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From the Principal's Desk for our LIHSA Families

November 6, 2020

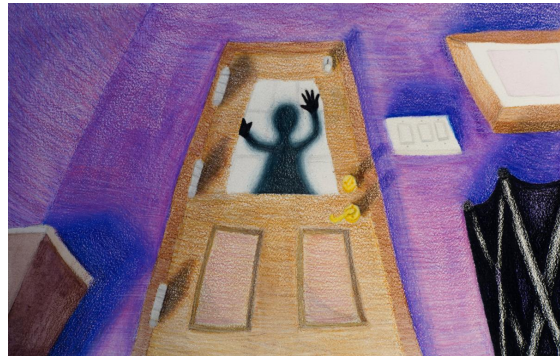
LIHSA Salutes our Veterans on 11/11/2020 Veteran's Day and Every Day!

A Glance into our Art Studio

Enjoy these beautiful images from our AP Drawing & Painting class.



Artist: Khair Hill



Artist: Alicia Amian



Artist: Arays Sarauz

LIHSA Alum Returns as a Master Class Artist

When AMDA generously offered to host an audition master class for students in Kimberly Larkin's Building Your Audition Book no one had any idea that it would also be an amazing coincidental reunion and homecoming via Zoom for LIHSA and (also AMDA) alum and Broadway performer Sean Samuels.

Kimberly could not be more proud of the incredible teacher Sean has become (he was her student while attending LIHSA). Sean spoke of his experience in the Broadway shows: *Tarzan*, *Curtains* and *Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark*.

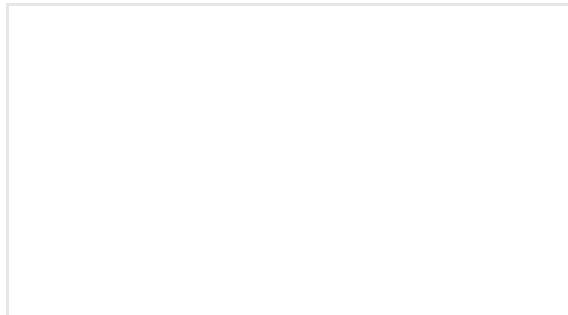
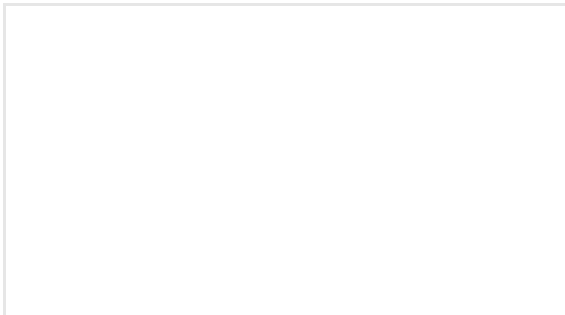
He is also an Emmy nominated actor for the YouTube show *Giants* which was recently picked up by BET.



The students got to share videos of their audition material and receive very helpful feedback and direction. Thank you Sean and AMDA for such an unforgettable experience for all involved!

He Had It Coming

Dance students this week stepped out onto our Seymour Weiner Theater stage to rehearse the *Cell Block Tango* sequence from *Chicago*. We can't wait to see this polished piece at our Winter's Festival on December 5!





New York Tenors and LIHSA's Francis Lees

LIHSA's own Francis Lees worked last weekend as Musical Director for five New York Tenor shows at the Avenel Performing Arts Center. His work musically supported the beautifully themed show for the three amazing singers: Daniel Rodriguez, the legendary singing 9/11 first responder at the Twin Towers; Christopher Macchio, who has performed as of late at the White House; and Mr. Andy Cooney, called by the *NY Times*, Irish America's favorite son. Each individually, are brilliant artists, but together form a formidable trio, and their concerts are filled with stories, songs and laughter that are thrilling and entertainment.



The fans at the Avenel Performing Arts Center were wowed with Broadway standards like the *Man of La Mancha* and *The Impossible Dream*; Americana favorites like *Hallelujah* and *Scarborough Fair*; original songs such as *I won't Turn My Back on You* and *New York in My Dreams*; an English lyric version of *Nessun Dorma* (the operatic aria from Puccini's *Turandot*, made famous by Pavarotti) and *The Amazing Granada*, sung by Daniel Rodriguez.

