

PETOSKEY HIGH SCHOOL



THROUGH THE YEARS
MADRIGALS

2015 – 2016



HISTORY



A madrigal is a secular vocal music composition of the Renaissance and early Baroque eras usually sung in parts and performed a cappella. This musical form dates back to the 1520s in Italy, where it originated. Later, English and German composers took up the madrigal format. It is usually associated with the "Olde" English tradition, and the Petoskey Madrigal costumes reflect this influence. The young men and women dress in Elizabethan era garments, sewn from heavy tapestry and velvet material which is ornately decorated and all true to the period.

The 2015 Petoskey Schools Madrigals are a group of 30 auditioned singers that meet one hour a day during the regular school year. Their director is Julie Saunders. The group started at the Petoskey High School 40 years ago, and Saunders has been a part of the performances for the last 22 years. They perform traditional carols, some familiar songs, and original, newer compositions.

Each year Northern Michigan is blessed with a series of performances at St. Francis Xavier Church in Petoskey, Stafford's Pier Restaurant, Stafford's Perry Hotel in Petoskey, Stafford's Weathervane in Charlevoix, and the East Jordan Arts Council. During many of these performances the singers perform between courses with a unique meal served at each restaurant. This year, the Petoskey Madrigals will also be performing in Walt Disney World at the end of January.

"The kids are really like a huge family," Saunders said. "They spend many hours together in December and it's great fun to see their interactions with the audiences and their joy in a job well done."

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Countess Sidra, Sister to the Ruler of Brill Hill is a freshmen and would like to attend Ferris State to study criminology and biology education. She is involved in band and musicals. She can stick out her shoulder blades like bat wings!!



Prince Patrick of the McGeehan Mansion is a freshmen that would like to become a music teacher. He was in the fall show this year and is working on his Eagle Scout rank.



Count James of the Fordyce Fasthold is a freshmen who plans on studying in the field of astronomy. He plays golf and is involved in the fall show and the robotics team.



Sir Cooper of the Self Safehold is a sophomore that would like to become a pro tennis player. He is on the Varsity tennis Team, Model UN, and plays JV Baseball.



Duchess Hannah, Sister to the Witty Lord Watton is a sophomore and would like to be an activity planner or interior designer. She is involved in the high school and civic theater musicals.



Lady Isa of the Castle of Christensen is a sophomore and would like to go to U of M to become a research biologist. She is in the French Club and loves to travel.



Lady Samantha of the Villa de Giammalva is a sophomore that would like to be in the Young Americans and eventually become a journalist. She is involved in the Fall Show, Key Club, and is passionate about dogs.



Countess Kennedy of the Manor of Mesnard is a sophomore that would like to study something in the medical field. She has been a Type I diabetic since she was 9 years old. She is in band and plays tennis.



Duke Tyler of the Spsychalski Safehold is a junior that would like to study psychology or sociology. He is an avid reader and is currently working on a novel.



Lady Laura of the Stronghold of Stoner is a junior that would like to study something in the medical field. She is also in band and hates chocolate ice cream.





Maiden Nina of Chatterson Castle is a junior. She would like to go to MSU, GVSU, or join the Young Americans. She likes to play the piano. She is in the Steel Drum Band and performs in school musicals.



Lady Emma, the Maiden of Montel is a junior with aspirations to be in the Young Americans. She is involved in the band program and musicals at PHS.



Princess Megan of the Royal Anthony Residence is a junior and would like to study nursing in college. She is involved in the Wrestling Stat club and likes to give hugs!



Baroness Rachael of the Oostmeyer Occupation is a junior that would like to be in the Young Americans after high school. She is in the early college program through NCMC and active with her church worship team.



Lord Collin of the Chateau LaPrairie is a junior that would like to study the performing arts in college. He is involved in musicals and is a swimmer for the Hammerheads.



Duchess Taelyn of the Paulson Palace is a junior who recently moved to Petoskey from Holly. She is involved in the Performing Arts and loves the fact that her parents are Canadian immigrants.



