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17 Hochstein Students Earn Merit Scholarships, Honors Certificates, and Perform at Honors Convocation on June 4

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Seventeen Hochstein students in grades 5 to 12 will be recognized at Hochstein’s Honors Convocation on **Friday, June 4 at 7:00 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. Attendance at this concert is limited to family members – however, it will also be live streamed on YouTube at <http://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 February–March 2021. 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, Diana & Christina 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 Donald F. & Maxine B. 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

- Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship: **Wendy Brown** of Fairport; violin; grade 6, homeschooled; student of Kathy Tarantelli
- David Romig Memorial Scholarship: **Ian Dorrer** of Brighton; piano; grade 5, French Road Elementary School; student of Oleksandra Yurchenko

Grades 7-8

- Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship: **Nathan Bellinger** of Victor; cello; grade 8, St. John Bosco School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
- Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship: **Lillian Brickman** of Rochester; guitar; grade 8, School of the Arts; student of Tim Shannon
- Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship: **Christian Chan** of West Henrietta; cello; grade 8, homeschooled; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
- Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship: **Allison Lee** of East Brunswick, NJ; violin; grade 8, Churchill Junior High School; student of Marcos Kreutzer
- Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship: **Joseph McQuaid** of Brighton; violin; grade 7, Twelve Corners Middle School; student of Marcos Kreutzer

Grades 9-10

- Sydney & Pearl Rubin Memorial Scholarship: **Caitlin Ott** of Pittsford; cello; grade 9, homeschooled; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
- Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship: **Neil Stringer** of Canandaigua; cello; grade 10, Canandaigua Academy; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp

Grades 11-12

- Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship: **Martina DeLuccio** of Greece; voice; grade 11, Greece Athena High School; student of Sandra Boysen Sluberski
- Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship: **Amy Feng** of Pittsford; cello; grade 11, Pittsford Sutherland High School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
- Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship: **Felix Huang** of Webster; cello; grade 12, Webster Schroeder High School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp (*also Honors Certificate Program*)
- Donald Yungkurth Memorial Scholarship: **Katherine Huang** of Pittsford; flute; grade 12, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Diane Smith
- Sidney & Ruth Salzman Memorial Scholarship: **Sean Li** of Pittsford; piano; grade 11, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Joseph Werner
- Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship: **Isaac Pollock** of Irondequoit; guitar; freshman, Monroe Community College; student of Tim Shannon

Honors Certificate Program Graduates

- **John Canham** of Pittsford; cello; grade 12, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
- **Joshua Fugate** of Rochester; violin; grade 12, homeschooled; student of Pia Liptak
- **Felix Huang** of Webster; cello; grade 12, Webster Schroeder High School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp

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

- **Abigail Black** of Victor; flute; grade 11, Victor Senior High School; student of Diane Smith
- **Noah Busch** of Brighton; violin; grade 7, Twelve Corners Middle School; student of Pia Liptak
- **Thomas DeFisher** of Williamson; piano; grade 11, Williamson High School; student of Paula Bobb
- **Shane Kuo** of Fairport; piano; grade 10, Fairport High School; student of Willie LaFavor
- **Erica Liu** of Rochester; violin; grade 8, The Harley School; student of Marcos Kreutzer
- **Timothy Suen** of Webster; piano; grade 6, Willink Middle School; student of E-Na Song