

New York State School Music Association  
Zone One

# **2025 Junior High Area All-State Concerts**



**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

12:30PM SSA Chorus, String Orchestra, Mixed Chorus  
3:00PM Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band

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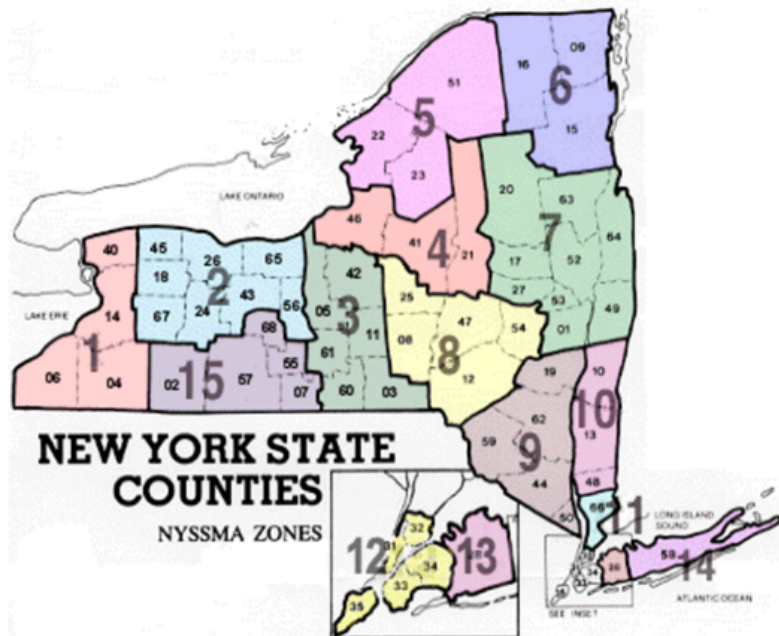
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- Approximately 5,000 members proudly belong to NYSSMA
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- The NYSSMA Winter Conference attracts almost 4,000 participants and offers about 190 workshops and showcases
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# Concert One

GEORGE C. CRAWFORD AUDITORIUM  
PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL  
12:30PM

## WELCOME

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## SSA CHORUS

Justin Pomietlarz, Conductor  
Erin Alexander, Chairperson, Clarence  
Kristin Pomietlarz, Accompanist

Domine Deus	Bach/Rao
<i>Erin Eno, cello &amp; Amie Vredenburg, violin</i>	
Shine On, O Moon of Summer	Caroline Mallonee
My Own Song	Crystal LaPoint Kowalski
All Together We Are Love	Katerina Gomin
The Word Was God	Rosephanye Powell

## STRING ORCHESTRA

James Ieda, Conductor  
Caeley Harsch, Chairperson, Buffalo

Flower Duet from Lakme	Delibes/Halferty
Entrance of the Queen of Sheba	Handel/Velke
EA Romeser Last Leaf	Danish String Quartet
Livin' On A Prayer	Bon Jovi/Smeltz

## MIXED CHORUS

Keith Ersing, Conductor  
Julie Noesen, Chairperson, Springville-Griffith  
Ryan Blunt, Accompanist

Ad Astra	Jacob Naverud
Gloria	Jeff Trenchard
O Nata Lux	Tom Porter
Shine Like Stars	Pinkzebra
Come and Go to that Land	Brandon Boyd

## Participating Teachers cont'd

<b>Jamestown</b> Katherine E. Derrenbacher Carrie Pawelski Kennedy Pattison Lauren Scharf Meghan Murray <b>Kenmore-Tonawanda</b> Elizabeth Briggs Laura Jay LauraAnderson AmandaMcCormick Patrick Towey Phil Aguglia Karin Fryer Jill Neuhaus Jessica Leary <b>Lake Shore</b> Deanna Civilette Paul Siekierski Eric Blodgett <b>Lancaster</b> Kailey Czyz Allison Costanzo-Metcalf Jacob Seymour Richard Goss Lynne Ruda <b>Lewiston-Porter</b> Amanda Burdick Mark Marinaccio James Burritt Kevin Duncan <b>Lockport</b> Eileen Brusino Mary Kofahl Timothy Martin Megan Dray Robert Pacillo <b>Nardin</b> Caitlin Snyder <b>Newfane</b> Chris Hart Claudia Hovey Michelle Hart	<b>Niagara Falls</b> Ken Nyland <b>Niagara-Wheatfield</b> John Scime Nicole Kelly Ken Fick <b>Nichols</b> Mary Kate Morrow Bryan Eckenrode <b>North Collins</b> Jill Finkley <b>North Tonawanda</b> Jason Ferguson Sarah Roberts Evan Bleiler Angela Dray Christine Vallas Dean Vallas <b>Olean</b> Andrea Harris Caroline Bremner <b>Orchard Park</b> Sarah LaPaglia Scott Bean Adam Brignone Marcella Wentland Nate Leary Brad Carson Maria Szczepanik Alexander Safford <b>Panama</b> Jennie Caruso Jenna Devereaux <b>Pioneer</b> David Chatterton Victoria Tomasulo Jared Burch Kim Higgins April Woolley Ceresa Kozlowski	<b>Portville</b> Jesse Archer Katey Archer <b>Royalton-Hartland</b> Paul Monaco Magdalene Lord Sara McIntyre Kathy Bleiler-Dick <b>Salamanca</b> Brooke Skiba Eric Kemnitzer <b>Sherman</b> Sally Thompson <b>Silver Creek</b> Marc Bridon Daniel Novak <b>Southwestern</b> Jamie Sigler Susan Huther <b>Springville-Griffith</b> Katherine Cummings Scott Roudebush Joseph Gervase <b>St. Francis</b> August Vitale <b>St. Josephs</b> Jeff Walling <b>Starpont</b> Nicole Carere Karen Russo Stephanie Teichman Michael Volpe <b>Sweet Home</b> Stephen Budnack Ryan Kaminski Joe Quader James Marone Cory Morrow Kimberly Harrison	<b>West Seneca</b> Meaghen Venitelli Halle Edwards Philip Farugia Eve Roushey CharleneBrooks Keith Ersing <b>West Valley</b> Vincent Venitelli <b>Westfield</b> Roger Chagnon Kent Knappenberger <b>Williamsville</b> Jennifer Olson Eric Modlich Jacqueline Ellmauer Michael Vertoske Craig Smith Keri Lorenz Ellen Raimondo Joan Boissonnault Jeanne Eppich Cassandra Girzone Evonne Michel Catherine Ludwig Nancy Gutillo Amie Vredenburg Jim Taylor Marnie Salvatore Maureen Reed Timothy Buckley Michael Conte Matthew Cool Regina Schueler Rob Webster Anneke Ieda <b>Wilson</b> Cameron Juzdowski
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Mixed Chorus cont’d

