



Olmsted Falls MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Musical Notes

April 2018

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2018-19 Golden Bullettes have been selected. Congratulations!

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OFMA's mission statement:

To support, encourage, advance, and cultivate, through volunteerism and fundraising, the musical education of all students in the Olmsted Falls City Schools

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OFMA's May meeting
Wednesday, May 2, 2018
6 p.m. at the high school
Meeting room TBA

OFMA's annual picnic
Wednesday, June 6, 2018
Place TBA.

OFMA invites parents, students, staff and the community to be involved in supporting music in the Olmsted Falls City Schools.

Save the date to support OFMA

Saturday, May 12, 2018
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.



MUSIC TO YOUR MOUTH



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OFMA meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of the month (during the school year) in the choir room at the high school. Parents, students, staff and community members are invited.

Meeting changes will be posted on twitter, facebook and the website.

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Keep up to date on by joining the OFMA facebook page, visiting the website and/or follow OFMA on twitter.

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<http://www.olmstedfallsmusic.com/>



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SENIORS: DEADLINE IS APRIL 30TH

Graduating “Music” Seniors

Band • Choir • Bullettes



The June edition of **Musical Notes** will have a section honoring the 2018 graduating seniors - band, choir & bullettes.

Please submit the following information to Kathy Green via email at bgreen9339@aol.com by **April 30th**.

- Your name
- A photo of you (preferably a headshot photo - portrait style)
- List of musical ensemble(s) you are involved in during your senior year.
- College or career plans
- Your most “musical memorable moment” during your time in Olmsted Falls City School District.
(Please be concise and no more than 3 sentences.)



April Shower of Performances



PRESENTS A MASQUERS
PRODUCTION OF...

APRIL 13TH & 14TH
7:30PM SHOWTIME

OLMSTED FALLS
HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

TICKETS IN ADVANCE
OR AT THE DOOR:
\$10 ADULTS
\$7 STUDENTS/SENIORS

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OFIS 4th Grade Choir

Performance

April 19, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

OFMS Cafetorium

The choir will perform songs
from various Disney movies!

The 3rd Graders of Falls-Lenox
Present

"How Does Your Garden Grow"

April 24, 2018 @ OFHS Auditorium

Two Performances:

6:15 p.m.: Classes of Acerra, LaGruth, Duray, Timas, Richmond-Smith & Petro

7:15 p.m.: Classes of Sparks, Pletcher, Honroth, Payne & Ridinger



OFMS's Bulldog Theatre Company

Presents

Excerpts from William Shakespeare's

A Midsummer Night's Dream & Macbeth

April 26-29, 2018 @ 7p.m.

OFMS Cafetorium

Admission: \$5 adults; \$3 students

Free for Senior citizens and children 3rd grade and under





Honors Festival



Congratulations to the OFMS band and choir students who participated in the OMEA District IV Honors Festival on March 10, 2018 that was held at Broadview-Brecksville HS.



OFMS Choir participants:

Front: Marissa Walchanowicz, Holly Robinson & Audrey Illig
Back: Joshua Wickert, Chase Lemieux, Joey Poore & Greg Smith

OFMS band participants:

Front: Alyssa Mandak, Kyler Kuntz, Noah Young (short in front), Matthew Gluvna, Sara Schuff, Elise Grant, Samantha Gaba & Sam Vallejo
Back: Kevin Hebovia, Garrett Opheim & Trevor Knierim

Contests

STATE BOUND

ON March 3rd, **OFHS Bel Canto choir** (women's choir) received straight superior ratings for their performance and an excellent rating for sight reading qualifying them for the state Large Group Contest. Congratulations ladies on a job VERY WELL done!!!



Bel Canto will perform at State contest on Saturday, April 21st at 9 a.m. at Highland High School.

OFHS Wind Symphony & Wind Ensemble received Superior ratings at District contest in March and will perform in Large Group state contest on Friday, April 20th at North Royalton High School. Wind Symphony will perform at 8:15 p.m. and Wind Ensemble will perform at 10 p.m.

Middle School Large Group Contests

OFMS 7th Grade Women's Choir and **8th Grade Chamber Ensemble** will be performing at contest at Strongsville High School on May 11-12. Specific date and time of performances TBA.

OFMS 7th grade Symphonic Band & 8th Grade Symphonic will be performing at Middle School D4 Large Group Contest is on Friday and Saturday, May 4th and 5th. Specific date, time and location of performances TBA.





