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MUSIC FESTIVALS 2023

Festival III – March 4

Festival I – March 18

Festival II - March 25

Concert

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BCMEA
2023 Festival
Festival I
March 17-18, 2023
Whitney Point Schools

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2023 BCMEA Festival I Conductors' Bios

Christian Hosmer - Orchestra

Christian Hosmer has been a recognized member of the music community in Northern New York for the past 30 years and lives in Canton, NY. He grew up in New York City and attended the High School of Music & Art, then continued his music education at the Manhattan School of Music and the Crane School of Music in Potsdam.

As an instrumentalist, Mr. Hosmer has had a diverse career performing on violin, viola, and cello, specializing in both classical and traditional music. He is currently Principal Violist in the Orchestra of Northern New York.

As a conductor, he has directed various student orchestras at the Trillium Music Center in Watertown, was the music director of the Northern Lights Orchestra from 2008 to 2017 and has been director of the SLU String Orchestra at St. Lawrence University since 2004.

Mr. Hosmer is very excited to be here and make music with the talented string students of the BCMEA All-County Festival!

Don Schuessler - Chorus

Donald Schuessler III is an active music educator, conductor, singer, and worship leader in the Syracuse area. He is a member of the West Genesee Central School District music faculty and is in his sixteenth year as the Choral Director for the Camillus Middle School. He directs the 7th Grade Chorus, 8th Grade Concert Choir, CMS Musical, and the CMS 7/8 Select Chorus.

While under his direction, Donald's choirs have received superior ratings at NYSSMA Major's Festivals, Darien Lake Music Festivals and Sea Breeze Music Festivals. He has performed as a soloist with Symphoria, the Central Winds, and the former Syracuse Symphony Orchestra.

Donald has also been guest conductor for festivals throughout New York including the Cortland Junior High All-County Chorus, the Jefferson-Lewis Bi-County Festival and Herkimer County Festival Junior High Choirs. In 2010 he received the NY/ACDA Outstanding Young Choral Director of the Year.

Donald began his choral training at the American Boychoir School formerly located in Princeton, New Jersey and holds a BMUS in Education and an MM in Choral Conducting from Houghton College, Houghton, New York. He maintains professional memberships with NAFME, NYSSMA, and ACDA. Donald lives in Camillus with his wife, Devin, also a music educator, and their three children, Micah, 13, Alaina, 11, and Isaiah, 9.

Erin Tapia – Band

Erin Tapia is a public school and private studio instrumental music teacher, performer, clinician, and author. Ms. Tapia is in her twentieth year teaching in the Westhill Central School District in Syracuse, New York, where she serves as the Westhill High School Director of Bands, Chair of the Fine Arts Department, and conducts the WHS Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Lab, 50+ student Brazilian Percussion Ensemble, and chamber music ensembles. Ms. Tapia's ensembles have traveled often, including performances throughout New York State and in Chicago, Atlanta, Tampa, Orlando, Boston, Baltimore, and New York City. Her students regularly perform in local and state honor bands and orchestras, and more than sixty of Ms. Tapia's students have performed in collegiate instrumental music ensembles. Ms. Tapia is active as a clinician and guest conductor and has conducted honor ensembles and presented clinics to music educators at County, All-State, State, and National conferences.

Ms. Tapia is co-author of "The Sight Reading Book," a series of 21 sight-reading books and audition sets carefully aligned with state-specific criteria at six different levels of difficulty. The series is used extensively in schools and studios throughout the northeast and eastern seaboard. Ms. Tapia maintains a private flute studio and has performed as principal flute with the Syracuse Summer Festival Orchestra and piccoloist with the Central Winds: Music Educators' Wind Ensemble; she served both ensembles for years as Personnel Manager. Ms. Tapia held the position of General Manager of the Syracuse Youth Orchestras from the Fall of 2014 through the program's finale performance at Carnegie Hall in June of 2017.

Ms. Tapia holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Music Education with Performance Honors in Flute from Syracuse University's Setnor School of Music, and is a graduate of the Farmington Public Schools, in Farmington, Connecticut.

