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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.*



## WINTER REFERRAL CONTEST

### Win a **FREE** Sea Eagle Inflatable Sport Kayak!



**\$320 VALUE!**  
**DRAWING ON 3/30**

**Includes 2 Foot Paddles and Seats Up to 3 People**

#### Rules of the Contest:

Your Referral must be a new family, who has never attended our school. • Referral credits do not apply to the members of the same family. • Referral credits cannot be applied retroactively. This means that the ReferrED Family must identify the referral source at first inquiry. • For each referral, both you and your friend will receive a \$25 Referral Reward check from us. • Both you and your friend will enter the raffle. • For each family you refer, you will receive an additional Raffle entry, increasing your chance to win.

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## THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HUNTERDON ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

### Get Ready for **THREE** Rounds of Recitals in 2019!

Were you an HAA member during our last recital season in June 2018? If so, you may remember our fabulous Red Carpet student photos. It was so much fun to see our students get into their “celebrity” characters and ROCK their HAA Recitals. We even had a mini contest for the best photo. Great times!

I’m happy to say that our Winter Recital Season (Red Carpet included, of course!) is right around the corner and you will have an opportunity to perform for our supportive community of music lovers once again--on February 2 and 9. You can find the official schedule posted in many places around our Lebanon and Flemington facilities.

An important improvement we made this year is that we now offer three recitals per year--as opposed to two in previous years--in February, July AND November. This new schedule gives our students more flexibility, less pressure, and one more opportunity to shine on stage. Should you have to skip one recital, there are still two more available next year. Students who are progressing at a faster pace or have more music they wish to share are strongly encouraged to perform three times a year. I know so many of you have music prepared that few people get to hear, so grab this opportunity and play more!

*As we get closer to the recitals, the following questions often come up:*

**How do I know if my child is ready to perform?** Talk to your child and talk to his/her instructor. Your instructor knows your child and is here to help you make that decision. If it’s time to perform publicly, your teacher will advise you accordingly. Please try not to put too much pressure on your child. Playing in front of an audience is very exciting, but should definitely not be nerve-wracking.

**Who SHOULD perform?** Most students who have taken 6 months of lessons or more can play at least a simple piece. Students who have been taking lessons for a while, but are nervous should be encouraged to perform, even if their last performance was not great. Why? Because

facing and overcoming our fears is an important life skill to learn. Mistakes do happen and learning how to keep going is key to making progress in music lessons and overcoming other life challenges. It’s not about perfection, it’s about doing your best.

**Who should NOT perform?** Students who just recently started taking lessons should wait until the next recital, unless they are super excited and have a song they can’t wait to share with the world. Again, talk to your instructor and make the decision together. Also, we recommend that students with extreme anxieties not be pushed into performing. Bring your child to the recital instead and just listen to the other students perform. This is typically very helpful because your child can see that it’s not as scary as s/he thought it would be.

**How can I help my child be more confident in a recital?** Preparation is key. Regular practice leading up to the recital will ensure that your child is confident and less nervous. It’s just like giving a presentation: if you know your material, you can relax and be confident, but if you have to “wing it” and are not exactly sure what you are doing, chances are that things will not turn out as intended.

There is still time to prepare for the February recital, so start practicing harder than usual and then ROCK your HAA Recital!! My team and I look forward to hearing you! Hugs to all!

Happy New Year!



Valentina Jotovic,  
C.E.O., Hunterdon Academy of the Arts



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# THIS MONTH AT HAA JANUARY 2019

1/4 Friday | 7:15-8:15pm  
Jam Session @ Flemington

1/11 Friday | 7:15-8:15pm  
Acting Out @ Flemington

1/18 Friday | 7:15-8:15pm  
Open Mic Night @ Lebanon

## 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 Rosemary Monaco and Marianne Wade!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sean Gibson  
Luke Mattera-Jarrell  
Liam McCarthy  
Andrzej Pankowski  
Carly Perrine  
Janet Stoakes  
Phil Young  
Daniel Coutinho  
Anna Huang  
Daniela Knox  
Steven Molineux  
Avery Fulton  
Alex Lesica  
Katie Padmos  
Grace Carver

Gus Kelly  
Jeffery Pan  
Vickie Wolf  
Enzo Santangelo  
Brooke Schaffer  
Audrey Yun  
Zack Beitz  
Aarav Patel  
Sean Donohue  
Xiao Chen  
Izayah Edmond  
Erika Friedhoff  
Makayla Haig  
Jack Heppner  
Aidan Chen

Emma Horan  
Helena Shore  
Amy Sharma  
Eden  
Berenger-Stern  
Antonio Dotro  
Katie Fazio  
Madison  
Moschonikolakis  
Megan Corbin  
Jack Shea  
Christina Pastor  
Matthew Ruffolo  
Kaitlyn Beers  
Megan Beers

Avery Wrba  
Kayley Kubilus  
Ruddy Middela  
Jacob Bacino  
Madelyn Baum  
Mason Cimini  
Adam Wade  
Olimpia Lake  
Michael Simutis  
DJ Grillo  
Max Qi  
Elle Sladowsky  
Owen Visker

## NEW YEARS SPECIAL 1: MUSIC LESSONS



• \$59 OFF •  
YOUR FIRST MONTH OF MUSIC LESSONS  
EXPIRES 1.31

## NEW YEARS SPECIAL 2: ACTING CLASSES



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