



# Friends of Hanover Music

## Newsletter



**December, 2013**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Jan. 4:** Swing Dance featuring HHS Jazz Ensemble, Pembroke K of C Hall, Doors open at 7pm

**Early Jan:** FHM Raffle Calendars and tickets going home with students

**Jan. 7:** Friends of Hanover Music Monthly Meeting, 7pm HHS Band Room

**Jan. 10 - 11:** HHS, Senior District Band/Chorus

**Jan. 17:** HMS Performance Troupe Winter Jam, 7pm

**Jan. 24: Hooray for Hollywood FHM annual fundraising gala, Laura's Center for the Arts at the Emilson YMCA, 7pm**

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### **Important Links:**

HHS Band: [HHS Band Website](#)

HHS Chorals: [HHS Chorals Website](#)

HMS Band: [HMS Band Website](#)

*Follow us on Facebook:*

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*Or go to our website at*

<http://www.hanoverschools.org/community/fhm>

[FHM Membership Brochure](#)

## **FHM Funds at Work!**



HMS's Mrs. Thornell is very thankful for the support of the Friends of Hanover

Music. With so many beginners scheduled into the few 5<sup>th</sup> grade band class slots, class sizes are very large, with up to 41 students in a "lesson." As a result, the FHM made a donation to bring in a few teachers to assist for some classes. The very highly regarded South Shore Conservatory worked with Mrs. Thornell to schedule three teachers, for two classes each. They helped teach the 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and gave them some additional feedback and support. Now that the band has participated in their first concert, their ensemble skills are developing, and will continue improve.

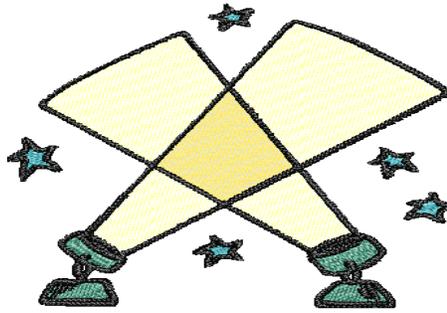
This is just another example of how the fundraising that we do is put directly to work to benefit our young Hanover musicians. Mrs. Thornell is not the only one who's grateful for this extra support; in band, the goal is to provide opportunities for young musicians to develop their instrumental skills, and encourage them to play through middle school, and beyond. Keeping a young person engaged and interested in their music enriches the community as a whole. One only has to attend a school concert to see that this is true.

The Friends of Hanover Music wishes you all a beautiful, peaceful, and warm holiday season.



*Friends of Hanover Music and the Hanover Music Faculty Present:*

# **HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD**



Friday, January 24, 2014, 7:00 – 10:00 PM

*\*Doors will open promptly at 6:45pm\**

Laura's Center for the Arts

South Shore YMCA

75 Mill Street

Hanover, MA 02339

Please join the Friends of Hanover Music and the Faculty of the Hanover Public Schools for "*Hooray for Hollywood*," an evening of entertainment provided by the students of the Hanover Public Schools. The event will feature musical entertainment, along with light refreshments and calendar/basket raffles. The proceeds from this wonderful fundraiser will support the K-12 music programs in the Hanover Public Schools. Tickets for this fun-filled event are **\$20** per person. To join us for this special evening, please complete the tear off section below and have your child return it to his/her music teacher, along with cash or a check made payable to the Friends of Hanover Music, by Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

***Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Nancy Clinton at 781-871-6017***

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**Many thanks for your support of the Hanover Schools Music Program.**

**Name & Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name (for ticket distribution):** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Music teacher or homeroom teacher and room number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# Tickets Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Return to Homeroom Teacher in an envelope addressed Hooray for Hollywood or  
Send Directly to Nancy Clinton, 316 Cedar Street, Hanover, MA 02339 – tickets will be in your name at door if you do not have a child in the schools.*

**\*\*\* Due to space constraints only ticket holders will be allowed in the Hall for the entertainment!**



# SCHOOL NOTES



## Hanover High School Vocals

KATE BERTELLI, Director of Choral Music

Well, Fa-la-la-la-la to all!

The Choral Music Dept. has been quite busy the last few weeks between rehearsals, concerts and gigs.

It was very nice to see friends, family and alumni at our Holiday Concert; we were glad to have the opportunity to share this special time of year with those we care about.

A special thank you to the administration, parents, faculty and students that made this concert possible.

This year's Tree Lighting Ceremony was great. As always, VOX enjoys spending time in the Hanover community and sharing their love for music; it great to perform and have others join in. Thank you again to Bob Coluci and the Hanover Lions Club for inviting us again this year.