Tenors cont’d

Joshua Patronik, Orchard Park  
Noah Patterson, Cleveland Hill  
Noah Rookey, Lewiston-Porter  
Sylas Schrull, Williamsville  
Lukas Stanton, Panama  
Keif Taylor, Lockport  
Arsh Walia, Clarence  
James Wheelock, Fredonia  
Landon Woods, Niagara-Wheatfield  
Carson Ziccardi, Sweet Home  
Joseph Ziegler, Silver Creek

Bass

Jackson Abbott, Allegany-Limestone  
Luke Backlund, Kenmore-Tonawanda  
Salvatore Buscaglia, Orchard Park  
Anthony Clark, Cassadaga Valley  
Maxim Ebos,Lewiston-Porter  
Colton Gauck, Pioneer  
Travis Jensen, Niagara-Wheatfield  
Cayden Kelly, Orchard Park  
Sean McCarthy, Orchard Park  
Thomas Morgan, Orchard Park  
Harrison Roberts, Orchard Park  
Morgan Titus, Pioneer  
Joseph Velez, Amherst  
Liam Woods, Lewiston-Porter  
Alex Yousey, Sweet Home

PARTICIPATING TEACHERS

**Akron**  
Brendon Bardo  
Courtney Sanville  
**Alden**  
Bridget Nye  
Devin Banning  
**Allegany-Limestone**  
Alexandra Scalise  
**Amherst**  
Kiersten Roetzer  
Justin Pomietlarz  
Erin Ayer  
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Patrick ODonnell  
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**Barker**  
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**Buffalo**  
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Shawn Rydzik  
**Cheektowaga-Maryvale**  
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**Cheektowaga-Sloan**  
Timothy Murray  
**Christian Central Academy**  
Beth Ellen Hancock  
**Clarence**  
Andrew Bodemer  
Erin Alexander  
Daniel Polino  
Casidy Reed  
Amy Fetterly  
Alicia Kluck  
**Cleveland Hill**  
Nicole Jeswald  
**Clymer**  
Daland Perry

**Depew**  
Barbara Czosnyka  
Stephanie Serrano  
Heather Lovelace  
**Dunkirk**  
Jeannine VanWey  
**East Aurora**  
Paul Blackwell  
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Paula OConnor  
Alissa Iorio  
**Eden**  
Peter Griesinger  
**Ellicottville**  
Wendy Burch  
Crystal Wilder  
**Falconer**  
Michelle Battaglia  
**Forestville**  
Sarah Pearson  
**Fredonia**  
Andrew Bennett  
Michelle Russ  
Kristen Terreri  
Ryan Shanahan  
**Frewsburg**  
Alicia Laska

**Frontier**  
Patricia Miraglia  
Shannon Connors  
Todd Macon  
Miquela Cerrone  
Daryl Warren  
Louis Shafer  
Richard Riederer  
John Kresse  
**Gowanda**  
Robin Smith  
**Grand Island**  
Sarah Russo  
Maria Crisafulli  
Matthew Ells  
Allison Villalta  
John Reed  
**Hamburg**  
Brandon Mellerski  
Sandra Freitag  
Cassandra Brignone  
Sharon Meholick  
Larry Dubill  
**Iroquois**  
Lucyanne Gordon

Concert Two

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SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Carly Thomas, Conductor  
Bridgette Brooke & John Reagan, Co-Chairs, Pioneer

Pirates of the Carribean Klaus Bedelt/Ted Ricketts  
Farandole Bizet/Isaac  
Bacchanale from Sampson and Delilah Saint Saens/Isaac  
The Moldau Smetana/Richard Meyer

