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Members of Hochstein Youth Singers Selected for Regional Choral Director Conference February 9-12 in Boston *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 Boston, Mass., February 9-12, 2022. 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 grade, school, and hometown.***

Each of the ensembles – Junior High School Honor Choir, High School Honor Choir, and Gospel Honor Choir – will be rehearsing during the ACDA conference under the direction of internationally acclaimed conductors. They include Jessica Nápoles from the University of North Texas, Eugene Rogers from the University of Michigan, and Raymond Wise from Indiana University. Performances take place on Friday, February 11, and Saturday, February 12.

HYS Director **Maryellen Giese** says, “the past two pandemic years have been hard for our young singers. I’m proud of our Youth Singers’ continued energy, drive, and resilience through it all!” Giese looks forward to having this group of fine, well-prepared musicians represent Hochstein at the ACDA Eastern Conference.

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.

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Hochstein Youth Singers at 2022 ACDA Eastern Region Conference

Junior High School Honor Choir participants:

Taylor D'Angelo, Grade 9 (SOTA/Rochester City)
Caroline Salamone, Grade 8 (Webster)
Benjamin Timm, Grade 9 (Rush-Henrietta)

High School Honor Choir participants:

Sean Adams, Grade 11 (Pittsford)
Luciano Pagano, Grade 10 (McQuaid/Churchville)
Phillip Urai, Grade 11(SOTA/Rochester City)

Gospel Honor Choir participants:

Lauryn Beyer, Grade 12 (Hilton)
Beatrix Freeman, Grade 10 (West Irondequoit)
May Hornbuckle, Grade 12 (Homeschooled/Brighton)



Photo Caption:

Top Row L-R: Ben Timm, Caroline Salamone, Bea Freeman, Phillip Urai, May Hornbuckle
Bottom Row L-R: Tayler D'Angelo, Lucci Pagano, Lauryn Beyer, Sean Adams, Director Maryellen Giese