BCMEA Gr. 5-6 Orchestra Selections

Guest Conductor – Christian Hosmer

March of the Meistersingers..... Richard Wagner
arr. Sandra Dackow

Penguin and Polar Bear March..... Sara Bongo and Robert Moore

Tropical Serenade..... John Caponegro

BCMEA Gr. 7-9 Chorus Selections

Guest Conductor – Don Schuessler

Accompanist – Kristina Ruffo

Gloria from “Heiligmesse”..... Franz Joseph Haydn
arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

Count the Stars..... Andy Beck

Cantar!..... Jay Althouse

Found / Tonight..... Line-Manuel Miranda, Justin Paul and Benj Pasek
arr. Jason Naverud

BCMEA Gr. 10-12 Band Selections

Guest Conductor – Erin Tapia

Red Rock Mountain..... Rossano Galante

Rocketship!..... Kevin Day

One Life Beautiful..... Julie Giroux

Havana Nights..... Randall D. Standridge

BCMEA
2023 Festival
Festival II
March 24-25, 2023
Susquehanna Valley Schools

Special thanks to:

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Festival Coordinator

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10-12 Orchestra Chairpeople

Eileen Miller and Wendy Stafford

2023 BCMEA Festival II Conductors' Bios

Chris Weber – Jazz Ensemble

Chris is a retired music teacher. He worked as an instrumental music instructor for Union-Endicott Schools from 1979 to 2009 and as the Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble director at SUNY Broome from 1997 to 2007. He holds a B.S. in Music Education from Keene State College, and a Master's degree in Music Education from Ithaca College. Chris founded the Endicott Community Band in 2010 and he performs on trumpet with numerous professional musical organizations throughout New York State. He is an active conductor/performer, guest clinician and NYSSMA Adjudicator for Major Organizations, All-State Brass and All-State Jazz. Chris is currently the NYSSMA Adjudication Festival Committee Instrumental Jazz Coordinator and he serves on the NYSSMA All-State Jazz Selection Committee as well. His hobbies include Woodcarving, Magic, and Photography. Chris lives with his wife Martha and their dog Eddie at their home in Owego.

Emily Richards – Chorus

Emily Richards is an Ithaca College graduate with a degree in Music Education, and is a mom to two amazing girls. She has served as the director of the Prelude Choir, an Ithaca Children and Youth Chorus ensemble, as well as establishing and leading the Dolce ensemble, the youngest group to sing with the chorus. She now serves as the Artistic Director of the Children's Chorus of Ithaca, an ensemble of the Affiliated Choruses of Ithaca. She specializes in working with young voices and can be found happily leading infant through Preschool music classes around the Ithaca area. She has experience performing various styles of music including opera and classical as well as folk music and ensemble work. She has performed with a variety of different choral groups throughout her life and is thrilled to be currently singing with the Cayuga Vocal Ensemble. Emily serves as the Director of Congregational Life and Religious Exploration at the First Unitarian Society of Ithaca, where she enjoys occasionally stepping in to lead the adult chorus, including for the upcoming Christmas Eve service at Sage Chapel at Cornell.

Gail Markstein – Band

Gail Markstein is a graduate of Mansfield State College and Mansfield University. She received her BS in Music Education at Mansfield State College and her Masters in Music Education from Mansfield University.

Mrs. Markstein was a Band Director for 34 years, teaching in Roscoe, NY and Susquehanna Valley. She served as a Band Director and Department Co-Chair at Susquehanna Valley, and while there, received the Distinguished Service Award in 2021.

She is currently a New York State School Music Association Solo and Ensemble Adjudicator, and a member of the National Association for Music Education. As a dedicated and passionate advocate for music education, Mrs. Markstein has served on the executive council of the Broome County Music Educators Association for 30 years. Her most recent role was that of County President. She was awarded the BCMEA Distinguished service award in 2012. Mrs. Markstein has guest conducted several other All County bands and loves being engaged in making music with young people.

Mrs. Markstein is the conductor of the Vestal Community Band, where she has been a member for 30 years. She conducts the Sister Cities Band when the group does exchange concerts with the La Teste Band from France.. She is also a member of the Southern Tier Concert Band and serves on the executive board of that organization. Mrs. Markstein performs in the pit orchestra for many school drama productions and has performed with the Binghamton Community Orchestra, as well as orchestras from other areas.

Mrs. Markstein also enjoys life in the country, running, hiking, camping and traveling.

Johannes Dietrich - Orchestra

Johannes Dietrich, a native of Bozeman, Montana, joined the faculty of Lebanon Valley College in 1995. As the Newton and Adelaide Burgner Professor in Instrumental Music, he directs the LVC Symphony Orchestra, teaches conducting, string methods, applied violin and viola, and coaches chamber music ensembles.

