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16 Hochstein Students Earn Merit Scholarships, Honors Certificates, and Perform at Honors Convocation on June 3

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Sixteen Hochstein students in grades 5 to 12 will be recognized at Hochstein’s Honors Convocation on **Friday, June 3 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**. These students also will perform solos during the Honors Convocation. Eight students also were recognized with Honorable Mention. ***See below for the full list of honorees.***

Please note that masks are now optional at Hochstein. Distancing is encouraged. Please visit the Hochstein website at <https://hochstein.org/Calendar> for event details and more information on Hochstein’s COVID safety protocols.

Hochstein teachers nominate students for **Merit Scholarships** and auditions were held February–March 2022. 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 five 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.

Photos of the Merit Scholarship and Honors Certificate students can be downloaded at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GcB5cgNv57j621A369juNpPY7rDTsYP?usp=sharing>

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

- **Julian Bennett** of Brighton; violin; Grade 5, French Road Elementary School; student of Marcos Kreutzer; Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship
- **Ian Dorrer** of Brighton; piano; Grade 6, Twelve Corners Middle School; student of Oleksandra Yurchenko; Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship
- **Sylas Newkirk** of Rochester; violin; Grade 5, homeschooled; student of Marcos Kreutzer; Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship

Grades 7-8

- **Wendy Brown** of Fairport; violin; Grade 7, homeschooled; student of Pia Liptak; Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship
- **Noah Busch** of Brighton; violin; Grade 8, Twelve Corners Middle School; student of Pia Liptak; Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship
- **Youyou Wu** of Pittsford; violin; Grade 7, Barker Road Middle School; student of Katie Worley; Sydney and Pearl Rubin Memorial Scholarship

Grades 9-10

- **Julian Chumacero** of Farmington; violin; Grade 10, Victor Senior High School; student of Pia Liptak; Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship
- **Erica Liu** of Henrietta; violin; Grade 9, The Harley School; student of Marcos Kreutzer; Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship
- **Elizabeth Runion** of Gates; flute; Grade 10, Gates Chili High School; student of Diane Smith; David Romig Memorial Scholarship

Grades 11-12

- **Sean Li** of Pittsford; cello and piano; Grade 12, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp and Joseph Werner; Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship AND Ruth & Sidney Salzman Memorial Scholarship (also Honors Certificate Program)
- **Neil Stringer** of Canandaigua; cello; Grade 11, Canandaigua Academy; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp; Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship
- **Sara Ward** of N. Chili; saxophone; Grade 11, Churchville Chili High School; student of Nancy Boone-Bahr; Donald Yungkurth Memorial Scholarship

Honors Certificate Program Graduates

- **Abigail Black** of Victor; flute; Grade 12, Victor Senior High School; student of Diane Smith
- **Thomas DeFisher** of Williamson; piano; Grade 12, Williamson Senior High School; student of Paula Bobb
- **Amy Feng** of Pittsford; cello; Grade 12, Pittsford Sutherland High School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp
- **Gabriella Graney** of Brighton; voice; Grade 12, Brighton High School; student of Sandra Boysen Sluberski
- **Sean Li** of Pittsford; cello and piano; Grade 12, Pittsford Mendon High School; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp and Joseph Werner

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

- **Shreya Bhattacharya** of Fayetteville; violin; Grade 9, Fayetteville Manlius High School; student of Marcos Kreutzer

- **Lillian Brickman** of Rochester; guitar; Grade 9, School of the Arts; student of Timothy Shannon
- **Philip Chan** of West Henrietta; piano; Grade 5, homeschooled; student of Paula Bobb
- **Sarai Couser** of Rochester; violin; Grade 7, The Harley School; student of Michelle Walker
- **Cameron Fien** of Spencerport; guitar; Grade 5, Canal View Elementary School; student of Timothy Shannon
- **Julian Shand** of Pittsford; piano; Grade 5, Thornell Road Elementary School; student of Gary Palmer
- **Alison Henry** of Fairport; voice; Grade 8, Martha Brown Middle School; student of Riki Connaughton
- **Caitlin Ott** of Pittsford; cello; Grade 10, homeschooled; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp

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