

Celebrating the

# ARTS in R-H

News about the great things happening in the R-H Arts Programs!



## Scholastic Art Awards Announced!

Congratulations to High School art students, Morgan Russell and Monica Gregg, for earning honors in the National Scholastic Art & Writing competition. Both Morgan and Monica submitted works they created as part of the high school art program, which emphasizes drawing as a fundamental skill. Monica earned honorable mention and Morgan won a Silver Key award! In 2017 more than 330,000 works were submitted to the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards nationwide. ([www.artandwriting.org](http://www.artandwriting.org))

All works are evaluated through a series of blind adjudication - first on a regional level by more than 100 local affiliates of the Alliance and then nationally by an impressive panel of creative-industry experts. At each level of judging, all works are selected to move on to the next stage based on the same three criteria that have represented the program since its founding in 1923: originality, technical skill, and emergence of personal vision or voice. Students who submit their original work to the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards walk in the footsteps of notable Awards alumni including Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Sylvia Plath, Stephen King, Richard Linklater, Zac Posen and Lena Dunham.

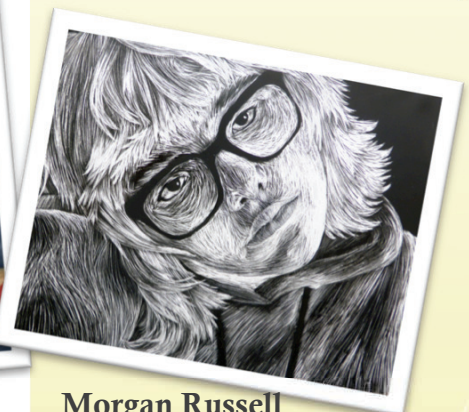
## District Music Festival Rocks Our World!

Each year Rush-Henrietta highlights one aspect of the music program in the annual District Music Festival. This year the festival took place on February 16th at 7:00pm. and featured the elementary classroom music program! This was a very special opportunity for students that presented a grade level from each elementary school. The program showcased a different aspect of the general music program - singing, dancing, moving, and playing instruments. Students wore their school t-shirts or color as assigned by their music teacher. The students did a terrific job and it was a fun event for all!

Mrs. Dina Wilson welcomed the crowd, Tri-M Music Honor Society students assisted with ushering, RHMPA was on hand to sell concessions, and security and parking ensured a safe and efficient audience experience. Thank you to ALL who helped!



**Monica Gregg**  
Honorable Mention



**Morgan Russell**  
Silver Key Award



## January Solo Festivals Yield Great Gains!



Students in the instrumental music program can audition during the January Solo Festivals to be considered for participation in the March Monroe County School Music Association (MCSMA) All-County Festivals. Approximately 120 R-H students performed for NYSSMA-certified adjudicators in the January Solo Festivals. Solos range from Levels I-IV and V & VI and are chosen from a board-approved list of repertoire. Students perform their piece for the judge, followed by scales and sight-reading. The R-H music program has put a laser focus on our sight-reading program over the last 3 years, so we feel confident that our students did well! Listed here and on the following page are the students who have been accepted into the All-County Festivals taking place in March. Congratulations R-H Music Students!

### Elementary All County Chorus

#### Crane Elem School

Berken Subasi  
Aaron Blancaflor  
Thomas Giambra

#### Burger Middle School

Jack Burley  
Josh Lureman  
Chelsea Maynard  
Valerie Rock  
Parker Schoenl  
Natalie Wood

### Elementary All County Orchestra

#### Winslow Elem School

Sophia Chuang  
Eowyn Kroening  
Sarah Picard

#### Burger Middle School

Victoria Feng  
Akosua Essah

#### Fyle Elementary

Eliza Gardner

### Junior High School All County Chorus

#### Burger Middle School

Kayla Dengler  
Alyssa Dinsmore  
Sasha Markle  
Spencer Monette  
Peyton Newton  
Preston Phillips  
Jenna Swanson  
Casey Wagner

#### Roth Middle School

Blaire Carney  
Abby Helf  
Kati Juanes-Portilla  
Cara Pfluke  
Kira Seretto  
Paige Smith  
Emily Towsley  
Marissa Wright

## R-H Represents in Disney!

The Symphonic Band, Symphonic Orchestra, and RH Singers took a trip to Florida for the Walt Disney World Music Festival over the February break. This is the first year that students in the RH Singers joined in this learning experience. Students were chatting excitedly about the trip in the weeks leading up to the February break!

While at Disney, the groups performed for adjudicators and received scores in their respective categories. The students also worked with clinicians to get detailed feedback on their performances & group dynamics. This is a valuable learning experience that focuses on attaining the National Core Arts Standards – not to mention, it's a whole lot of fun!