Middle School Solo & Ensemble Contests



Olmsted Falls Middle School was well represented at Solo & Ensemble contests held in March. Congratulations to all band and choir participants. Here are lists of the participants and ratings.

OFMS band students formed several ensemble groups. 43 students received Superior ratings (I) and 18 received Excellent ratings (II) for ensemble performances.

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| Alison Anagnostopoulos (Clarinet) | Kaylee Budd (Clarinet) |
| Alison Kraniske (Clarinet) | Kevin Hebovia (Alto Sax) |
| Alyssa Mandak (Tuba) | Kevin Mali (Trombone) |
| Amanda Simons (Flute) | Kieran Clark (Trombone) |
| Amelia Kassay (Bassoon) | Kyler Kuntz (Trumpet) |
| Ashley Hackney (Clarinet) | Lauren Lodato (Flute) |
| Ben Cutarelli (Alto Sax) | Madeline Swanson (Bassoon) |
| Ben Zak (Alto Sax) | Mallory Olitsky (French Horn) |
| Brandon Wasikowski (Percussion) | Matt Gluvna (Trombone) |
| Caleb Sherman (Trumpet) | Michael DiFilippo (Percussion) |
| Colton Strunk (Bari Sax) | Michael Zahorchak (Bass Clarinet) |
| Connor Burdette (Tenor Sax) | Molly Cohan (Clarinet) |
| Daniel Holm (Percussion) | Morgan Short (Clarinet) |
| Delaney Condosta (Trumpet) | Noah Sobieski (Alto Sax) |
| Dillon Mckeigue (Trumpet) | Noah Young (Clarinet) |
| Eddie Goetz (Trumpet) | Paul Kulaga (Alto Sax) |
| Emma Corrigan (Trumpet) | Ryan Burkhart (Alto Sax) |
| Emma Sedlacek (Trumpet) | Ryan Wojtowicz (Trombone) |
| Evan Perrell (Percussion) | Sam Vallejo (Bass Clarinet) |
| Garrett Opheim (Tuba) | Samantha Gaba (Flute) |
| Grace Wright (Percussion) | Sara Schuff (Flute) |
| Greg Smith (Trumpet) | Skylar Beesley (Clarinet) |
| Hadley Allen (Alto Sax) | Sydney Ott (French Horn) |
| Hailey Nelan (Flute) | Tess Blain (Flute) |
| Hayley Linford (Bassoon) | Tommy Telegedy (Clarinet) |
| Holly Robinson (Tenor Sax) | Trevor Knierim (Percussion) |
| Izzy Johnson (Flute) | Trevor Patton (Trumpet) |
| John Joseph (Alto Sax) | Zoe Sadowski (Clarinet) |
| John Tedeschi (Trumpet) | |
| Justin Sicking (Tenor Sax) | |
| Kaitlyn Budd (Flute) * | |
| Katie Iannicca (Flute) | |

* Performed in two ensembles

The students listed below performed solos at contest. Rating results:

**9 Superior (I) ratings
6 Excellent (II) ratings**

- Amelia Kassay (Bassoon)
- Daniel Holm (Snare)
- Hadley Allen (Alto Sax)
- Hayley Linford (Bassoon)
- Holly Robinson (Tenor Sax)
- John Joseph (Alto Sax)
- Kaitlyn Budd (Flute & Piccolo)**
- Kaylee Budd (Clarinet)
- Leah Kerber (Clarinet)
- Madeline Swanson (Bassoon)
- Nicholas Rowan (Oboe)
- Noah Young (Clarinet)
- Ryan Burkhart (Alto Sax)
- Wyatt Hensley (Bassoon)

** Performed solo pieces on both instruments.



Congratulations to these OFMS choir students for receiving Superior or Excellent ratings at contest.

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| Colin Guildoo | Excellent |
| Michelle Nickel | Superior |
| Natalie Golier | Superior |
| Lainey Rambert | Superior |
| Rachel Neumann | Excellent |
| Gabby Guthrie | Excellent |
| Holly Robinson | Excellent |
| Alexis Nelan | Superior |
| Greg Smith | Excellent |
| Madison Podojil | Superior |

These OFMS choir students received Excellent rating for their ensemble group performances at contest:

- Group I: Lainey Rambert, Cara Myers, Michelle Nickel, Rachel Allen, Chelsea Mortensen & Natalie Golier
- Group II: Madison Podojil, Alexis Nelan, Ryan Schlesinger, Colin Guildoo, Joey Poore, Julie Lavelle & Holly Robinson





Music News



On March 17th , Golden Expressions attended ACA Fest at Nordonia High School along with dozens of other high school a capella groups from around the state. They were clinicianed by members of Mo5iac on solo delivery, arranging, barbershop, video production, and vocal percussion. The highlight of the day was singing and learning from



Golden Expressions receiving instruction from Deke Sharon.



