



CLARENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Music Department

2022-2023
CONCERT PROGRAM



Why Music?

Music is a Science. It is exact, it is specific, and it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody and harmony all at once and with the most exact control of time.

Music is mathematical. It is rhythmically based on the subdivisions of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper.

Music is a Foreign Language. Most of the terms are in Italian, German or French; and the notation is certainly not English - but a highly-developed kind of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language.

Music is Physical Education. It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lips, cheeks and facial muscles in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back and stomach muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

Music is all these things, but most of all, **MUSIC IS ART.** It allows the human being to take all these dry, technically boring (but difficult) techniques and use them to create emotion. This one thing science cannot duplicate: humanism, feeling, emotion, call it what you will.

That is why we teach music!

Not because we expect you to major in music.

Not because we expect you to play or sing all your life.

But, so you will be human, so you will recognize beauty, so you will have something to cling to, so you will have more love, more compassion, more gentleness, more good - in short - more life.

- Stephen Melillo



March 22, 2023 Concert Program

Clarence Middle School

8th Grade Chorus and Symphonic Orchestra



Symphonic Orchestra

Dan Polino, Symphonic Orchestra Director

Contrasts in e minor Francis Feese

Brandenburg Concerto no. 4 J.S. Bach

Arr. by Mark Jasinski

Sanseneon Robert S. Frost



8th Grade Chorus

Heidi Kohler, Chorus Director

Garrett Martin, Accompanist

Je Ne Fus Jamais Si Aise Pierre Certon

Arr. by Jerry Estes

Dies irae Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Arr. by Patrick Liebergen

The Moon and Sun Brandon Martell



Combined 8th Grade Chorus & Symphonic Orchestra

Heidi Kohler, Chorus Director

Dan Polino, Symphonic Orchestra Director

Don't Give Up on Me Grammer, Farrar, Torrey, Inscore

Arr. by Andy Beck and Dan Polino

Symphonic Orchestra

Violin I

Ian Gawron * +
Nora Showalter +
Ellie Zhu
Owen Zang
Sariyan Siddiqui
Jackson Grady
Polina Stremiakova
Laken Phillips
Vitalia Arlington
Hannah Colin
Keira Schleicher
Pierce Wojton

Violin II

Zachary Wentland +
Margaret Ellis
Alex Tomasula +
Leila Hu
Sydney Alfano
Gaurav Satwase
Vedhanth Chakravati *
Adelyn Von Uderitz
Ava Amuso
Addison Honaker
Connor Nelson
Fabia Zahra

Viola

Charlotte Winters +
Brenna McLean
Brianna Wood
Peter Kraft

Cello

Evan Pawlak
Alexander Laspro
Isabelle Luk
Carter Mountain
Ava Faust

Bass

Tamar Langberg +
Ryan Olka

*** = Speechwriters**

+ = All-County Orchestra Honorees



8th Grade Chorus

Lucas Aiken
Shapol Amin
Sydney Boesl
Alexandria Burger
Michael Bussman
John Cahalan
Lilliana Campbell
Ella Cannizzaro
Giuliana Carlino
Abigail Carrato
Lillian Clare
Marissa Cooper
Elizabeth Corigliano
Callista Cornwell
Katelynn Cox +
Vincent Dambra
Haylee Decker
Austin DeGeorge
Nathalia Emmendorfer
Megean Garrant
Bella Goldman
Lincoln Graffam
Dhilan Gurtoo
Charles Hahn
Natalie Hardt
Keira Herscher
Isabella Hoos
Lia Insinna
Nicholas Ippolito
Elias Janicki-Howe

Adrian Johnson
Elizabeth Jonas
Alexis Kagels
Andrew Kavanagh
Julia Kazmark
Rhea Khan
Molly Kinnan
Kristina Kirakosyan
Anthony Kreymer
Tessa Kwiatkowski
Griffin Lehmbeck
Dominic Lucci
Matthew Mandich
Nicholas Mann
Adam March
Sage Martin
Jacob McGann
Santiago Meneses
Mia Mitri
Zoey Peloquin
Carter Peters
Lydia Ploughman
Mirabelle Post
Emmilyn Pygon
Zoe Quinn
Alexa Radley
Mariella Rae
Nandini Ram
Bryce Ranalletta
Ysabel Reyes

Aliah Sanchez-Clarke
Roman Santarini
Delaney Schmidt
Zachary Scholze
Owen Shifflet
Lucas Shisler
Tatum Showalter
Isabell Siradas
Trinity Tsin
Ellip Tsygyrlash
Ella Van Duuren
Katherine Van Sickle
Akshavi Vasavan
Callie Voigt
Nellie Weir
Nathan Whitehead
Travis Whipple
Jack Winslow
Jacob Wyant +
Annie Zobel

+ = All-County Chorus Honorees



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