Morgan Russell  
Digital Imaging



### Junior High School

#### All County Orchestra

#### Burger Middle School

Lily Celmer  
Juliana Merkley  
Trudy Smith  
David Suh  
Kristin Berry

#### Roth Middle School

Meagan Picard  
Mia Tuttle  
Ethan Richardson

### Senior High School All County Mixed Chorus

Cassandra Bitter  
Enoch Cray  
Katie Miron  
Connor Oliver  
Christopher Walent

Michael Buck  
Nate Kelly  
Ashlie Morrison  
Molly Ronan

### Senior High School All County Womens Chorus

Bridget Kline  
Kimberlyn Brocht

Melat Bekele  
Leia Crane

### Senior High School All County Band

Hanna Bauman

Prasanth Subramaniam

### Senior High School All County Orchestra

Jessica Ni  
Shail Singhal  
Isaac Chin  
Matthew Glende

Jett Kopalek  
Emily Lang  
Hannah Lang





Winslow 3<sup>rd</sup> graders dance with parachutes!



A birds-eye view of the District Elementary Festival



Leary 3<sup>rd</sup> graders present an Orff ensemble & snowflake poems!

## NYSATA Region 2 Art Show @ Roberts Welsyan

Congratulations to RH art students who have been selected to display works in the NYSATA Region 2 Art Show! This exhibit is for students in grades k-12 and will be held at the Davison Gallery in the Cultural Life Center on the Roberts Wesleyan College Campus. The exhibit opens with a reception on Friday, March 24, 2017 from 6-8pm. The work will be on display for two weeks, through April 2, 2017.

### Congratulations!

Fyle Elementary  
Kaylee Duda  
Max Do

Winslow Elementary  
Zoie Davidson  
Caden Edelman  
Gisele Rodriguez

Burger Middle School  
Cora Putnam  
Eunsol Moon  
Elliott Weix

Roth Middle School  
Maia Kromer  
Grace Terrano  
Makayla Chambers

Ninth Grade Academy  
Michael Martin  
Dan Tirabassi  
Grace Nothnagle

Senior High School  
Christina Ho  
Camryn Thayer  
Brittany Kolich  
Morgan Russell  
John Brophy

## R-H Student Qualifies for All-Eastern!



Congratulations to R-H student **Anna Ahlquist!** Anna is one of 800+ students across twelve northeastern states selected for this honor. Anna is

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg and Amy Ahlquist, and student of Scott Cannan. She was chosen to perform (bass clarinet) with the All Eastern Symphonic Band.

Anna will prepare remarkably challenging music to perform under the leadership of prominent and renowned conductor, Mark Scatterday. Students accepted into the All-Eastern ensembles will spend three days rehearsing during the Eastern Division Conference of The National Association for Music Education in Atlantic City, NJ in preparation for performances on April 9, 2017.

For program and ticket information visit [www.nafme-eastern.org](http://www.nafme-eastern.org).

## Save the Dates! Spring Musicals Ahead!

**SHS Musical**  
**April 6-8 @ 7pm**  
Performing  
**The Addams Family**

**Burger MS**  
**Feb 10-11 @7&1pm**  
Performing  
**Annie, Jr.**

**Roth MS**  
**March 24-25@7pm**  
Performing  
**Once Upon A Mattress**

Tickets may be purchased at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com)



## R-H Student Tours NYC with RPYO



Isaac Chin, a freshman at the NGA, will be participating in an educational trip with the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (RPYO) to New York City. The RPYO students will work with NY Philharmonic

Musician mentors, perform at Carnegie Hall in a special President's Day concert and tour NYC to learn about its history and about 9/11. Isaac is the only student from R-H in the RPYO. Congratulations to Isaac on this tremendous honor and opportunity!

## Did You Know?

In the reconfigured schools, students will have expanded access to performing ensemble experiences? Beginning in the fall of 2017, students will now be able to choose to participate in Band, Chorus, and/or Orchestra – all starting in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade! This is a great addition to the music program and we are so excited to offer these opportunities! More information will be coming about the registration process for these ensembles through your regular school news. You can also find information on the district Music and Visual Arts website by clicking on the “Join the Music Program” menu option or click the QR code for more information!



## From the RHMPA Desk

### RHMPA President, Tori-Kate Davis

RHMPA stands for Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association. Similar to the Athletic Boosters, this group of parents joins together to support the music education program of R-H students. The RHMPA organization engages in many support activities, however, its most public efforts are selling concessions at concerts. The proceeds from these sales fund the summer scholarship program, which allows R-H students to participate in many music-related summer offerings in the Rochester area.

But did you know that RMPA also has a seat on the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and the Budget Advisory Council (BAC)? Membership on these important district committees allows RHMPA to stay abreast of important district initiatives as well as to give input to them. RHMPA is in need of members who are willing to take an active role in the works of the district and the music program.

### RHMPA-Sponsored Spirit Wear!

On sale through March 26

Rush-Henrietta Music 2017

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to the online store at <https://rhmusic17.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card  
Online Store Deadline: March 26, 2017 (11:59pm)