We would also like to extend a thank you to the Friends of Hanover Music for their investment into the Longhorn Steakhouse Dining Fundraiser. VOX was able to go caroling for an hour and then spend some quality time dining with their "VOX-family." A great time was had by all.

Our Carolers for Hire Fundraiser was very popular this year. We had a lot of bookings and requests, and were excited to be able to share some holiday cheer. Some of the new additions

this year included the South Shore YMCA's Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the Quincy College holiday party. Additionally, we were so excited that some Alumni came out caroling with us this past weekend. Not only was it great to see them, it is truly wonderful to know that music is still a part of their lives.

In addition to our caroling fundraiser, VOX has been busy caroling for the Center/Sylvester and Cedar School, the Town Hall and the Hanover Public Schools Holiday party. We are so fortunate to have a great community where we can all celebrate this wintery season in song.

Congratulations to the November Concert Chorus Singer of the month, Katie Judge! Katie is a senior this year in concert chorus, and truly shows others what it means to be a team player.



Heading into school vacation week we will finish up strong with three large gigs. Thank you to all of the teachers, parents, families, and students for your support through this crazy, yet truly magical time of year. I wish you all happy holidays, and a wonderful new year.

# Hanover High School Instrumentals

PAUL KETCHEN, Director of Instrumental Music

We've had a very busy holiday season so far! After wrapping up our final field show performance on Thanksgiving day, the Pride of Hanover marched in the Quincy Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 1st.



Despite the rainy weather, The Pride succeeded in bringing holiday cheer to all along the parade route, and the band earned 2nd Place in Division III for their efforts! The Pride wrapped up their season with the annual performance at the Hanover Tree Lighting last Saturday, December 7.

Recently the Jazz Ensemble performed at the Tri-Town Rotary Christmas party, and the HHS Instrumental Winter Concert took place on Thursday, December 17.

Performances by the Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band and Jazz Ensemble included a special guest appearance by our new Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Matthew Ferron. It was a

fun and wonderful warm night of holiday and jazz music, well attended by many HHS music program alumni!

And right around the corner on Saturday, January 4, is the 4th Annual Swing Dance! Held at the K of C Hall in Pembroke, join the HHS Jazz Lab Band and Jazz Ensemble for an exciting evening of live music, food and drink, and even a free swing dance lesson! Admission is free for all ages, with any donations welcome. Ring in the new year with a fun, free night out! We hope to see you at the Swing Dance on January 4!



*If you look deep enough you will see music; the heart of nature being everywhere music.*

*- Thomas Carlyle*

## Hanover Middle School Vocals

JOHN SCHUMACHER, Director of Choral Music

The HMS Korus' have been busy in the last couple of weeks. The 8th grade Korus performed at the Bruins' Foundation holiday party at the Cardinal Cushing school. The next night, the 6th, 7th and 8th grade Korus' performed their annual holiday concert which included each group performing 3 songs and a mixed number to close the concert. The next day they performed for their peers at lunches. The 7th grade Korus will be performing at the Cardinal Cushing school holiday concert - the Cardinal Cushing chorus will perform their concert, followed by the 7th Korus' performance, and then the 2 groups will perform together.



The HMS Performance Troupe is getting ready for Winter Jam 2013 on January 17th at 7pm. Tickets cost \$6 and go on sale January 10th.

HMS general music classes have just completed their first round of RHYTHMWRITE. The students notate rhythms that Ms. Thornell or Mr. Schu clap (in music terminology this is known as rhythmic dictation). Each year the rhythms get more difficult. The second round starts in January....good luck to all of the students participating!

## Hanover Middle School Instrumentals

JULIENNE THORNELL, Director of Instrumental Music

The HMS Bands presented their winter concert on December 10<sup>th</sup>, and played to a very large, appreciative audience in the Gym. Our 300 band students performed holiday and concert selections, including Jingle Bells, Canon of Peace, Ukrainian Bell Carol, Nutcracker Swing, Jingle Bell Rock and Parade of the Wooden Soldiers. The first year band played well together, and is making great progress on their instruments. The bands in grades 6-8 played very well, and a lot of students showed their developing skills during their solos. The concert concluded with African Noel, performed by a combined band of 162 students from grades 6-8. In addition to the parents who jumped in to help with our concert equipment, the performance couldn't have taken place without the kindness and leadership shown by a group



of high school volunteers, who were once middle school bandies themselves. Their assistance at the concert was invaluable, and greatly appreciated.