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Bill Cocca, Conductor  
Marc Bridon, Chairperson, Silver Creek

Breathing Fred Sturm  
Canal Street Commotion Mike Carubia  
Another Shade Of Blue Dick Fenno  
Big Noise From Winnetka Haggard/Paul Lavender  
On Broadway Mann/Higgins

CONCERT BAND

Dr. Carrie Pawelski, Conductor  
Sarah Roberts, Chairperson, North Tonawanda

Infinity Katajh Copley  
Dusk Steven Bryant  
Overture for the Winds Charles Carter  
The Boom-Boom Galop Randall Standridge



# THE CONDUCTORS

## 2025 NYSSMA ZONE ONE JUNIOR HIGH AREA ALL-STATE

### JUSTIN POMIELTARZ-Treble Chorus

Currently, in his 20th year of teaching at Amherst Central High School, Justin T. Pomietlarz serves as Director of Choral Activities and the Producer/Music Director of the Amherst Operetta Association. He is a graduate of SUNY Fredonia '97 (Music Education/Piano Performance) and '04 (Choral Conducting/Piano Performance). Prior to teaching at Amherst, Mr. Pomietlarz taught at Hauppauge H.S., L.I. (Suffolk Co.), Marion Jr./Sr. H.S. (Wayne Co.) and Rochester C.S.D. (Monroe Co.).



He was the recipient of the 2018 BPO/ECMEA “Outstanding Music Educator of the Year Award,” and previously was recognized as the 2013 Amherst PTSA "Outstanding HS Educator of the Year." He has been selected as “Teacher of the Month,” and is listed in “Who’s Who of American Teachers.” In 2018, the Operetta students nominated Pomietlarz for the “Excellence in Theatre Education Award,” sponsored by Carnegie Mellon University and presented each year by the Tony Awards.

Under his direction, the Amherst Concert Chorale has appeared at Carnegie Hall with National Concerts, MidAmerica Productions and Choirs of America, and locally with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Western New York Chamber Orchestra, the Camerata di Sant' Antonio, the Orchard Park Symphony and the Amherst Symphony Orchestras.

Justin and his wife Kristen also serve as co-Music Directors, Organist-Choirmaster of the historic Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Buffalo, where he conducts the semi-professional Chancel Choir, the Chapel Choir and oversees the Concert and Youth Choir programs. He resides with his wife Kristen, and daughter Lillian in Parkside, Buffalo.

### JAMES IEDA-String Orchestra

Violinist James Ieda hails from Angola NY, currently resides in Clarence with his wife and musical children. A Suzuki student from the age of 3, James was raised and coached by his music teaching parents Jim and Annette. James received a Bachelor’s Degree in Music Performance and Education from SUNY at Potsdam, and a Master’s Degree from SUNY at Fredonia in Violin Performance. With various performing groups, James has played concerts in Europe and Russia.



In 1996 James became the Director of the Secondary Strings Orchestra and a tutor at the St. Lucia School of Music. As a teacher in St. Lucia, James grew the program, arranged local folk songs for the orchestra, and his time culminated with a performance for Nelson Mandela. James was notable in orchestrating an exchange with

## MIXED CHORUS

Soprano Elizabeth Andol, Orchard Park  
Sarah Borowski, Pioneer  
Madeline Brecker, Springville-Griffith  
Vivian Burgler, Orchard Park  
Presley Caruso, Bemus Point  
Natalie Culverwell, Lockport  
Alana Gagliardo, Portville  
Cora Gembar, Orchard Park  
Morgan Griswold, Williamsville  
Sophia Hunt, Fredonia  
Emily Jakel, Orchard Park  
Giana Joseph, Newfane  
Mehreen Khan, Williamsville  
Kayla Klein, Pioneer  
Elizabeth Maxwell, Amherst  
Audrey McAfee, Southwestern  
Grace Pacillo, Lewiston-Porter  
Laine Pillittieri, Bemus Point  
Evelyn Prasad, Orchard Park  
Kendall Profic, Depew  
Melissa Reed, Orchard Park  
Lydia Rodgers, Orchard Park  
Zoey Sanders, Kenmore-Tonawanda  
Emily Saraf, Lockport  
Samantha Schilling, Depew  
Melina Singleton, Jamestown  
Claire Sobol, Orchard Park  
Gracelynn Stevens, North Tonawanda  
Lily Stranahan, Fredonia  
Charlette Totah, Royalton-Hartland  
Eva Triplet, Depew  
Maddison Tucker, Portville  
Mara Vivian, Orchard Park  
Ariane Watts, Barker

Alto Kathleen Andriaccio, Orchard Park  
Dylan Bielec, Lewiston-Porter  
Xavier Deschamps, North Tonawanda  
Millie Favaro, Amherst  
Hudson Forness-Thomas, Portville  
Grace Gabel, North Tonawanda  
Piper Gabel, North Tonawanda  
Theodore Georgian, Royalton-Hartland  
Jaycie Heck, Royalton-Hartland

