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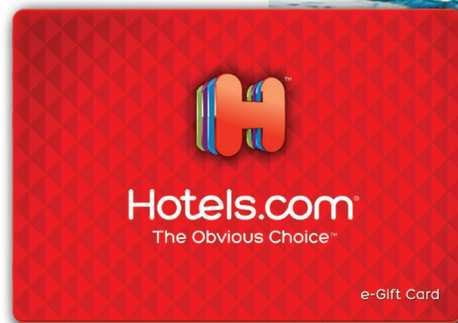
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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HUNTERDON ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

How I Met Anthony Melchiorri of "Hotel Impossible"

This long New Jersey winter has left us all longing for warmer climates, so I am sure your summer plans are already in place. If you are not sure where your next vacation should be, I have a recommendation: Charleston, South Carolina. Oh my, what a beauty! My husband and I finally managed to check this destination off our bucket list last month, AND we met a celebrity: the host of the Travel Channel's popular TV Show, "Hotel Impossible", Anthony Melchiorri. He was a keynote speaker at a conference of business leaders we attended in the city. Mr. Melchiorri was very gracious to share some of his business knowledge and life wisdom, and we found his advice very valuable and motivational, though none of the conference participants were in the hotel business!

But our wonderful Charleston stay didn't start exactly as we had envisioned it. In fact, the weather was cold and rainy for the first five days we were there. And guess what, Yours Truly did not bring any warm clothes. None. And why would I? The forecast said we would have perfect days--in the low 70s. Big mistake--relying on the forecast, I mean. But we rented a car on our last day there and had a blast. Our biggest challenge: being vegetarians in the south. What were we thinking? All that fried chicken and barbecue we were ignoring. Finding food was hard, but also exciting. Once we found the restaurants that could accommodate us, we were in culinary heaven. My favorite: cauliflower mac and cheese at the "Ink N Ivy" restaurant. Worth every single calorie. So, if you decide to go to Charleston: rent a car, bring layered clothing, and eat meat. It's much easier that way. :-)

Aside from work and good food, we did get to experience Charleston and we understood why so many people love this place. The vibe of the city is just magical. The old mansions are mixed in with modern buildings, plants and flowers are beautiful, people are friendly and relaxed, and there is a rich music scene--which

we love. We also visited The Charleston Tea Plantation (the only one in the U.S., apparently) and it was one of the most relaxing experiences I've ever had on the road. The rich vegetation of South Carolina is just mesmerizing, so if you like being outdoors you would love it there.

We learned a lot on this trip. When we are on the road, our minds are focused in a completely different way. When we get to step away, we see our life and our business from a whole new perspective. It was an honor and a pleasure to meet Anthony Melchiorri, find out what drives him, and ask him questions about his approach to business. Although he is not a musician, we found out that we have a lot in common: Anthony is a survivor, he has amazing grit, which helped him succeed and never give up. As musicians, we learn many different skills, and perseverance is one of them. Anthony worked very hard to achieve what he has and he managed to do so because of his strong commitment to his family and their well-being. He is a lifelong learner, always trying to do better, but also a kind person who inspires others. Last, but not least, he understands his unique strengths and abilities: no one else in the world is like him! It was an honor and a pleasure to spend a day with such a celebrity who also reminded us of how special we are. That is what we try to teach our students every day at HAA: be yourself, discover your unique talents, and then develop them to the fullest! It's THE best thing you can do for your future.

Valentina Jotovic

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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 Marianna Sabatzus, Marissa Rebimbas, Heather Loenser!

THANK YOU!

THIS MONTH AT HAA

5/4 FRIDAY 7:15 - 8:15PM JAM SESSION

5/11 FRIDAY 7:15 - 8:15PM ACTING OUT

5/18 FRIDAY OPEN MIC AT
LEBANON CAMPUS

5/26 SATURDAY ROCK+ PERFORMANCE
AT FLEMINGTON DIY

5/28 MONDAY CLOSED FOR
MEMORIAL DAY

HAA WINS "TOP MUSIC SCHOOL" AWARD!

May we brag just a little?? We are SOOO excited to share some wonderful news with you: HAA has recently been voted the County's "Top Music School" by Hunterdon Happening. What's more, this is the THIRD year in a row we have received this coveted award!

THANK YOU to all who have cast their votes for HAA!! We have built this school together with you and hope that you are as proud of this accomplishment as we are!

On April 26th, 2017, our administrative team and a few of our faculty attended this year's Red Carpet Bash at the amazing Lambertville Station. What a celebration!



MAY STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Alison Naples
Madison Doyle
Michael Zhang
Jeff Smith
Ryan Harkins
Natasha Hoffman
Rafael Alvarez
Quinn Winseck
Eileed Apruzzese
Maddie Bezahler
Cassie Burnett
Peter Cantilina
Nicole Fulper
Gavin Lefebvre
Anna Balasic
Nick Khalsa
Victoria Krok
Brooks Maier
Mary Petronko
Madelyn Swingle
Deborah Burns

Lila Mortensen
Anne Phillip
Arianna Bellotti
Layla LoPrimo
Alexandra Ottenstoer
Heidi Grumbridge
Evan Lijo
Katie Solimine
Sierra Squire
William Clarke
Natalie Distefano
Allison Kiefer
Emma Lentine
Avery Messinger
Liam Byne
Rhea Kochhar
Taleen Hawash
Aidan Dougherty
Julia Maravetz
Eva Pratt
Wyatt Ditzel

Christopher Doyle
Zachary Schwarx
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Micah Constantakis
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