



# Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of *Hunterdon Academy of the Arts*

**October 2017**

## **HAA Hosting November 4 Performathon to Benefit YMCA Financial Assistance Program**

We love being involved with the local community, and we believe in supporting good causes in any way we can. A few months ago, Amanda Prakopcyk, one of our Piano Instructors, approached me with a great idea: would we be interested in collaborating with the Hunterdon County YMCA in some way? I was intrigued and very interested in exploring the possibilities of such a collaboration. So we pulled various representatives of the YMCA into the discussion. Several meetings later, I am thrilled to announce that on November 4, Hunterdon Academy of the Arts will host a special charity Performathon from 12pm to 6pm at our Lebanon campus. Students, faculty, and other musical community members are invited to perform and help us raise funds for the Hunterdon County YMCA Financial Assistance Program!

Our November 4 Performathon is FREE and open to the public – everyone is welcome to join us! However, all performers are asked to raise a minimum of \$75 by asking their friends and family members to pledge their support for their efforts! All proceeds go to the YMCA Financial Assistance Program.

According to Christine Coffey, Director of Mission Advancement at the Hunterdon County YMCA, “the Hunterdon County YMCA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization with Tax ID #22-1524183. Donations are fully deductible as allowed by law. Thanks to a balanced operational structure that allows the Hunterdon County YMCA to offset fundraising expenses with revenues from membership and programs fees, 100% of contributed dollars go directly to their intended purposes. The Y believes that everyone should have the resources needed to learn, grow and thrive – regardless of age, income or background. Your gift to the Y will directly impact the life of a neighbor in need, by allowing the Y to provide a fee subsidy for our programs and services. In 2016, over \$518,000 was raised to assist over 1,650 community members. When you give to the Y, you strengthen our community.”

Though HAA and the YMCA seem to be very different organizations in terms of services offered, we discovered that we have much more in common than we thought. As the Y’s mission states: “we nurture the potential of kids, help people understand and improve their health, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors.” That is very similar to our desire to help students lead “happier, healthier, and more successful lives” by experiencing the far-reaching benefits of performing arts activities.

To sign up for our November 4 Performathon, please visit

**[HunterdonAcademyOfTheArts.com/YMCA](http://HunterdonAcademyOfTheArts.com/YMCA)**



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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 Annaleigh Mrozek, Saba Saddiqui, and Roxann Santangelo! THANK YOU!



## October Student Birthdays

Peter Elnahar, Dallas Solimani, Naomi Cantilina, Nathaniel Kannan, Nathan Diaz, Jack Suddeath-Almendinger, Sydney Whidbee, Zaylee Lindia, Samantha Soybel, Anika Mehta, Elias Wyson, Carson Bochenek, Alex Defreitas, Kylee Siebert, Priya Gupta, Luke Buza, Ryan Miller, Martael Hoffman, Vivienne Graves, Melina Elezovski, Thomas Campbell, Hunter Lelli, Jaisal Patel, Kallista Saam, Layla Sickles, Hannah Stillwell, Andrew Tota, Ryan Rudolph, Samantha Thompson, Matthew Hilke, Will Kwietniak, Jacklyn Solimani, John Kasprzak, Zachary Motovidlak, Tyler Apple, Devyn Wysocky, Amani Ashraf, Daniel DePinto, Luke Jenison, Anita LaBelle, Phillip LaBelle, Nylah Campbell, and Leah Chudy. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## Save the Date!

**Friday 10/6, Jam Session**  
**7:15-8:15pm**

**Friday 10/13, Acting Out!**  
**7:15-8:15pm**

**10/21, Halloween Picture Day**  
**10am-1pm**

**10/21, Show Kids Choir**  
**Performance**  
**and Open Acting Class**  
**12-1pm**

A promotional poster for "Return of the Halloween Picture Day!" featuring a collage of images including pumpkins, a person in a raccoon costume, and a person playing a banjo. The text is in a bold, orange, distressed font.

**RETURN OF THE HALLOWEEN PICTURE DAY!**

**Saturday, October 21**  
**10AM to 1PM**  
**Flemington Campus**  
**(4 Minneakoning Rd.)**

**Come in costume, face paint, and all to let everyone know just how much you LOVE Halloween!**

**Just stop by. No appointment necessary!**

**We will take your picture (with or without your musical instrument), and post it on Facebook for your friends to vote on! Whoever has the most LIKES by 5PM on Halloween Day wins a FREE Month of Lessons or Classes - or a \$100 check. Winner's Choice!**

**We will have face painting by Katie Engberg all day, as well as a special Show Kids Choir Performance and Open Acting Class from 12-1pm!**



## In the Spotlight: HAA's Rock+ Performs at Flemington Craft Fair

It was a cloudy, humid Sunday and very few people were on Main Street when our Rock+ students set up for their 12:30pm performance on the steps of the Historic Courthouse. It was the second day of Flemington's annual Craft Fair and many people seemed a bit disappointed with the less than perfect weather. "I hope it doesn't rain," we all said repeatedly. "The forecast said 2pm rain, so we should be ok," one of the HAA parents assured us, knowing that our performance ends at 1:30pm. We hooked up all the equipment and hoped for the best.

Our amazing Rock+ band opened the show as confidently as ever and immediately started to draw the attention of people walking by. There were several young fans present with cutouts of Matt Woodward's (our lead singer's) face. The energy was great and there was a lot of support for our young performers. A few people said we were a bit loud, but hey, how else are we to wake up the sleepy Main Street on a Sunday afternoon? Somebody had to do it! :-)



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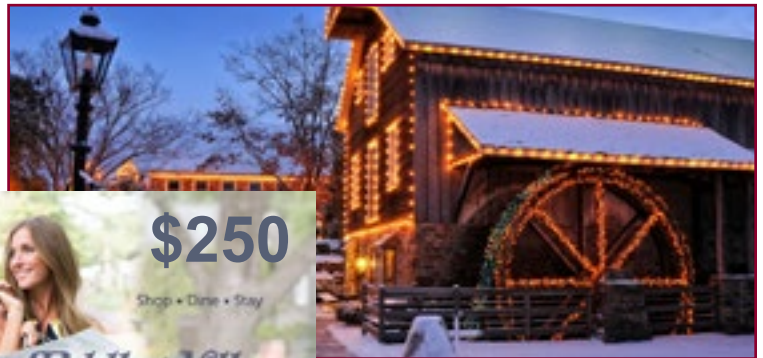
*Award-winning Hunterdon Academy of the Arts has campus locations in Flemington (NJ) and Lebanon (NJ). Founded in 1981, we are the largest performing arts school in Hunterdon, serving students of all ages and levels of ability. The school is particularly well known for its high-quality Music lessons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



## **Fall Referral Contest: Win a \$250 Gift Card to Peddler's Village**

**Want to make some of your Holiday shopping a little easier?**

- \$250 Peddler's Village Visa Pre-Paid Gift Card
- Gift Card can be used at any of the Peddler's Village Shops, Restaurants, the Golden Plough Inn and Gigglesberry Fair
- Winner to be drawn on 12/16 - Just in time for your last minute Holiday shopping!



## **A Value of \$250!**

**Referrals Are a Win-Win,  
Each and Every Time**

To enter the Fall Raffle for this amazing prize, just refer your friends to HAA! It's easy! As a sign of our appreciation, we are rewarding **both you and your friend with a \$25 check** when s/he enrolls in our programs! Refer as many friends as you like!

**[www.HunterdonAcademyOfTheArts.com/Referrals](http://www.HunterdonAcademyOfTheArts.com/Referrals)**