*Alto cont'd* Naomi Hester, Amherst  
Elizabeth Kaminski, Depew  
Reagan Knavel, Orchard Park  
Cilas Koslosky, Amherst  
Ryder Langworthy, Grand Island  
Madison Miller, Sweet Home  
Lily Nesselbeck, Grand Island  
Sawyer Overton, Orchard Park  
Kevin Pearson, Newfane  
Tatiana Piaschyk, Panama  
Kennedy Quinn, Orchard Park  
Addysen Sheaks, Amherst  
Alana Stanfield, Amherst  
Winree Steinwandel, Cleveland Hill  
Maliyah Stone, Cassadaga Valley  
Leland Suber, Bemus Point  
Joseph Taboni, Frontier  
Milo Wille, Fredonia  
Paisley Wilson, Bemus Point  
Eliana Wisnieski, North Tonawanda  
Adeline Wochensky, Springville-Griffith

Tenor Colin Abbey, Fredonia  
Chazz Bisbee, Sherman  
Cameron Bleech, Frontier  
Andrei Braun, Panama CSD  
Sasha Braun, Panama  
Maximus Brothers, Niagara-Wheatfield  
Logan Cruz, Wilson  
Andrew Doyle, Lockport  
K'adiyn Hardeman, Lockport  
Ryen Hebner, Southwestern  
Charles Higgins, Amherst  
Aiden Hobbs, North Collins  
Charles Hu, Williamsville  
Stone Kozlowski, North Tonawanda  
Lucius Kralik, Fredonia  
Oscar Lamb, Williamsville  
Jaxon Larson, Forestville  
Parker Liffner, Sherman  
Clarence Meredith, Sherman  
Elliott Millen, Lockport  
Zachary Odell, Panama

CONCERT BAND

<u>Piccolo</u>	Charlotte Wachowski, Cheektowaga-Sloan	<u>Trumpet 1</u>	Sarah Sigler, Southwestern
<u>Flute 1</u>	Sophie Stimson, North Tonawanda		Henry Galas, Amherst
	Charlotte Forman, Williamsville		Greyson Resch, West Seneca
	Julie Li, Williamsville		Carter Stachowski, Lancaster
	Reagan Pankow, Grand Island	<u>Trumpet 2</u>	Dylan Prior, Frontier
	Gracie Sigler, Southwestern		Jack Nelson, Jamestown
<u>Flute 2</u>	Olivia Chang, Williamsville		Ethan McMahon, Williamsville
	Adelynn Brown, Orchard Park		Clayton Best, Williamsville
	Addison Hitchcock, Williamsville		Alex Scanio, Williamsville
	Elizabeth Lehman, Grand Island	<u>Trumpet 3</u>	Dylan Shvimer, Grand Island
	Ellie Peckham, Buffalo		Isabella Emborski, Falconer
<u>Oboe 1</u>	Jane Shin, Williamsville		Chase Chudzik, Frontier
<u>Oboe 2</u>	Julia Mu, Clarence		Warren Case, Starpoint
<u>Bassoon</u>	James Hitt, Orchard Park		Jack Story, Clarence
	Hailey Foster, Williamsville	<u>Fr. Horn 1</u>	Madelyn Lehman, Grand Island
	Yuhan Yan, Williamsville		Khloe Kibby, Kenmore-Tonawanda
<u>Clarinet 1</u>	Grace Chough, Williamsville	<u>Fr. Horn 2</u>	Bradley Niles, Frewsburg
	Rose Antersol, Williamsville		Natalie Valint, North Tonawanda
	Hannah Nawotniak, Clarence	<u>Fr. Horn 3</u>	Charles Riolo, Williamsville
	Silvie Veatch, Hamburg		Lydia Witruke, Portville
<u>Clarinet 2</u>	Lilyana Desmond, Frontier	<u>Fr. Horn 4</u>	John Schaeffer, Amherst
	Beatrice Shickling, Lockport		Hazel Denecke, Williamsville
	Christine Li, Williamsville	<u>Trombone 1</u>	Lila Steinberg, Sweet Home
	Reese Mata, Frontier		Charlotte Dabney, Pioneer
	Mara Pernick, Lancaster	<u>Trombone 2</u>	Ciaran Brennan, Orchard Park
	Molly McCabe, Clarence		Noelle LaBarr, Fredonia
<u>Clarinet 3</u>	Aubrey Draudt, Frontier		Isobel Brundage, Grand Island
	Lindsay Kajdas, Williamsville	<u>Trombone 3</u>	Parker Watson, Pioneer
	Sienna Swain, North Tonawanda		Piper Haskell, North Tonawanda
	Lyllian Edwards, Royalton-Hartland		Calvin Schenk, Williamsville
	Karissa Curry, Kenmore-Tonawanda		Hunter Malik, Pioneer
<u>Bass Cl.</u>	Amelia Errington, Frontier	<u>Euphonium</u>	Sophia Wojcicki, Cheektowaga
	Anthony Piazza, Frontier		Joshua Haseley, Starpoint
	Adalynn Johnson, North Tonawanda		Marjorie Brown, Ellicottville
<u>Alto Sax 1</u>	Ryan Metzger, Hamburg		Gary Dent, Buffalo
	Thomas Hall, Sweethome		Chase Caldwell, Portville
	Sarah Ayadh, Kenmore-Tonawanda		Matthew Moore, Frontier
	Sophia Yu, Williamsville		Carter Petrie, Williamsville
<u>Alto Sax 2</u>	Owen Keating, Orchard Park	<u>Tuba</u>	Benjamin Brautigam, Fredonia
	Carson Dubel, Frontier		Larsen Eppich, Williamsville
	Preston Moore, Frontier		William Mitchell, Lockport
	Aston Seeley, Ellicottville		Benjamin Markiewicz, Orchard Park
<u>Tenor Sax</u>	Cullen Drake, Hamburg	<u>Mallets</u>	Alex Rupp, Pioneer
	Magdalene Scott, West Seneca		Oliver Stanbro, Pioneer
	Jacob Hoffman, Starpoint	<u>Percussion</u>	Connor Wolff, Niagara-Wheatfield
	Joseph Alessi, Cassadaga Valley		Alexandria Cumbo, Williamsville
<u>Bari Sax</u>	Yoamy Paulino-Lopez, Cheektowaga		Dylan Phillipps, Niagara-Wheatfield
	Lucca Lovullo, Williamsville		Madeline Teichman, Lockport
	Grayson Overton, Williamsville	<u>Timpani</u>	Ava O'Connell, Pioneer

