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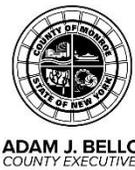
Members of Hochstein Youth Singers Selected for Regional Choral Director Conference February 29-March 2 in Providence, RI

9 Hochstein students selected from hundreds who auditioned

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Nine student vocalists from the **Hochstein Youth Singers (HYS)**, directed by Maryellen Giese, have been selected by audition to sing at the **American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Eastern Region Conference**, to be held in Providence, RI, February 29-March 2, 2024. These students were chosen for one of the conference's prestigious honor ensembles from hundreds of applicants from Virginia to Maine. All of these singers regularly participate in the Hochstein Youth Singers, an energetic chorus at The Hochstein School made up of motivated and dedicated young musicians who love to sing. ***See below for a list of students by ensemble with their school and/or hometown.***

Each of the ensembles – Elementary Honor Choir, Junior High School Honor Choir, High School Honor Choir, and SSAA High School Honor Choir – will be rehearsing during the ACDA conference under the direction of internationally acclaimed conductors. They include Sophia Papoulis from the Young People's Chorus of New York City; Liana Salinas, artistic director of the Miami Children's Chorus; Dr. Felicia Barber from Yale University; and Dr. A. Jan Taylor of Prairie-View A&M University in Texas. Performances take place on Saturday, March 2 at The VETS Auditorium.

HYS Director **Maryellen Giese** says, "I'm pleased and proud that our nine ACDA Honor Choir singers have accepted the challenge and the responsibility of representing Hochstein at this prestigious event."



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About Hochstein: The Hochstein School is a vibrant organization in Rochester, NY, offering high-quality instruction in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 to commemorate the artistry, life, and service of David Hochstein – a prodigious violinist who died serving in World War I – the School welcomes students of all ages, abilities, proficiency levels, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds in an inclusive and accessible environment that provides artistic opportunities for all. More than 100 years after its founding, Hochstein annually serves more than 3,500 students from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester. The School is active throughout the community and provides tuition assistance to more than 50% of its students. The acclaimed Hochstein Performance Hall, located within the school’s historic downtown building, hosts concerts and events throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

Hochstein Youth Singers at 2024 ACDA Eastern Region Conference

Elementary Honor Choir participants:

Abigail Phillips (Penfield)
Benjamin Reed (Hilton)
William Reed (Hilton)

Junior High School Honor Choir participants:

Maura Lutz (Pittsford)
Claire Neuderfer (West Irondequoit)
Natalia Sierra-Wardlow (SOTA)

High School Honor Choir participants:

Luciano Pagano (McQuaid/Churchville)
Benjamin Timm (Rush-Henrietta)

SSAA High School Honor Choir participant:

Maeve Rosati (Churchville-Chili)



Photo Caption:

Front Row L-R: Maura Lutz, Abigail Phillips, Benjamin Reed, William Reed, Claire Neuderfer

Back row L-R: Jon Madden (HYS Assistant Director), Natalia Sierra-Wardlow, Benjamin Timm, Luciano Pagano, Maeve Rosati, Maryellen Giese, (HYS Director)