



Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of *Hunterdon Academy of the Arts*

November 2017

Thanksgiving Arrives with a Major Milestone Reached for HAA

Some of you may remember our January announcement about Joey S., who was HAA's 700th student. You may be amazed to find out that HAA has since grown further to become the largest performing arts school in the County, by far. How large? When Kian C. walked through the door during our Halloween Picture Day on October 21 to register for piano lessons with Mr. Dave, he caused a major Celebration that came with a big Prize: as our 800th student, he won a free month of lessons! Check the picture on page 2, which captures this wonderful moment.

We're very proud to have reached this major enrollment milestone, and really excited to see the school growing at such a fast pace. The numbers are telling a wonderful and simple story: more and more families feel at home at HAA because they enjoy the quality of our programs and the service we provide. Together, we are building a performing arts community of like-minded families.

Many of you are part of this institution because your friends were here before you, or because one or several of your friends have recommended HAA to you. The often-heard phrase, "so many people can't be wrong," very much applies to us. This doesn't mean that HAA is perfect, and we are the first to admit that. We continue to listen to you to find out how to improve our services, facilities, policies, and programs. Your feedback is, and will always be, very important to us.

Our size is the result of like-minded families coming together to create a more enjoyable community experience for everyone involved. Isn't it nice when you meet another parent in an HAA waiting room and you become friends? Or, don't you love it when your child creates really strong bonds with her HAA peers? We think that's wonderful and a true testament to the strength of this community. Moreover, there is strength in numbers. Let's face it: music and art programs are sometimes the first ones to get cut from children's lives, yet they are SO important for the healthy development of students. The fact that 800 of Hunterdon County's children and their families unite to express their appreciation of performing arts education is extremely powerful! Your teachers and I have dedicated our lives to introducing students to the many benefits of the arts. **We believe in what we do**, and together with you, we ensure that high-quality performing arts instruction remains an integral part of our children's education.

800 matters. Not just because it's an awesome number but because it tells us that you love being here and that we should keep doing what we are doing. This Holiday Season I am grateful for all of you. Thank you for being part of HAA and part of our lives! Happy Thanksgiving!

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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 Delia Wong, Allison Vandal, Ellen DePinto, Priya Gupta, Renee Medeiros, Grayson Schlesier, Kelly Balodis, Lorena Rodriquez, Alison Castellano, Mia Verrengia, Sandy Basile, Matt Woodward, Carol Ann Suddeath, Gillian Yawger, Joshua Wilk, Stephanie Reuter, Emily Gouse, Katie Shoemaker, and Eden Berenger-Stern! THANK YOU!

October Student Birthdays

Arjun Manoj, Julia Rinehart, Leo Allentoff, Arielle Fetzter, Vivian Baru, Dakota Berenger-Stern, Ana Colagrecio, Orion Curran, Sofia Elcheickhali, Madison Rebimbas, Gianna Marie Uvari, Dianna Bouie, Nicholas DePinto, Leo Fraser, Jennifer Ju, Savannah Freed, Neil Khalsa, Rachel Bielenberg, Finn Berson, Ben Sherwood, Ryan Fonte, Vivian Stern, Sofia Emery, Evan Perrin, Brianna Graham, Senyo Ofori, Natalia Breidt, Audrey Kreitner, Nathaniel Wright, Luke Berardi, Isabella Chen, Dinah Betsker, Alexis and Ashley Pacis, Cooper Glazar, Gabriel Klein, David Stockwell, Rita Vaitauskas, Charlotte Kelly, Michael Hills, Madeline Lesica, Micah Varughese, Olivia Wardzinski, Thomas Mongioi, Ahana Patel, and a special shout out to Kayleigh Medina who's birthday was back on October 13. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Save the Date!

Friday 11/3, Jam Session
7:15-8:15pm

Friday 11/10, Acting Out!
7:15-8:15pm

11/23-11/25, Closed for
Thanksgiving

Welcome to our 800th Student - Kian C.!



Return of the Halloween Picture Day

Halloween picture day was a great success! Thank you to everyone who came out and made the day so fun. We had costumes, face painting, treats, and a special Show Kids Choir and Acting performance! Here is a look back on some of the amazing costumes that turned up. Be sure to check out the entire album on the HAA facebook page. We hope you had as much fun as we did. Now start planning those costumes for next year!



In the Spotlight: Lebanon Campus Grand Re-Opening

On October 24, we celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of our new Lebanon Campus with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, performed by Christopher Phelan, C.E.O. and President of the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, and Robert Junge, Councilman of Lebanon Borough. Thank you to all who participated in this exciting event!

We opened our Lebanon Campus on April 1, 2014 with a small 4-classroom unit at 148 Main Street. It took us a while to fill that space, but this past spring, our Lebanon operation was pretty much at capacity and for us to expand any further, we needed more space. With our landlord's generous help, we were able to turn a former hair salon in the same building into a wonderful music studio with 8 classrooms, including a nice performance space with a new grand piano!

Come by to take a look! For Music Lesson availability, **Please call (908) 782-4943!**





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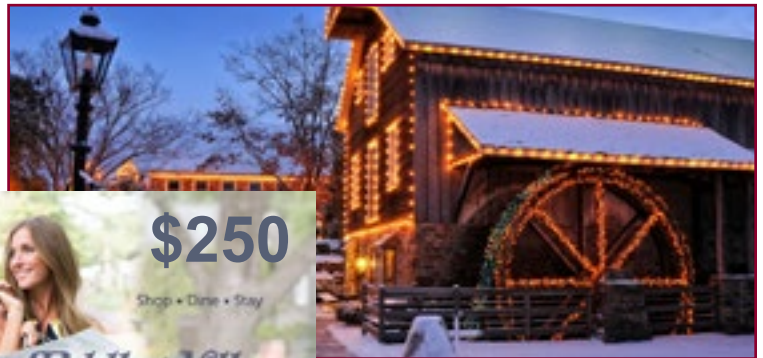
Award-winning Hunterdon Academy of the Arts has campus locations in Flemington (NJ) and Lebanon (NJ). Founded in 1981, we are the largest performing arts school in Hunterdon, serving students of all ages and levels of ability. The school is particularly well known for its high-quality Music lessons and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

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