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JAMES IEDA continued...

musicians from Soar Valley in Leister England, visitors from Venezuela, along with other numerous ventures including correcting the Carlos Mynns Orchestra. As a performer on the island, James worked at Sandals, Wyndham Morgan Bay, and The Royal St. Lucian to name a few. He was the violinist in the Calypso finals in 1997 with artist Tricky.

After leaving St. Lucia, Mr. Ieda took a job teaching elementary strings in Clarence NY; 1999 to the present. He's taught and coached chamber music at summer camps, done workshops locally and abroad, and returned to St. Lucia in 2018 to teach a summer music camp with his family. As a performer, James is the Concertmaster of a local professional orchestra, a local community orchestra and a section player in a local professional orchestra. He frequently performs weddings and other local gigs as a freelance violinist. Notable performances include playing with Phish, Kansas, Jackie Evancho, Frank Sinatra Jr., Hans Zimmer, Weird Al, The Eagles, and Stevie Wonder to name a few. He is a founding member of Queen City Strings, a local string quartet that plays professionally and pro bono.

In his free time, James is an avid Hobie 16 sailor, crew on a 31' Columbia sailboat, hunter, snowboarder, and Jeoper. He looks forward to continuing his travels, performing with his family, and spreading the gospel of music around the world.

KEITH ERSING-Mixed Chorus

Mr. Keith Ersing earned his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from SUNY Fredonia and his Master's Degree in Music Education from Florida State University, where he studied with renowned conductors Dr. André Thomas, Dr. Judy Bowers, and Dr. Kevin Fenton.



For the past twenty-five years, Mr. Ersing has served as Choral and Drama Director at West Seneca West Senior High School, where he directs six choral ensembles and the school's musical productions. He has been invited to conduct numerous county and Area All-State choirs throughout Western New York and recently concluded eighteen years as chair and co-chair of the ECMEA Vocal Jazz program.

In addition to his work at West, Mr. Ersing is an Adjunct Voice Instructor at the University at Buffalo's Department of Theatre and Dance, where he works with BFA Musical Theatre majors. Earlier in his career, he received the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and ECMEA Award for Excellence in Music Education and has since chaired that committee for the past decade.

Mr. Ersing has also been an active performer in Buffalo's professional theater community since the age of sixteen, appearing with companies such as Artpark, MusicalFare, Kavinoky Theatre, Studio Arena, Starring Buffalo, Alleyway Theatre, and more.

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### CARLY THOMAS-Symphony Orchestra

Carly Thomas is the Orchestra Director for Klem North and Schlegel Elementary Schools in Webster, NY, where she leads string students in ensemble performance and individualized instruction. With over 11 years of experience in the public school system and 15 years as a private instructor, she is deeply committed to developing young musicians.

Beyond the classroom, Carly is an active freelance violinist. She performs regularly with the Greater Rochester Women's Philharmonic, Center Stage Pops Symphony Orchestra, and the Bow and Aero Quartet, and has been a featured violin soloist for the Genessee and Middleport Community Choir. Her professional service include conducting the Niagara County Elementary Orchestra and presenting as a guest panelist at the annual New York State Schools Music Association (NYSSMA) conference. She is also a long-time member of the American String Teachers Association (ASTA).

A native of Middleport, NY, Carly graduated summa cum laude and with music honors from Nazareth College in 2014 with a B.S. in Music Education. She completed her M.S. in Music Education at Nazareth 2018. Carly enjoys spending her free time hiking, cooking, and making music with her wonderfully supportive husband, their daughter, Maeve, and their dog, Aurora.



### BILL COCCA-Jazz Ensemble

Bill Cocca is a retired band director from Springville-Griffith Institute where he served as high school band director, district music coordinator and boys soccer coach. He has performed with the Genesee and Orchard Park Symphony Orchestras, the Erie County Music Educators Wind Ensemble, and the Fabulous Moonlighters Big Band.

