

# Voorheesville Music Notes

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## Performing Arts Calendar 2010-2011

Dec. 9	High School Fall Concert
Dec. 15	6th Grade Concert
Dec. 16	7th-8th Grade Concert
Jan. 19	Elementary School Concert
March 10	Lydia C. Tobler Performing Arts Center Dedication Concert
March 25-27	High School Musical <i>Hello Dolly</i>
March 11-12	NYSSMA Piano Solo Festival @ College of St. Rose
April 1-2	NYSSMA Festival @ Voorheesville
May 18	Elementary Spring Concert
May 25	High School Vocal Concert
May 26	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert
May 28	Memorial Day Parade
June 1	High School Band Concert
June 2	7th-8th Grade Spring Concert
June 24	Commencement

## District Music Faculty

**Marie Coppola**-7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Band, Middle School Lessons

**Mary Abba Gleason**- Middle School & High School Choruses; Vocal Lessons

**Chris Jantson**-Dept. Chair/Coordinator; High School Wind Ensemble & Lessons; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lessons

**Brian Kaplan**- High School Concert Band & Lessons; Middle School Classroom Music

**Melynda Matheke**- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & Lessons; Elementary Classroom Music

**Mary Theresa McCormick**- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus; Elementary Classroom Music

**Katherine Hudson Sabens**-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & Middle School Lessons



# Cabaret 2010 A Success!!!

The tradition lives on! The Saturday evening following Halloween is always the date of the annual Cabaret Concert, and this year's event shattered recent record books in terms of both length (2 hours and 15 minutes) and fundraising (over 300 tickets sold). If you attended this year's Cabaret then you witnessed the Middle School Gymnasium's transformation into the "Russian Tea Room of Voorheesville". Our talented student musicians (and the occasional music teacher) performed a wide repertoire from "the classics" to recent popular hits. Where else can you go and hear Grieg and Greenday all in the same evening? A big thank you to our new high school principal Mr. Imran Abbasi for serving as the Master of Ceremonies and to the Friends of Music for organizing this annual successful event.

## **PURCHASE A DVD OF CABARET 2010**

Did your child perform at the 2010 Cabaret? A DVD of their performance is now available for \$10. It makes a great stocking stuffer or gift for Grandma! To get a copy of the Cabaret DVD, contact Friends of Music at [hconnoll@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hconnoll@nycap.rr.com) or [pjconway@aol.com](mailto:pjconway@aol.com).

## **V'ville Students Participate in ESYO Ensembles**

Many of you have probably heard of the Empire State Youth Orchestra, but may not know that this organization includes several other music ensembles under the ESYO umbrella. This year six Voorheesville students auditioned and were accepted into ESYO ensembles: **Sam Genovesi** is a member of the ESYO Percussion Ensemble; **Everett Hart** is performing in ESYO Wind Orchestra; **Rebecca Barron** is playing French horn in the ESYO Repertory Orchestra; **Greg Frering** plays cello in the ESYO Orchestra; **David Vandervort** (guitar) and **Colton Parrott** (trumpet) are playing in the ESYO Jazz Ensembles. The ESYO Rep Orchestra and Wind Orchestra will be performing a concert right here in Voorheesville on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Admission is free for Voorheesville students and their parents so come and hear these fabulous groups. The full performance calendar for all of the ESYO groups is available at [www.esyo.org](http://www.esyo.org).

## **Six Voorheesville Students Selected for Area All State**

Six Voorheesville student musicians were selected to perform in the Area All State Music Festival held at Saratoga High School on November 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Students were selected for this honor based upon their NYSSMA solo scores and teacher recommendation. The festival included a 4-hour rehearsal on Friday afternoon and a 4-hour rehearsal on Saturday culminating with a concert on Saturday afternoon. **Melissa Bogart** (clarinet), **Sam Genovesi** (percussion), **Sal Loccisano** (trombone), **Casey Morrison** (clarinet), and **Colton Parrott** (trumpet) performed in the Concert Band. **David Vandervort** (guitar) performed in the Jazz Ensemble. Congratulations to all the participants!

## NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Registration

The Voorheesville Music Department will be hosting this year's NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (see article below). This festival is for music students interested in performing a vocal or instrumental solo (other than piano) or duet. Students who are interested in participating in the NYSSMA festival should see their music teacher for a registration form beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The deadline for registration is Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Please note that piano adjudication is not being offered at this festival. Students must register and attend the Piano Festival if interested in performing on piano.

## NYSSMA Piano Festival

The NYSSMA Piano Festival is being held this year at the College of St. Rose on March 11-12, 2011. Registration forms for this festival are now available and are due by January 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents interested in having their children participate in the NYSSMA Piano Festival can contact their child's music teacher or Mr. Jantson at [cjantson@vcsdk12.org](mailto:cjantson@vcsdk12.org) for a registration form. Registration forms will also be posted on the school district Art & Music web page which can be accessed from any of the 3 school pages.

## Voorheesville to Host NYSSMA Festival...Volunteers Needed!

The Voorheesville Music Department will be hosting this year's NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival on April 1-2, 2011. Current estimates are that over 1500 students will be attending the festival over this two-day period. Student and parent volunteers are needed to help out with running the festival. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Mr. Jantson at [cjantson@vcsdk12.org](mailto:cjantson@vcsdk12.org).

## High School Music Electives

It's hard to believe, but soon it will be time to start thinking about selecting high school electives for next year. The music department is proud to offer several classroom electives in addition to the Band and Chorus program at the high school level. **Music Theory** is a course offered for students who have some prior music training and are interested in learning more about the theory and principles of music. Students apply what they learn in this course by writing several original music compositions throughout the year using music composition and desktop recording programs. Students who have completed Theory I can enroll in **Music Theory II** for continued study. Both classes are 1 unit and meet for a full year. **Music in Our Lives** is a full year course that exposes students to a wide variety of music styles through hands on learning by completing several creative projects using an array of music technological tools. Students are also introduced to units on playing the guitar and keyboard. No prior formal study of music is needed to take this course. **Intro to Jazz Improvisation** is a semester course designed for students who play an instrument and are interested in learning more about improvising and performing jazz and popular music. Students will learn jazz chord and scale theory in this performance-based class. If you think your child might be interested in any of these electives, make sure they request them when filling out their elective interest sheets. If you or your child has questions about any of these electives, please talk to your child's music teacher or contact Mr. Jantson at [cjantson@vcsdk12.org](mailto:cjantson@vcsdk12.org).