As a violinist and chamber musician, he has performed throughout the United States, as well as in Austria, Germany and Italy. As a member of *Duo Terlano*, he performs regularly with his wife, cellist Marie-Aline Cadieux. He has released two CDs -

Solo Journeys, which includes the World Premiere of Scott Eggert's "Adagia" for solo violin and the *Duo Terlano* recording, *Whimsies*.

As a conductor, Dr. Dietrich has led festival, district, regional and All State orchestras from New Jersey to Montana. He made his opera-conducting debut with the Berks Opera Workshop, leading their production of Massenet's *Thais*. He has served as President of the College Orchestra Directors' Association Northeast region. Recently the Lebanon Valley College Symphony Orchestra, under Dr. Dietrich's leadership, was awarded third place in the America Prize Orchestral Programming competition. His college orchestra has toured Austria, Italy, Ireland and the Czech Republic, with performances by special invitation at Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna, and the world-renowned Rudolfinum in Prague. The LVC Symphony Orchestra is planning a return trip to Germany, the Czech Republic and Austria in May of 2023.

Dr. Dietrich is active as a clinician, regularly offering workshops throughout the northeast on violin technique, pedagogy, and ensemble playing. He has served as President of the Pennsylvania/Delaware String Teachers Association, and received that organization's "Outstanding Orchestra Director of the Year" and "Outstanding Studio Teacher" awards.

Dr. Dietrich began studying the violin at the age of five, and shortly thereafter began lessons on the piano. He has studied with Helmut Zehetmair at the *Mozarteum* in Salzburg, Austria, with Johan Jonsson at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, and with Constantine Kiradjieff at the College-Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, from which he holds a Master of Music degree in Violin Performance and a Doctorate in Violin Performance and Conducting.

His students have been prize winners and finalists in both State and National competitions, and have been accepted into leading undergraduate and graduate music programs. Many have gone on to become successful teachers and performers in their own right.

During breaks in his schedule, Dr. Dietrich can often be found backpacking through the wilds of Montana, cross country skiing, fly fishing on secluded streams, or cooking elegant meals with his wife.

BCMEA Gr. 10-12 Jazz Ensemble Selections

Guest Conductor – Chris Weber

GMT..... Michael Philip Mossman

Updraft..... Jeff Jarvis

Slow Hot Wind..... Henry Mancini
arr. Paul Murtha

Work Song..... Nat Adderley
arr. Erik Morales

BCMEA Gr. 5-6 Chorus Selections

Guest Conductor – Emily Richards

Accompanist – Jim Apicella

Shine Like the Stars..... Pinkzebra

Sansa Kroma..... Traditional African Folk Song
arr. Michael Scott

Everlasting Melody..... Rollo Dillworth

Al Shlosha D'Varim..... Allan E. Naplan

BCMEA Gr. 7-9 Band Selections
Guest Conductor – Gail Markstein

- Espanola*..... Victor Lopez
- Ghost Fleet*..... Robert Sheldon
- Freedom*..... arr. Jay Bocook
- Soft Shoe Rag*..... Randall Standridge

BCMEA Gr. 10-12 Orchestra Selections
Guest Conductor – Johannes Dietrich

- Sinfonia No. 2 in D Major, Mvt. 1*..... Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Kirk Moss
- Suite in F, for Strings - "Lady Radnor's Suite"* C. Hubert Parry
- I. Prelude
- II. Allemande
- Rise of the Majestics*..... Alexander Stafford

BCMEA
2023 Festival
Festival III
March 3-4, 2023
Chenango Forks Schools

Special thanks to:

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administration, faculty and staff,
for their coordination of this musical event.

Festival Coordinator

Drew Allport

5-6 Band Chairperson

Ken Starr

7-9 Orchestra Chairpeople

Alyssa Jutting and Allie Rehn

10-12 Chorus Chairperson

Lexi Bryant

2023 BCMEA Festival III Conductors' Bios

John Sininger – Band

John C. Sininger retired from the Greene Central School district after 30 years teaching as their Intermediate School Band Director in 2020 and is the 2020 recipient of the BCMEA Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Sininger performs with the Southern Tier Concert Band, Mid-York Concert Band, Norwich City Band and the Chenango Brass. He currently leads the Renaissance Jazz Band, a traditional jazz group, is the past leader of the Chenangoans Big Band and is a song leader at the Endwell church of Christ.

Professional affiliations held by Mr. Sininger are: The National Band Directors' Association, The National Association Of Professional Band Instrument Technicians (N.A.P.B.I.R.T.), Alumni of The Future Farmers Of America, and The Royal Canadian Legion.

