

# HIGHLAND PARK FINE ARTS

September 4, 2018



## Achievements/Events...

### FACULTY NEWS

- ✓ Welcome to the new HPISD Fine Arts Faculty... *HPHS*: Christine Hathcock-Director of Theatre, Anna Rossini-Associate Theatre Director; *HPMS*: Sarah Willson – Orchestra Director; Hunter Birkhead – Assistant Choir Director.
- ✓ Congratulations to Christine Hathcock for receiving the second endowed chair established by La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas entitled “La Fiesta Distinguished Chair for Fine Arts in Honor of Linda Raya.” Mrs. Hathcock has an extensive background in performance and film work as well as theater instruction in Pflugerville and Leander ISDs. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Boston University School for the Arts and her Masters in Fine Arts from Ohio University.

### BAND

#### HPHS:

- ✓ Congratulations to Peter Davies-oboe (12) who spent his second summer touring with the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO) with guest conductor Michael Tilson Thomas and guest pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet. NYO is sponsored by Carnegie Hall and free to all participants; NYO selects players from across the country. Following a three-week residency in New York with professional orchestral musicians, the NYO performed its annual concert at Carnegie Hall followed by concerts in Taipei, Shanghai, Beijing, Seoul, and Daejeon.
- ✓ TMEA Region 20 Jazz auditions are September 15 at Waxahachie HS. Good luck!
- ✓ Good luck to the HP DrumLine at the Plano Drum Line Competition on September 22 at Clark Stadium.
- ✓ Upcoming marching competitions are: Midlothian Marching Showcase on September 29, McKinney Invitational Marching Contest on October 13, UIL 5A Region Marching Contest at Jesse Owens Athletic Complex in Dallas on October 18, and Duncanville Invitational Marching Contest on October 20; times not available as of this printing. Best of luck!

#### HPMS:

- ✓ 7/8 band students attend ExtravaBANDza, a Region Band clinic, on October 20 at HPMS.

### CHOIR.

#### HPHS:

- ✓ Park Version performed for the HPISD Superintendent’s Convocation on August 16 in the HPMS Palmer Auditorium.
- ✓ TMEA Region 20 District Choir auditions are September 22 at DeSoto HS. Students who make the District Choir advance to the Region Choir auditions on October 20 at Waxahachie HS. Best of luck!
- ✓ HPMS Choir Department’s Pre-Game Fiesta Dinner is September 28 in the HPMS Cafeteria from 5-7 pm. Take-out dinner is available from 4:30-6:00 pm. Food is from Blue Mesa Grill; tickets are \$10. Raffle basket tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25. Chances to win a new 2019 Vespa are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Tickets are sold by any choir student, and dinner tickets are also sold at the door. All proceeds benefit the HPMS Choir program.
- ✓ HPMS Choirs Fall Concert is October 17 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Palmer Auditorium.



CHOIR, continued  
HPMS/MIS Choir:

- ✓ HPMS/MIS Choirs (6-8) Fall Concert is October 22 at 7:00 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

HPHS DANCE

- ✓ Highland Belles kicked off the first home game of the 2018 football season with its Annual Spaghetti Supper and Auction on August 31 in the HPHS Cafeteria. For the 23<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, the Belles partnered with Amore Italian Restaurant, and this year their presenting sponsor was The Program, HP's premier tutoring service owned and operated by Lori Langston. This year's theme was "You've Got a Fringe in Me," building on the team's 35 year spaghetti supper tradition, which is the Belles only fundraiser for bus transportation, props & equipment for performances, choreography, sound systems and competition expenses. The Highland Belles thank the numerous local businesses and friends who provided support through underwriting, auction donations, and raffle basket items.



HPHS DEBATE

- ✓ Best of luck to the debate teams in their upcoming debate tournaments: Grapevine HS – Sept. 7-8; Greenhill Fall Classic – Sept. 15-17; Newman Smith HS – Sept. 28-29; Heart of Texas at St. Mark's – Oct. 13-14; and Plano West Sr. High – Oct. 19-20.

