, has auditioned and won her age group voice competition earlier this month, hosted and sponsored by Laurita Winery in New Egypt NY. Samantha has been a student at HAA since the age of 4. Congrats Samantha!



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