



EVOLA MUSIC NOTES APRIL, 2014

This is the first Newsletter of 2014. As always there are many events happening in our Evola community. We started off with *The Federation of Music Teachers' Festival* in February. Over 650 students participated on February 2, and 48 teachers and judges participated in the event as well. Hundreds of cups were awarded to students who received a "**Superior**" rating for 3 consecutive years. This event is designed to foster excellence and motivation for students at all levels.

Ms. Laura Schwanitz performed in February at the *Grosse Pointe Chamber Music* concert. The concert featured music for oboe, clarinet, English horn and bassoon and included two quartets for woodwinds written by American composers Will Rowe and Gary Friedman. At the Grosse Pointe concert Laura played oboe, clarinet and English horn. Laura also played with the *Warren Concert Band at the Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands* in February. In this performance she played oboe and English horn.

Ms. Laura Schwanitz's Students

Congratulations are in order for the following students for participating in the *2014 MSBOA District 16 Solo & Ensemble Festival*. They received ratings of "**excellent or good**" for their performances: Sydney Byrd, Flute Solo; Dylan Jones, Bass Clarinet Solo; Erika Luft, Clarinet Duet; James Poronto, Flute Solo. Dylan Jones qualified to compete at the state level *Solo & Ensemble Festival* in March.

Ms. Laura Berdych's Students

Anna Kirsch, Elizabeth Scheer, and Ian Dykas participated in *Federation* and all received "**Superior**" ratings. Amy Kehoe had her first recital this year. Congratulations to all.

Ms. Jackie Koehler's Students

Regan Beitel auditioned and was accepted into the *Garfield Singers at Macomb Community College*.

Catherine Krapfl had the lead in *Eisenhower's "Thoroughly Modern Millie."*

Ms. Sybille Virga's Students

The following students participated in the *National Federation Festival* and received "*Superior*" ratings: Lily Quinlan, Adia Lee, Sophie Kapler, Kinsey Heersma, Kiara Cogger, Imani Cogger, Taylor Burr, Haily Burr, Stephen Verbanec and Kevin Wang. Their teacher is very proud of them!

Julia Ortmann completed *Level 2A* and has begun *Level 2B in the Faber Series*

Caitlyn Maniaci participated in *Solo & Ensemble* and won a *1st Place Division* for her piano solo.

Ms. Nicole Varga's Students

Tara Metcalfe and Suk Ro are preparing for *OYO Auditions*.

Jenna DeNardo improved playing in third position.

Peyton Ng and Logan Hart started "*Suzuki Violin Book 2.*"

Moorea McNally finished "*All For Strings Book 1.*"

Ms. Rita Kleyman's Students

Alex Sunga went on a trip to *Disney World* with his school band and placed *1st in the State*.

Nicholas Weingartz, a junior in UCS achieved *a perfect score of 36 on the ACT* exams. He has been Ms. Rita's student for 9 years.

Mr. Tom Furman's Students

Adam Khanfar completed the *Hal Leonard Guitar Book 1*

Alex Dulemba performed at *St. Anne's* on February 28.

Ben Devins performed at the *Starkweather* in Romeo on February 28.

Ryan Siegle completed "*Sweet Home Alabama.*"

Kyler Gerrard completed the song "*Banana Pancakes*" by Jack Johnson.

Ms. Marta Pietrzyk's Students

Five students were entered in the *International Sonatina Sonata Competition* in Corpus Christie, Texas on March 29-30. All achieved top awards with special honors and they will all play at *Carnegie Hall* in November, 2014. Also, all of Ms. Marta's students received *Honorable Mention* in the "*Young Artist Competition*" sponsored by MDML at Evola Music on March 16.

Ms. Rita Kleyman's Students (cont)

Jason Jimenez competed at his school's *Science Olympiad* and won *1st place for the District Tournament*.

Rachel Jimenez sang the solo "*Someone's Waiting for You*" at her school's *Talent Show* on 4/2/14.

Ms. Noelle Morabito's Students

The following students received *Superior* rating at *Federation* in February:

Claire Maciolek - *30 pt. cup*;
Allison Lemons, Paris Elliott,
Justina Gaynor - *30 pt. cup*;
Jonathan Oestringer - *30 pt. cup*;
Alex Jasukaitus, Anna Provenzano,
Gabriella Licari, Kennedy Kullman.
Other students are busily practicing for *AGM* and *Piano Guild* and are looking forward to our year-end *Recital and Honor's Ceremony* on May 29, at Evola Music.

The following students of Mr. Steve all received *superior* ratings at the *National Federation of Music* held at Evola Music: Joanna Collins, Marcos Diaz-Hernandez, Emily Hubbard, Nicholas Hubbard, Laura Kucera, Alex Lapidante, Zachary Lapidante, Jessica Moshenko, Kristen Prasiloski, Domenic Ricci, Grace Ricci, Adam Rozanski, Caroline Rozanski, Maiya Russell, Sophie Rutherford, Frank Tanguy, John Watha, and Matthew Watha.

Trophy Cups were awarded for *3 consecutive years of superior ratings at Federation* to: Joanna Collins, Nicholas Hubbard, Kristen Prasiloski, Domenic Ricci, Grace Ricci, John Watha. Congratulations to all!

Ms. Sharon Hawkyard's Students

Sarah Pelton and Callie Easlick (both high school students, and Alexander Hoff and Jake Daubert, both junior high students prepared challenging solos for the *Solo and Ensemble Festivals* this year. Alexander and Jake were also selected by their band teacher to participate in the district *Honor's Band*.

Kelsey Simasko auditioned for the *Detroit Symphony Orchestra Youth Chamber Group* program and was selected to perform with their *Symphonic Band* the first week of March. Kelsey is a senior at Eisenhower.

Mr. Steve Mastrogiacomo's Students

The following students performed in *Recital* on February 16, 2014:

Joanna Collins, Marcos Diaz-Hernandez, Emily Hubbard, Nicholas Hubbard, Laura Kucera, Alex Lapidante, Zachary Lapidante, Jessica Moshenko, James Probst, Kristen Prasiloski, Stephanie Prasiloski, Grace Ricci, Adam Rozanski, Caroline Rozanski, Maiya Russell, Frank Tanguy, John Watha, Matthew Watha