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16 Hochstein Students Earn Merit Scholarships, Honors Certificates, and Perform at Honors Convocation on June 14

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Sixteen Hochstein students in grades 5 to 12 will be recognized at Hochstein's Honors Convocation on **Sunday, June 14 at 2:00 pm**, representing two of The Hochstein School's programs for the most advanced students: the **winners of Merit Scholarships** and candidates for completion of the **Honors Certificate Program**. The students also will perform solos during the Honors Convocation, which will be viewable online on Hochstein's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HochsteinSchool/> and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/user/hochsteinschool>. **See below for the full list of scholarship winners and honors certificate students.**

Hochstein teachers nominate students for Merit Scholarships and auditions were held January–May. They are organized in four categories for various age levels of music students. The scholarships are provided with funds established to memorialize former board members Sydney Rubin and his wife Pearl Rubin, Lillian Taylor Hubbard, and Walter Holloran, as well as Sidney & Ruth Salzman, Dorothy Pund Allen, David Romig, Christina & Diana Wang, and Donald Yungkurth, and members of the Knights of Pythias.

The Honors Certificate Program is entered by audition and is an intensive course of study over several years. Many of the graduates of Hochstein's Honors Certificate Program have pursued further musical studies at the finest conservatories and university schools of music in the country. There are three seniors who are expected to complete the program this year. Significant support for the Honors Certificate Program comes from the Davison Foundation.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School was founded in commemoration of genius and is dedicated to providing access to opportunity regardless of age, level of skill, ethnicity, or ability to pay. Hochstein's vibrant community of musicians, dancers, and supporters choose to come together to develop the ability to speak and communicate through music, dance, and expressive arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music

School, today Hochstein serves approximately 3,500 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y. and continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low-cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall—and locations around our city—throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

Merit Scholarship Winners

Grades 5-6

- Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship: **Wendy Brown** of Fairport; violin; grade 5, homeschooled; student of Kathy Tarantelli
- Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship: **Noah Busch** of Brighton; violin; grade 6, Twelve Corners Middle School; student of Pia Liptak
- Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship: **Joseph McQuaid** of Brighton; violin; grade 6, Twelve Corners Middle School; student of Marcos Kreutzer

Grades 7-8

- Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship: **Nathan Bellinger** of Victor; cello; grade 7, St. John Bosco School; student of Kathy Kemp
- Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship: **Lillian Brickman** of Rochester; guitar; grade 7, School of the Arts; student of Tim Shannon
- Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship: **Victoria Hayashi** of Brighton; piano; grade 7, Twelve Corners Middle School; student of Willie LaFavor

Grades 9-10

- Ruth & Sidney Salzman Memorial Scholarship: **Thomas DeFisher** of Williamson; piano; grade 10, Williamson High School; student of Paula Bobb
- Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship: **Gabriella Graney** of Brighton; voice; grade 10, Brighton High School; student of Sandra Sluberski
- David Romig Memorial Scholarship: **Luke Pisani** of Hilton; piano; grade 9, Hilton High School; student of Gary Palmer

Grades 11-12

- Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship: **Joshua Fugate** of Gates; violin; grade 11, homeschooled; student of Pia Liptak
- Donald Yungkurth Memorial Scholarship: **Katherine Huang** of Pittsford; flute; grade 11, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Diane Smith
- Sydney & Pearl Rubin Memorial Scholarship: **Jett Kopalek** of Henrietta; violin; grade 12, Rush Henrietta High School; student of Pia Liptak
- Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship: **Isaac Pollock** of Irondequoit; guitar; grade 11, homeschooled; student of Tim Shannon

Honors Certificate Program Graduates

- **Lydia Geiger** of Batavia; flute; grade 12, Batavia High School; student of Rita George-Simmons
- **Ji-Mi Jang** of Pittsford; cello; grade 12, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Kathy Kemp
- **Agathya Visveswaran** of Brighton; guitar; grade 12, Brighton High School; student of John Wiesenthal

Additionally, two students were recognized with **Honorable Mention**:

- **Lydia Daley** of Attica; flute; grade 12, Alexander High School; student of Diane Smith
- **Ji-Mi Jang** of Pittsford; cello; grade 12, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Kathy Kemp

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