He is founder and director of the Springville Jazz Orchestra. Currently, Bill is the director of the Buffalo Silver Band (the only British-style brass band in Western New York) and performs regularly with the Bergholtz German Band, the Back Porch Brass, and the Kat Jones Jazz Combo. He resides in Springville with his wife, Wendy.



## STRING ORCHESTRA

Violin 1 Kara Bullard, Clarence  
Anna Domanowski, Frontier  
James Donnelley, Lewiston-Porter  
Jasmine Fan, Amherst  
Madalyn Ferguson, Fredonia  
Gavin Gawron, Clarence  
Mikail Gokce, Amherst  
Trevor Hittner, Hamburg  
Reed Hughes, Lockport  
Samuel Lee, Williamsville  
Ashley Li, Williamsville  
Gabriella Merheb, Grand Island  
Porter Nelson, Orchard Park  
Liam Pfeister, Williamsville  
Daria Popovic, Williamsville  
Liam Scully, Lewiston-Porter  
Alexis Staffeldt, Frontier  
Selena Sun, Williamsville  
Matthew Szumski, Amherst  
Autumn Xiao, Nichols  
Owen Zhu, Clarence

Violin 2 Alexis Bertozzi, Pioneer  
Paisley Chi, Williamsville  
Lily Doty, East Aurora  
Emily Farquhar, Iroquois  
Sarah Fiegel, Lancaster  
Michaela Haas, Fredonia  
Emiliano Ikonomou-Diaz, Williamsville  
Maddison Jensen, Pioneer  
Abigail Johnson, Amherst  
Madeline Miner, Amherst  
Aditi Myneni, Williamsville  
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Xavier Pralle, Amherst  
Cambree Punaro, Springville-Griffith  
Ben Rosinski, Orchard Park  
Hanna Suleiman, Sweet Home  
Carley Tucker, Orchard Park  
Aidan Wang, Williamsville  
Zimo Wen, Williamsville  
Leah You, Williamsville

Viola Iraj Ammananda, Clarence  
Alexandra Carowick, Grand Island  
Dylan Colosimo, Williamsville  
Bailey Fordham, Kenmore-Tonawanda  
Rei Fujiyama, Sweet Home  
Benjamin Lukin Johnson, Amherst  
Amelia Jowsey, Lancaster  
Charlotte Kaminski, Hamburg  
Iyla Katilus, Iroquois  
Zoe Moran, Williamsville  
Genevieve Musty, Eden  
Leah Renaud, Frontier  
Charlotte Selleck, Hamburg  
Lindsey Siekmann, Lancaster  
Emma Spielman, East Aurora  
Evelyn Zwack, Kenmore-Tonawanda

Cello Christian Billings, Williamsville  
Sophia Blackwell, Lancaster  
Abigail Coltoniak, Hamburg  
Brayden Flitt, Hamburg  
Nathaniel Huck, Clarence  
Haolin Jin, Williamsville  
Erika Lyu, Williamsville  
Christopher Makowski, Hamburg  
Devin Mania, Orchard Park  
Ezekiel Moran, Williamsville  
Tjorven Pralle, Amherst  
Adeline Ren, Williamsville  
Eleanor Seigel, Fredonia  
Thomas Selig, Clarence  
Jeffrey Syzmanski, East Aurora  
Calista Viljoen, Clarence  
Avery Voit, Buffalo  
Brielle Wilton, Pioneer  
String Bass Tyler Dege, Orchard Park  
Lorenzo Galante-Santa Maria, St. Josephs  
Luke Giambra, Grand Island  
Ray Gomez, Orchard Park  
Grace Jackson, Grand Island  
Ethan Kornacki, Sweet Jome  
Sandy Taber-Thomas, Buffalo  
Angelina Welgoss, Kenmore-Tonawanda



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*Violin 2 cont'd*

Sabreena Heim, Pioneer  
Andrew Karafa, Fredonia  
Austin Kremblas, Hamburg  
Mili Krishna, Williamsville  
Anthony Liang, Williamsville  
Vivian Lin, Williamsville  
Jack O'Donnell, Kenmore-Tonawanda  
Saheb Sarkar, Williamsville  
Mona Sengupta, Williamsville  
Olivia Seo, Williamsville  
Ezra Sikora, Canisius  
Hannah Spiering, Buffalo  
Elijah Zhuang, Williamsville

Viola Charles Bastedo, Amherst  
Kyra Chen, Williamsville  
Abigail Daserro, West Seneca  
Zeynep Demirbas, Williamsville  
Giuliana Gudleski, Amherst  
Piper Hein, Sweet Home  
Joowon Kim, Williamsville  
Hannah Klapper, Williamsville  
Lucius Kralik, Fredonia  
Ava Laporta, Orchard Park  
Iliza Mfizi, Frontier

Ruby Nixon, Orchard Park  
Gillian Rio, Buffalo  
Clare Shanahan, Springville-Griffith  
Saw Tort, Kenmore-Tonawanda  
Andrew Yuan, Williamsville