As we plan ahead for the Spring, we continue to think about how we can make our performances a wonderful experience for all performers, as well as our audience. Since we have so many students in the program, a day concert has been approved for grades 5 & 6, and an evening performance for grades 6-8. Hopefully this will help with parking, which is always an issue at middle school events, and still allow us to feature all the groups. The evening performance date remains as previously scheduled, and more information regarding the day performance will be sent out in the Spring. Find us on Facebook, and visit our band website [HMS Band Website](#) for updates throughout the year.

# Center/Sylvester School

DUSTIN LINDSEY, Director of Music

I hope you are all well, and enjoying the festive spirit that is about in the Commonwealth. If you're looking for something fun to do during vacation, window-shopping in Boston is wonderful. You never know when a spontaneous caroling session will occur!

At Center/Sylvester, students have been singing many tunes to celebrate the many holidays that occur this time of year. We had a wonderful visit from Kate Bertelli and VOX this week, who performed many holiday carols throughout our building this week. The students were star-struck, and loved to hear what they could someday become.

Our Kindergarten students have been working on singing and moving to music in different time signatures. They have been learning to sing about *figgy pudding* in "We Wish You A Merry Christmas," and have also created sleighs pulled by our little "reindeer."

The First Grade students have been finishing up a lesson on self-compositions using their names, and will be creating scenes based on *Les Patineurs Valse* by turn of the century, French pianist, Émile Waldteufel.

The Second grade students have begun playing two traditional African instruments; Djembe, and Tubano. As they continue to develop improvisational skills, the students will be incorporating their voices in preparation for a vocal improvisational unit in January.

Drum-roll please.....RECORDERS ARE HERE! I apologize in advance for the strange noises that you might encounter coming from your third grader during winter break. The recorders are being handed out just in time for the holidays. The students are very excited, and I cannot wait to work with these young instrumentalists in the coming months!!!

BRAVO to our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade musicians. They put on a couple of wonderful holiday performances earlier in the month, and should be very proud of the work they did. You should be tremendously proud as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc... A quick thank you to Jacob Clapper, who was our accompanist for the shows, and will be returning for our spring concerts. I have also selected ten 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to audition for the first ever MMEA All-State Treble Honor Choir. It is a chorus that will perform during the MMEA All-State conference March 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Boston. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students selected to work with a professional conductor who is a full-time professor at Butler University and director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir and Indianapolis Youth Chorale.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this, and for supporting the wonderful music programs that we have in the Hanover Public Schools. I hope to see many of you in a couple of weeks!

# Cedar School

PAULA McMAHON, Director of Music

Hello from Cedar School. We all worked hard this month preparing for our Annual Holiday Concert which took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. As in years past, every class in the school from Kindergarten to Fourth grade sings and/or dances in this production. It is always worth the effort when you see the proud, happy faces of performers as well as parents. We performed songs everyone knows like *Frosty the Snowman* and *Jolly Old*



*Saint Nicholas* and some new favorites such as the *Holiday Hop*, *See the Stars* and *Circle of Light*. Hopefully I'll be able to share pictures with you next month. Wishing you all a very Happy Holiday Season!

# Alumni Corner

## Alex Judge, HHS Class of 2010

Alex Judge is currently a senior at Ithaca College, majoring in music education while also studying classical saxophone with Dr. Steven Mauk. Over the past year, Alex has worked with Ithaca, NY's Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori School, where he taught weekly private and small group lessons on saxophone, clarinet, and trumpet. Students in these groups ranged from ages 8-10.

March marks the beginning of Alex's full-time seven week long senior student teaching field work at Maine-Endwell Middle School in Endwell, NY. His primary focus being the direction of large ensemble band rehearsals to seventh and eighth grade students. In late February, he will be giving a saxophone recital at Ithaca College's Whalen Center for Music, likely to include solo and chamber works by composers such as Dubois, Creston, Bozza, Puccini, and Desenclos.

Alex is also the baritone saxophonist in the MAYA Saxophone Quartet, which recorded Nick Ayub's "Jazz Suite For Saxophone Quartet", performed in a master class for the ANCIA Saxophone Quartet and performed at the Ithaca College Board of Trustee's dinner last October. Next summer, Alex aims to conduct a nationwide search for a beginning band director position at the middle school or high school level.

By **Mikayla Matheson**



**PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE  
FRIENDS OF HANOVER MUSIC**

**TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2014**

**7:00pm**

**IN THE HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM**

*And as always, thank you for your support!*



*The MAYA Saxophone quartet performing at the Presbyterian Church of Ulysses in Trumansburg, NY. Saxophoneists (L-R) are Wenbo Yin (soprano saxophone), Alex Cliff (tenor saxophone), Alex Judge (baritone saxophone), and Kelsey Melvin (alto saxophone).*