Sitting: Bill Wendling
1st row: Katie Cutts, Cameron Nelson, Marlee McMahan, Sam Caraffi, Miranda Sampson & Mrs. Kiedrowski
2nd row: Brynn Hanratty, Kayla Zapotosky, Camden Chernisky, Deke Sharon, Alex Bolton, John Munoz, Dan Fidler, & Mason Adams

Deke Sharon, one of the leading vocal jazz/ contemporary a capella arrangers in the world. GE performed Deke's arrangement of Lullaby of Birdland. He was so impressed with GE performance that he put the video recording of their performance on his facebook page! Click [HERE](#) to watch the video (which has been viewed over 3.8 thousand times).



Deke Sharon, heralded as *'The Father of Contemporary A Cappella'*, is responsible for the current sound of modern a cappella. He produced the worldwide show "The Sing-Off" and served as arranger, on-site music director and vocal producer of the shows "Pitch Perfect", "Pitch Perfect 2" and Pitch Perfect 3.

**Kent State University Wind Ensemble
&
Olmsted Falls High School Wind Symphony
In Concert
May 4, 2018**

"This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before." ~ words of composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963

The Kent State University Wind Ensemble, Jesse Leyva conductor, and the Olmsted Falls High School Wind Symphony, Julie Budd conductor and KSU alumnus, will perform in concert in University Auditorium in Cartwright Hall on the campus of Kent State University. This partnership concert will commemorate May 4, 1970 *.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be live stream. Click [HERE](#) or copy and paste the url in your browser to watch the live stream of the concert: <https://www.kent.edu/music/live-streaming>.

This is a free admission concert. Cartwright Hall is located at 650 Hilltop Drive on the campus of Kent State University. There will be free parking at Cartwright Hall and off parking on Terrace Drive.

* On May 4, 1970, four Kent State University students were killed and nine injured when members of the Ohio National Guard opened fire during a demonstration protesting the Vietnam War.



New York New York New York



OFHS Freshman sings on Broadway

One month before going on the high school choir New York tour, OFHS freshman Claire Oliver performed at New York City West End Lounge's All Star Cabaret. This opportunity for Claire was the result of an audition and selection through Voice Variations for her first Broadway performance. On stage, Claire sang *When He Sees Me* from *Waitress* and *When Will My Life Begin* from *Rapunzel*.



While in NYC, Claire also attended a workshop with a Broadway casting director, spent time in studio with vocal coach Amy Hanratty of Voice Variations, took in a Broadway show and saw the NYC Ballet perform *Romeo and Juliet*. Claire will use this NYC experience as she performs in OFHS's spring musical *Guys & Dolls* April 13th - 14th and in her performance in North Pointe Ballet's *Peter Pan* at The Palace Theater in Lorain on May 5th - May 6th.

2018 OFHS Choir New York Tour



Group photo of the choir students on tour in New York



Parent chaperone Karen Ferraro Edward held up a sign outside of the Today Show studios at Rockefeller Plaza.



A street sign in honor of actor and singer Jerry Orbach.



Students engaged in workshops by cast members of *Wicked* and *Aladdin* at Ripley-Grier Studios.



The group visited St. Paul Chapel.



May Concerts

**May 1st @ 630 p.m.
5th Grade Band Concert**

**May 2nd & 3rd @ 7:30 p.m.
OFHS Choir Spring Pops Concert
*Seniors will be recognized at May 3rd concert***

**May 8th - OFMS Choir Spring Concert
6:30 pm
6th Grade Choirs; 7th Grade Women's Choir
& Golden Harmonies**

**8 p.m.
7th Grade Men's Choir, 8th Grade Choirs
& Golden Harmonies**

**May 16th @ 6:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.
6th Grade bands, 7th Grade Bands, 8th Grade Bands
& Jazz Band**

**OFHS Band Spring Pops Concert
May date TBA**

For update information on the concerts, check OFMA's facebook page and twitter.





2018 Choir New York tour





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YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR!!

Patron contributions and fund raising moneys are used to provide student scholarships and grants to the music programs

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For more information contact Ellen Bertrand at 216.347.2474 or email at ellenbertrand@sbcglobal.net.



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I (we) wish to help provide support for our talented young music students in the Olmsted Falls Schools!

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