



# November/December Notes

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## 25th ANNUAL STUDENT ELECTRONIC MUSIC COMPOSITION SHOWCASE

**Stephanie Jones, State Chairperson: Technology in Music Education Committee**

Congratulations to the following students whose original compositions will be featured as a part of NYSSMA's 25th Annual Student Electronic Music Composition Showcase presented online as a part of the 2020 NYSSMA® Cyber Summit – 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening, December 3rd, 2020.

*Autopilot Synth* by Ryan Lazinski, Grade 11  
Northport High School, Northport – Dr. Frank Doyle, Recommending Music Educator

*Calm within the Storm* by Erin McRae, Grade 11  
Northport High School, Northport – Dr. Frank Doyle, Recommending Music Educator

*Champions* by Jack Taylor, Grade 11  
Sleepy Hollow High School, Sleepy Hollow - Austin Day, Recommending Music Educator

*Energy* by Maxwell Tramantano, Grade 9  
Sleepy Hollow High School, Sleepy Hollow - Austin Day, Recommending Music Educator

*If the Lick Were an Anime* by Austin Chin, Grade 10  
Sleepy Hollow High School, Sleepy Hollow - Austin Day, Recommending Music Educator

*Pomegranate* by Kyle Spadaro, Grade 11  
Northport High School, Northport – Dr. Frank Doyle, Recommending Music Educator

*Rainforest Rising* by Maxwell DeBrino, Grade 11  
Northport High School, Northport – Dr. Frank Doyle, Recommending Music Educator

*Sunday* by Ben Poret, Grade 11  
Sleepy Hollow High School, Sleepy Hollow - Austin Day, Recommending Music Educator

*Touch* by Archie Lewis-Harris & Analie Ingalsbe, Grade 11  
Onteora High School, Boiceville - Erica Boyer, Recommending Music Educator

*Whole Tone Fantasy* by Sophia Stehlik, Grade 8  
Beech Street Middle School, West Islip - Eric Albinder, Recommending Music Educator

*Work in Progress* by Adam Tobar, Grade 9  
Mineola High School, Mineola - Joe Owens, Recommending Music Educator

## 22nd ANNUAL YOUNG COMPOSER'S AND SONG WRITER'S SHOWCASE FEATURED STUDENT COMPOSITIONS

**Dr. Robert Deemer, State Chairperson: Composition/Improvisation Committee**

Congratulations to the following students whose original compositions will be featured as a part of NYSSMA's 22nd Annual Young Composer's and Song Writer's Showcase presented online as a part of the 2020 NYSSMA® Cyber Summit – 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, December 5th, 2020.

*Iowa* (for jazz ensemble) by David Chung, Grade 12  
Williamsville East HS, Williamsville – Dr. Stephen Shewan, Recommending Music Educator

*Modern Love* (song) by Analie Ingalsbe, Grade 12  
Onteora HS, West Hurley - Erica Boyer, Recommending Music Educator

*Chess* (for piano) by Yuri Lee, Grade 10  
Tuckahoe HS, Tuckahoe - Charles duChateau, Recommending Music Educator

*A Summer's Day* (for jazz combo) by Joseph Lim, Grade 10  
Edgemont HS, Scarsdale - John Catoliato, Recommending Music Educator

*Jaunt & Jumble* (for string quartet) by Leona Liu, Grade 12  
Horace Greeley HS, Chappaqua - Kathleen Coletta-Feldman, Recommending Music Educator

*Sonata in F minor* (for violin & piano) by Philip Mancino, Grade 12  
Northport HS, Northport - Dr. Frank Doyle, Recommending Music Educator

*Heartbeat* (song) by Olivia Martens, Grade 10  
Red Hook HS, Red Hook - Brian Zeller, Recommending Music Educator

*Zyma* (for clarinet & string quartet) by Artemy Mukhin, Grade 10  
Special Music School, New York City - Jared Miller, Recommending Music Educator

*Waltz in D minor* (for mixed chamber ensemble) by  
Ezri Rubenstein-Miller, Grade 9  
Ithaca HS, Ithaca - Mark Lewis, Recommending Music  
Educator

*Locomotion* (for flute, cello, piano) by Caroline Skrebutenas,  
Grade 12  
Niskayuna HS, Schenectady - Elizabeth McFarland,  
Recommending Music Educator

*The Day After Yesterday* (for jazz ensemble) by Sophia Stehlik,  
Grade 9  
West Islip HS, West Islip - Eric Albinder, Recommending  
Music Educator

### REMEMBERING “NYSSMA® NOTABLES” WHO PASSED IN 2020

As this is the final issue of the School Music News for the 2020 calendar year we mark the passing of five important individuals during the past year who served in a variety of capacities in NYSSMA® at the state level during their outstanding careers as music educators. Please join in remembering these very special folks:

James F. Haefele (d. April 23, 2020)  
Past NYSSMA® Zone 14 Representative (Suffolk County)

Lila R. Hamilton (d. July 30, 2020)  
Past NYSSMA® Public Relations Chairperson

Gordon L. English (d. August 5, 2020)  
Past NYSSMA® 2nd Vice President

Evelyn B. Mercer (d. September 4, 2020)  
Former NYSSMA® “First Lady” – Wife of NYSSMA®  
Past-President William J. Mercer

\*Clara S. Sugar (d. November 9, 2020)  
Past NYSSMA® President & NYSSMA® Membership  
Chairperson

***\*An expanded tribute to Clara Sugar will appear in the  
January-February 2021 School Music News.***

### QUOTES OF THE MONTH

*“The future of who we are lies in the arts. It is the expression  
of our soul.”*

46th U.S. President-elect, Joe Biden – 8/20

*“Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and, a very Happy and  
Healthy New Year in 2021 from the NYSSMA® School Music  
NEWS family!”*

Tom Gellert, NYSSMA® Editor

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