Cello Michel-lucien Bohlen, Buffalo  
Isabella Chen, Williamsville  
Grace Dobmeier, Iroquois  
Gellert Dorn, Buffalo  
Logan Ford, Lancaster  
Chase Galioto, Pioneer  
Noah Gammiero-Whou, Williamsville  
Justin Kim, Williamsville  
Henry Kreher, Clarence  
Regina Moon, Clarence  
Nora Nowakowski, Buffalo  
Seryna O'Connell, Pioneer  
Pranav Pradeep Togaleri Gowdra, Williamsville  
Zoey Ruppel, West Seneca  
Read Showalter, Clarence  
Cora Stephens, Sweet Home  
Colin Zhao, Williamsville  
Emma Zhou, Williamsville

**JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

Alto Sax 1 Ashley Erman, Depew  
Alto Sax 2 Lincoln Gampp, North Tonawanda  
Tenor Sax 1 J. Alexa Rullon, Cassadaga Valley  
Tenor Sax 2 Henry Rauber, Williamsville  
Bari Sax Braison Ivancic, Starpoint  
Trumpet 1 Aaron Karpik, Frontier  
Trumpet 2 Declan Hayward, Kenmore-Tonawanda  
Trumpet 3 Leo Kessler, Kenmore-Tonawanda  
Trumpet 4 Milo Backus, Portville

*Trumpet cont'd*  
Lillyana Everitt, Portville  
Trombone 1 Carmelo Giglia, Starpoint  
Trombone 2 Brecia Sena, Portville  
Trombone 3 Brennan Crahen, Clarence  
Trombone 4 Hunter Taylor, Frontier  
Piano Nathan Schallert, Orchard Park  
Bass Benny Keller, Williamsville  
Drums Ben Glover, Portville

**THE CONDUCTORS**

**2025 NYSSMA ZONE ONE JUNIOR HIGH AREA ALL-STATE**

**DR. CARRIE PAWELSKI-Concert Band**



Dr. Carrie Pawelski has been a music educator for over twenty years and has enjoyed working with students of all levels and ages throughout her career. She is the Director of Bands at Jefferson Middle School in her hometown of Jamestown, NY where she has created a thriving band program that has engaged hundreds of students. In 2017 she joined the faculty of SUNY Fredonia School of Music to serve as the director of the Concert Band. In addition, she has led the middle and high school bands at the Fredonia Summer Music Festival and has served on the faculty for a variety of conducting symposiums, Dr. Pawelski has written multiple chapters in the Teaching Music Through Performance series, as well as a chapter in The Conductor's Companion. She has conducted honor bands throughout the states of Texas, Arkansas and New York.

A highlight of Dr. Pawelski's undergraduate experience at the Eastman School of Music was studying trombone with Dr. John Marcellus who, along with tremendous talent, was known for his humor and "joie de vivre." She brings a similar cheerful and spirited energy to her students, helping to make art music more accessible for players and audiences alike. This approach informed her doctoral research at Arizona State University, where she explored how to make music education more relevant by building community and a sense of belonging through social justice work. Dr. Pawelski holds a B.M. from the Eastman School of Music, an M.M. from SUNY Fredonia, and a D.M.A. from Arizona State University.



TREBLE CHORUS

<u>Soprano 1</u>	Ariana Anderson, Grand Island	Desmond Campos, Nichols
	Katelyn Bender, Kenmore-Tonawanda	Gianna Cianflone, Williamsville
	Sophia Capalbo, Nichols	Sadie Dickerson, Portville
	Abigail Carmichael, Kenmore-Tonawanda	Simona Drumev, Orchard Park
	Casey Doolittle, Fredonia	Rylie Erickson, Frontier
	Charlotte Draper, Lewiston-Porter	Isabella Frankino, Frontier
	Lucy Elliss, Bemus Point	Rayna Gibson, Forestville
	Lauren Engler, Clarence	Zoe Gugler, Williamsville
	Abigail Gruber, Forestville	Olivia Hill, Orchard Park
	Bryn Hage, Amherst	Gabrielle Kleinmann, Frontier
	Lillian Harris, Fredonia	Abigail LoVullo, Nichols
	Ariana Harvey, Lockport	Abigail Lynch, Clarence
	Madysen Hebner, Southwestern	Alanna Marvin, Fredonia
	Karma Heglund, Southwestern	Danica Murray, North Tonawanda
	Luna Helferty, Newfane	Morgan Palmer, Salamanca
	Amelia Johnson, Royalton-Hartland	Emily Pike, Lockport
	Megan Kiel, Kenmore-Tonawanda	Veda Reddy, Williamsville
	Leah Masters, Newfane	Jane Rodgers, Amherst
	Ann Matney, Silver Creek	Mikaela Sciarino, Fredonia
	Makenna McCormick, Salamanca	Emily Scibilia, Lewiston-Porter
	Abigail Morrow, Lockport	Brynlee Shepard, Newfane
	Kara Olson, Lockport	Madison Snyder, Salamanca
	Jasmine Peggs, Barker	Lillian Sweitzer, Olean
	Penelope Perez, Sweet Home	Madison Talty, Orchard Park
	Jhaanavi Rakesh Kumar, Williamsville	Kasey Thering, Barker
	Colette Ruest, Lewiston-Porter	Melani Witherspoon, Southwestern
	Jillian Schimek, Royalton-Hartland	Madilynn Yeary, Amherst
	Aanya Sharma, Williamsville	Clara Yoshinaka, Amherst
	Lilly Shaw, Silver Creek	Elena Zinaja, Williamsville
	Adalyn Stellrecht, Fredonia	<u>Alto</u> Amani Abad, Williamsville
	Freya Till, Amherst	Yaeliz Alvarez, Brocton
	Brenna Tubbs, Frontier	Baker Averi, Niagara-Wheatfield
	Elizabeth Weiss, Clarence	Abigail Baetzhold, Williamsville
	Sophia Wittcop, North Tonawanda	Lottie Belding, Niagara-Wheatfield
	Madilynne Wolfe, Wilson	Ava Berg, Williamsville
	Natalie Wood, Amherst	Abbey Canfield, Sweet Home
<u>Soprano 2</u>	Layla Anthony, Lewiston-Porter	Ava Cavanaugh, Niagara-Wheatfield
	Shayla Bailey, North Tonawanda	Alaina Dickey, North Tonawanda
	Ella Bishop, Depew	Juliet Dimieri, Lewiston-Porter
	Amelia Borgisi, Kenmore-Tonawanda	Gwyneth Emborsky, Salamanca
	Lillian Bozek, North Tonawanda	Johnna Farrell, Southwestern
	Angelina Braun, Panama	Ashlyn Gabel, North Tonawanda
	Reagan Brown, Salamanca	Fiona Glieco, Amherst
	Ella Burnside, Fredonia	