Coral, the Maiden in the Brantly Tower is a junior. She is involved in the drama, choir and band. She performed at the National Level for Poetry Out Loud last year. She would like to study chemical engineering and biology with future hopes for research.



Knight Joseph of the House of Hickman is a junior that aspires to be in the Young Americans. He plays guitar, piano and drums. He is involved in musicals, Varsity Football, Lacrosse, and the early college program.



Baroness Samantha, the Lady of Lorusso is a senior and is in the NCMC Early College Program and would like to become an elementary teacher. She is the treasurer of both NHS and the Key Club.



Lord Austin of Willson Gardens is a senior and the last of three sons that have all been in Madrigals. He is involved in the early college program at NCMC, Band, Jazz Band, Steel Drum Band, Varsity Football and the Spring Musical.



Mademoiselle Taylor, the Daughter of Parson Brown is a senior and would like to major in Biomedical Engineering at Northwestern, Vanderbilt, or Harvard. She is in band, NHS, Quizbowl, the Fall Show, and is the captain of the Robotics team.





Prince Jack of the Holy Hooley House is a senior and the last of four siblings that have all been in the Madrigal program. He will attend college but is unsure of where at this time!



Maiden Natalie of the Kingdom of Koeller is a senior and planning on attend CMU in the fall. She is involved in the Student

Council and loves to watch gymnastics on TV.



Sir James of McConnell Manor is a senior and a third year Madrigal. He plans on studying biomedical engineering while pursuing his passion of painting.



Duchess Megan of the Wilson Fortification is a senior who would like to attend Kalamazoo College and pursue a Liberal Arts Degree. She has

been involved in the performing arts, cross country and soccer at PHS.



Jester Andrew of the Frampus Campus is a senior that would like to run and study Engineering at

GVSU. He is involved in band, cross country, track, Model UN, Student Leadership, NHS, Quiz Bowl, and the Fall Show.



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We would like to recognize our former staff
and madrigal singers:

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Countess Kendra of the Shaw Scholars is a senior and will be attending Liberty University to study education. She plays the clarinet in band and has been in all of the musicals at PHS.



Knight Joel of the Witty Watton's is a senior that would like to start at NCMC and become a filmmaker. He is a self- taught drummer and does Medieval reenactment fighting.



Count Orion, the Ruler of Brill Hill is a senior that would like to study music at CMU. He can play 15 instruments and is also involved in band and jazz band.



Princess Jessica Smith, the Ruler of Staffordshire is a senior. She will be attending the Young Americans College of Performing Arts in Corona, California in the fall. She participates in civic and school musicals. She loves dogs.



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Congratulations to phs on 40 years of Madrigal dinners. Bravo, Collin!

FROM ALUMNI

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**Jacalyn Webster**, The Young Americans College of the Performing Arts and four year Madrigal alumni. "I am extremely proud of this choir and I wish an outstanding future to the next generation of Madrigals. Thank you for an amazing four years!"  
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**Sarah Lewis**, Class of 2005, and current member of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Thanks for all of the music memories!  
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**Willson Madrigal Tradition**, Adam Wilson 2001, Duane Wilson 2004, Samantha Hunter (soon to be Wilson) 2000, Austin Wilson 2016. Keeping the tradition alive. Tradition, Tradition (Fiddler)  
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**Happy Birthday Madrigals!** We are proud of you Samantha. We love you! Love Mom, Dad, and Audrey  
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**Julie Saunders** class of 1988 and Morgan Saunders class of 2009. Thanks for the memories.  
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**Well done Jessica Smith!** All your hard work has paid off. Your family is so proud of all you have accomplished. Love, Mom, Dad, Drew, Grandma and Grandpa  
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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Petoskey High School Madrigal Singers on their 40th year of providing the joy of the Christmas and Holiday Season through traditional and inspiring music to our families and friends in northern Michigan. I firmly believe that the lives of your students have also forever been enriched by their experience in the Madrigals. Julie, you are to be commended and your students are to be thanked for their beautiful renditions of this timeless music.