ORCHESTRA

HPHS:

- ✓ Congratulations to Angela Wu (12) who was selected as an Outstanding Performer at the 2018 UIL State Solo/Ensemble Competition at UT Austin last May! Out of 25,000 musicians that performed from across the state, only 2-3% of soloists are chosen for this achievement of musical excellence. Ms. Cesario and the Highlander String Orchestra Program are extremely proud of her hard work to achieve this honor as a solo violinist.
- ✓ HPHS Orchestra is running concessions at all four performances of the HPHS Musical *Footloose*. All proceeds benefit the HS Orchestra program. Thanks for your support!
- ✓ TMEA Region 20 HS Orchestra string auditions are October 13 at Nimitz HS – good luck!
- ✓ Highlander Strings perform a Hauntcert in costume with the MIS/HPMS Orchestras in NorthPark Center on October 24 at 7:00 pm.

HPMS/MIS:

- ✓ TMEA Region 20 Middle School Orchestra auditions are October 20 at MacArthur HS. Good luck!
- ✓ HPMS/MIS Orchestras perform a Hauntcert in costume with the HPHS Highlander Strings on October 24 at 7:00 pm in NorthPark Center.

## THEATRE

### HPHS:

- ✓ HPHS Fine Arts Department presents the 2018 musical *Footloose*, stage adaptation by Dean Pitchford



*Footloose* the musical

and Walter Bobbie; based on the original screenplay by Dean Pitchford with music by Tom Snow and lyrics by Dean Pitchford. Kick off your "Sunday shoes" and you will be dancing in your seat to the stage adaptation of one of your favorite movies. Four performances are Saturdays, Sept. 8 & Sept. 15 at 7 pm and Sundays, Sept. 9 & 16 at 2 pm.

Tickets are on sale September 4-7 and Sept. 10-14 from 9 am – 3 pm as well as one hour before each performance at the HPHS Titus Box Office. Reserved seating is \$10 and general admission seats in the balcony are \$8. Cash or checks only; no reservations by phone accepted.

- ✓ HPHS International Thespian Society is selling Fan Mail at each performance of *Footloose*. Thanks for your support!

### HPMS:

- ✓ HPMS Playbill presents the fall play *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Performances are in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium on October 18 and 20 at 7:00 pm, October 19 at 4:00 pm and October 21 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.

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## A QUICK GLANCE AT UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS

### Concerts/Performances

*Red-HPHS events; Blue-HPMS/MIS events*

September 8, 9, 15, 16

HPHS musical *Footloose* – HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

September 8 & 15 at 7:00 pm; September 9 & 16 at 2:00 pm

Reserved - \$10; Balcony general admission - \$8. Tickets at HPHS Titus Box Office.

Concessions – HPHS Orchestra; Fan Mail – International Thespian Society

October 17

HPHS Choirs Fall Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

## Concerts/Performances, continued

*Red-HPHS events; Blue-HPMS/MIS events*

### October 18-21

HPMS Playbill *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* – MIS/HPMS Auditorium

October 18 & 20 at 7:00 pm; October 2019 at 4:00 pm; October 21 at 2:00 pm. Tickets-\$5.

### October 22

HPMS/MIS Choirs (6-8) fall concert – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

### October 24

HPHS Highlander Strings & MIS/HPMS Orchestra Hauntcert – NorthCourt in NorthPark, 7:00 pm

## Competitions/Other Events

### September 7-8

HPHS Debate – Grapevine HS

### September 15

TMEA HS Region 20 Jazz Auditions – Waxahachie HS

HPHS Debate – Greenhill Fall Classic (Sept. 15-17)

### September 22

HPHS Drum Line – Plano Drum Line Competition, Clark Stadium in Plano

TMEA Region 20 HS District Choir Auditions – DeSoto HS

### September 28

HPHS Choir Pre-Game Fiesta Dinner – HPMS Cafeteria, 5-7 pm; take-out 4:30-6 pm

HPHS Debate – Newman Smith HS (Sept. 28-29)

### September 29

HPHS Band at Marching Competition – Midlothian Marching Showcase

### October 13

HS TMEA All-Region Orchestra String auditions – Nimitz HS

HPHS Band at Marching Competition – McKinney Invitational Marching Contest

HPHS Debate – Heart of Texas at St. Mark's (Oct. 13-14)

### October 18

HS UIL Region 20 5A Marching Band Contest – Jesse Owens Athletic Complex, Dallas

### October 20

HPMS 7/8 Band ExtravaBANDza – HPMS, 9 am – 12:30 pm

MS TMEA All-Region Orchestra Strings auditions – MacArthur HS

TMEA Region 20 HS Region Choir Auditions – Waxahachie HS

HPHS Band at Marching Competition – Duncanville Invitational Marching Contest

HPHS Debate – Plano West HS (Oct. 19-20)