Treble Chorus cont'd

	<u>Alto cont'd</u>	
River Goddard, Amherst		Lily Neuhaus, Grand Island
Sophia Hamlet, Brocton		Molly Russ, Sweet Home
Jaclyn Hanrahan, Springville-Griffith Inst		Eleanor Seigel, Fredonia
Maci Hill, Portville		Amelia Sperrazzo, Williamsville
Uma Honwad, Williamsville		Mia Sullivan, Cleveland Hill
Riya Kaur, Williamsville		Chloe Tytko, Silver Creek
Justina Lindow, Silver Creek		Dana VanValkenburg, Brocton
Mia Mancini, Depew		Rylee Weber, North Tonawanda
Marlowe McCarley, Lewiston-Porter		Lillian Wheeler, Lockport
Haydee Moore, North Tonawanda		Taylor White, Brocton
		Ella Wysochanski, Lockport

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

<u>Piccolo</u>	Averie Wahowski, Orchard Park	<u>Violin 1</u>	Violet Abar, Williamsville
<u>Flute 1</u>	Arianna Scanio, Williamsville		Lily Abdelwahab, Clarence
<u>Flute 2</u>	Sophie Scanio, Williamsville		Jennifer Cai, Williamsville
<u>Oboe 1</u>	Hadley Dahlgren, Grand Island		Autumn Ciminelli, Lake Shore
<u>Oboe 2</u>	Natalia Kalinski, East Aurora		Vera Coffee, Amherst
<u>Clarinet 1</u>	Hannah Witkowski, Akron		Olivia Dixon, Frontier
	Lily Sack, North Tonawanda		Marie Galluzzo-Aquila, Orchard Park
<u>Clarinet 2</u>	Ava Viola, Kenmore-Tonawanda		Shamus Hannon, Springville-Griffith
	Ainslee Taughrin, Lancaster		Ellie Hayes, Orchard Park
<u>Bassoon 1</u>	Lorelai Thomas, Cheektowaga		Rebecca Johnson, Grand Island
<u>Bassoon 2</u>	Sonya Zgliczynski, Lancaster		Tam Le, Frontier
<u>Trumpet 1</u>	Paul Schneider, Springville-Griffith		Jamison Lenz, Kenmore-Tonawanda
	Michael Whiting, Amherst		Lucy Lin, Williamsville
<u>Trumpet 2</u>	Grace Law, Grand Island		Ben Marrero, Orchard Park
	Bennet Weiss, Frontier		Shannon Norton, Grand Island
<u>Fr. Horn 1</u>	Kanaya Dave, Williamsville		Lola Schimmelpenninck Van Der Oye, Lewiston-Porter
<u>Fr. Horn 2</u>	Mitchell Meeks, Frontier		Peter Scott, Amherst
<u>Fr. Horn 3</u>	Dillon Moe, Fredonia		Aristea Theofilactidis, Jamestown
<u>Fr. Horn 4</u>	Anthony Essary, Lockport		Madelena Vredenburg, Williamsville
<u>Trombone 1</u>	Alan Ma, Williamsville		Justin Yu, Williamsville
	Raakin Rudro, Amherst		Angela Zheng, Lancaster
<u>Trombone 2</u>	Isaac Lamp, Fredonia	<u>Violin 2</u>	Olivia Barr, Grand Island
	Walter Lavin, Williamsville		Oliver Betts, Williamsville
<u>Tuba</u>	Tyler Bixler, Southwestern		Amelia Calos, Williamsville
<u>Percussion</u>	Kian Banifatemi, Clarence		Roman Clabeaux, Williamsville
	David Drier, Akron		Sophia Cleary, Clarence
	Nicholas Spaeth, Frontier		Grace Desmond, Frontier
	Daniel Welty, Starpoint		Waylon Fallesen, Lewiston-Porter
<u>Timpani</u>	Marta Macur, Nardin		