John is fortunate to have been married to his wife Deborah for 35 years and has two adult children, Annalea (Justin) Drake, grandson Grant , and Timothy (Alison Mitchell) Sininger.

When not playing music or repairing instruments Mr. Sininger is an avid gardener and grape grower.

Matteo Longhi - Orchestra

Matteo Longhi is the 7-12 orchestra director at Chittenango Middle School and High School. He graduated with a B.M. in Violin Performance from Ithaca College and Masters degrees in Music Education and Violin Performance from Syracuse University where he was a graduate assistant.

Matteo has been on the faculty of Ithaca College's Summer Music Academy as well as Le Moyne's Summer Arts Institute as an instructor of Viola and Violin. In 2019 he was the conductor for Onondaga County's Jr. High All County Orchestra. He has worked as a guest clinician and conductor for the Syracuse Youth String Orchestra and Syracuse Youth Orchestra, running sectionals and rehearsals, and has adjudicated solo and All County festivals in Onondaga and Monroe Counties.

Matteo is an active performer of both orchestral and chamber music, and has played with various local orchestras and organizations such as the Binghamton Philharmonic, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Symphoria, Fenimore Chamber Orchestra, Tri-Cities Opera, Syracuse Stage and the Society for New Music. He has been a Chamber Music Immersion Fellow at the Weekend of Chamber Music festival in Jeffersonville, NY and has participated in the Charles Castleman Quartet Program in Boulder, CO.

Shelley Wright - Chorus

Shelley Wright has had an active and fulfilling career as a committed music educator, keyboard artist, choir director, theater musician, and private piano/voice teacher.

She started her music education career at the Primary School in Dansville, N.Y. In 1980 she moved to Bradford, Pa. and taught general music and choir in the Bradford Area School District. Though retired from her teaching experience, she never retired her love of music and her involvement in varied musical experiences.

Over the years she has had a private studio teaching piano/voice to many students, preparing them to go on to music schools, or to enjoy playing and singing well into their adult lives.

As an accomplished pianist she has served as accompanist for solo performers, choirs, musicals, theater productions, church pianist, district festivals, and many community events. Just recently she accompanied the performance of Missoula Children's Theater held in Bradford, Pa.

As a choir director she has directed ensembles of all ages: mixed choirs, girl's choruses, madrigal singers and show choirs. There have been many years of community productions and performances of variety shows and theater. She developed and led a teen group called Psalite Singers who performed in Contemporary Christian music settings. Presently, she is director of the Keynote Choir. Keynote operates under a New York state grant for music in the arts. They encompass Cattaraugus County and Alleghany County in New York, and Potter and McKean Counties in Pa. The choir has been in existence for over 40 years boasting up to 70 members. Numbers are growing again after a year off due to Covid, now 40 members and growing.

As a lover of theater, she has held positions of director, music director, on stage character, pianist, pit conductor and writer/arranger.

Shelley holds degrees in Music Education from Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y. (BME), SUNY at Fredonia, Ithaca College, and SUNY Geneseo (MME). She is married and shares her life with her 4 children and 10 grandchildren in Bradford, Pa.

Grades 5 -6 Band Selections
Guest Conductor – John Sininger

- Star Spangled Banner*..... Francis Scott Key
arr. John Kinyon
- Legend of Ft. Apache*..... Jerry Williams
- Skye Boat Song*..... Scottish Folk Song
arr. John O'Reilly
- Hey! Baby!*..... Margaret Cobb and Bruce Channell
arr. Michael Story

Grades 7-9 Orchestra Selections
Guest Conductor – Matteo Longhi

- Carpe Diem*..... Richard Meyer
- If Thou Be Near (Bist Du Bei Mir)*..... Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel
arr. Robert Longfield
- Bacchanale from "Samson and Delilah"*..... Camille Saint-Saëns
arr. Gregg A. Porter

Grades 10-12 Chorus Selections
Guest Conductor – Shelley Wright
Accompanist – Karen Clark

- Baba Yetu*..... Christopher Tin
arr. Roger Emerson
- The Seal Lullaby*..... Eric Whitacre
- A City Called Heaven*..... Mahalia Jackson
arr. Josephine Poelinitz
- It's All Right*..... John Batiste and Celeste Curtis Mayfield
arr. Robert T. Gibson

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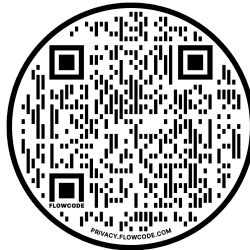
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