

Award-winning Hunterdon Academy of the Arts has campus locations in Flemington (NJ) and Lebanon (NJ). Founded in 1981, we are the largest performing arts school in Hunterdon, serving students of all ages and levels of ability. The school is particularly well known for its high-quality Music lessons and classes, but has more recently added Acting instruction to its services.



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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HUNTERDON ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

Celebrating HAA's Award-Winning Students

If you are familiar with HAA and its teaching philosophy, you know that we pride ourselves on customizing our teaching to the learning style and preferences of our students. Some people may think that we just let our students do whatever they want, but the true art--and challenge--is to strike just the right balance between fun activities and appropriately challenging the student's individual abilities. We engage our students in the learning process through favorite activities and songs (or plays and movies, for Acting students) while also introducing their hearts and minds to new experiences, such as more difficult songs, some classical music they've never heard before, or even technical exercises that are not always fun but certainly necessary for developing those much-desired fine motor skills.

That said, HAA also teaches students with various levels of ambition when it comes to possibly becoming a professional musician, music educator, or an award-winner. It is my absolute pleasure to announce that a number of students from HAA's violin studio of Mialtin Zhezha recently won some prestigious awards AND three of them are performing at Carnegie Hall!

- Kevin Zhang, Royal Conservatory Center Certificates Levels 3 and 4; State Certificate Level 4
- Shubhranshu Dutta, Royal Conservatory Center and State Certificates Level 5

- Selina Zhang, Royal Conservatory Center and State Certificates Level 8
- Katie Watkins, Royal Conservatory State and Center Certificates Level 3
- Kevin Zhang will return to Carnegie Hall, having performed there in 2017, and Katie Watkins will make her debut at Carnegie Hall on February 17th.
- Last but not least, Xander Braun, through his teacher Mialtin's recommendation, was part of the orchestra performing a world premiere work by Tim Janis in Carnegie Hall's Stern Hall. Guest performers included Alex Boye from "The Hamilton," Robert Redford, and Al Gore, among others!!

Congratulations to all of our award-winners and kudos to their teacher, Mialtin Zhezha! This is an amazing accomplishment for all involved! By the way, Mialtin is also a proud father of a beautiful baby girl named Eli-na, who just recently turned 1. How does he do it all? Not sure, but Mialtin certainly sets a great example for his students and for the HAA community. His amazing passion and dedication to music is contagious and admirable. Congrats, again!

Valentina Jotovic

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February Student Birthdays

Noah Gorski, Julia Muccilli, Jessica Ruela, Dean Pernicario, Marcos Teixeira, Hannah Bezahler, Rose Gibbons, Nathaniel Tota, Jeremy Fries, Emma Glas, Brynn Van Lenten, Theo Contos, Nicholas Fromosky, Penelope Fultz, Madeleine LaPointe, Clara Loenser, Alison Wardle, Katie Watkins, Mia Edgar, Hana Frattini, Adelaide Knight, Spencer Bellanca, Tori Gold, Nina Jategaonkar, Keeley Taylor, Kate Winseck, Margaret Andrin, Ayushi Ghan, Ashley Librizzi, Varenya Mishra, Lily Rooney, Josh Villa San-Pedro, Nickolas Burinsky, Aasha Page, Allisa Conover, Wyatt Yawger, Garrett Krygier, Veronica Murphy, Patrik Vogel, Joelle Dizon, Aidan Harkins, Samantha Chatterjee, Billy Coffman, Zahra Davachi, Ashley Nothnagel, Todd Baldwin, Shiven Bansal, Grace Chen, Keara Dinicola, Layla Maravetz, Ian Grenda, Gabby Viscomi, Allison Berry, Alison Burd, Daniel Decker

A VERY special shout-out to Enzo Santangelo and Owen Nodes, who celebrated their birthday in January, but unfortunately did not make it into our January newsletter. Our sincerest apologies!



Thank You for Your Referrals!

A BIG THANK YOU to several individuals, for referring their friends to Hunterdon Academy of the Arts! It's wonderful to have such strong supporters who spread the word about HAA in the Hunterdon community! We'd like to give a special shout out to Anita LaBelle, Alyssa Graziano, the Vendra Family, Lakshmi Baru, the Hansson Family, and the Woodward Family! THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATE!

Jam Session
Friday 2/2
7:15

Acting Out!
Friday 2/9
7:15

From HAA, With Love
Saturday 2/10
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Flemington Campus Only

CELEBRATING VALENTINE'S DAY A LITTLE EARLY: “FROM HAA, WITH LOVE” (FEBRUARY 10)

Valentine's Day is one of the most popular holidays of the year. It is celebrated in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia. We feel special when we are loved by our family, friends, and “Significant Others,” especially on Valentine's Day. This holiday gives us an opportunity to express our love to all the people who hold a very special place in our lives. As tokens of our love and appreciation, many people send out specially designed cards, give each other presents in the form of heart-shaped candy and chocolate, and perhaps mark the occasion with a special dinner celebration.

For history buffs, the origins of “St. Valentine's Day” are shrouded in mysteries and legends of ancient Rome. The early Catholic Church recognized at least three different saints by the name of Valentine, and all three seem to have been martyred in the name of love. But it was not until the end of the fifth century that February 14--St. Valentine's Day--was officially associated with Love by Pope Gelasius. Modern Valentine's Day customs began to shape around the 17th century, and by the middle of the 18th century it was common for members of all social classes to exchange handwritten notes and special tokens to acknowledge their warm feelings for each other.

For the past few years, HAA has had its own way of celebrating Valentine's, with a special community event titled “From HAA, with Love.” Taking place

on February 10, from 10 AM to 1 PM, this family-friendly get-together offers light refreshments and musical entertainment by our wonderful guitar instructor Robin Stone. One of the highlights of the day is our Valentine's Raffle, with a Big Teddy Bear as grand prize! This year, we will also have a free fun session “Photos with Teddy”!

Don't miss out! Admission is free and open to the public.

FROM: HAA, WITH LOVE
February 10, from 10 AM to 1 PM, Flemington Campus



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Join us for our FREE Valentine Festivity! Enjoy a Valentines photo op, light refreshments, and win a special Raffle Prize: This irresistible Teddy Bear! <3