Francis Lees was a last-minute replacement for the Tenors' Musical Director who was diagnosed with COVID the night before the first of five concerts. He was asked to fill in because Andy Cooney of the New York Tenors and Francis

Lees have a known each other since their High School days. Andy met Francis in 1979 while they both attended St. Pius X High School in Uniondale. While Francis Lees went onto graduate from St. Pius X, Andy Cooney finished his High School education at Massapequa High School. Coincidentally, during Andy's time at MHS, Andy attended LIHSA (formerly known as the Cultural Arts Center), then located in Hicksville. One of Andy's educators at the time was Burt Michaels. Andy attributes his success in the music business to his exposure to the arts in LIHSA's Theatrical Department.

Andy Cooney, most known in the Irish and Celtic music scene has recorded 20 albums. He has in the last 5 years had number 1 singles in the Country Music scene in the UK and Ireland. This versatile vocalist and performer has a large fan base and has sold out Carnegie Hall 9 times.

High School connections can run deep!

Notes in Motion Fall Residency Concludes



This week marked the Indian Dance Class' final day with our Notes in Motion specialist Preya Patel teaching the fine points of classical Kathak Indian dance. It was a wonderful residency!

LIHSA Students Participate LI Regional Student Forum

Two of LIHSA's Student Council Co-Presidents, Shaakirah Nazim-Harris and Giannina Maresca, attended a virtual Long Island Regional Student Forum on November 6 co-sponsored by Long Island's three BOCES agencies: Nassau BOCES, Eastern Suffolk BOCES and Wester Suffolk BOCES.

The agencies designed the forum to hear from students throughout our region on important current issues that impact teaching such as social justice reform, social/emotional health, hybrid versus remote teaching and other topics. Our

students were active participants and enjoyed connecting with their peers throughout the Long Island BOCES world.



Clothing Drive!

Please bring your clothes donation to LIHSA now!



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MON. NOV. 2 - FRI. NOV. 20



(Virtual Coffee) with the Principal: A Focus on College Musical Theater Auditions

Please be sure to register to attend next week's Virtual Coffee with the Principal on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 8 am.

We are so thrilled to welcome back David Sisco & Laura Josepher, Authors of "Mastering College Musical Theater Auditions," to discuss the process and tips for your students college auditions.

[Click here for the registration page](#) to get the Zoom with the Principal link sent to you.



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November
12
8:00 am

DAVID SISCO & LAURA JOSEHER

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THEATER AUDITIONS"
WILL DISCUSS TIPS FOR MUSICAL
THEATRE AUDITIONS
(WITH RELEVANCY TO OTHER
PERFORMING ARTS AS WELL)

at our next (Virtual)
Coffee with the Principal



More College Resources For Parents: Financial Aid

Long Island High School for the Arts

Adelphi University

Financial Aid Presentation



Thursday
November 19th
9:00 am - 10:00 am

A Zoom link will be posted on the events calendar on the LIHSA web site as soon as it becomes available

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Adelphi University will provide a presentation on Financial Aid on November 19 from 9 am – 10 am.

[Please register for this session by clicking here](#) A Zoom link will be sent to you to participate.

November is College Information Month at LIHSA!

First up, we will welcome U of Arts on 11/13. All Students will attend through their Careers in the Arts class. The focus will be on the college process for artists.

We have more events planned for students throughout the month.

Don't forget to check out this great resource: [OnStage Blog's top 20 List of BFA Theatre Design and Technology Programs.](#)

Club Catch Ups

TreeRing

Our Yearbook club met this week with a representative from Tree Ring who presented on their innovative cloud based software.

The Theatermakers Summit

The TheaterMakers Summit is a gathering of the world's top theatrical talent for a weekend of education, inspiration, and connection November 14 - 15. In 2020, The TheaterMakers Summit will be held virtually with over 100 confirmed speakers and keynote speaker Christopher Jackson.



They have offered a discount code LIHSA100 for \$100 off. Click to purchase:

Link to

buy: <https://www.thetheatermakersstudio.com/summit>

Pre-Screens

Thank you to our PTSA for assembling information for pre-screen and editing options for students who want to create their pre-screen videos. Some students create their own videos with their phones.

For professional filming and/or editing options, [please visit their form on our website.](#)

Here on Earth Application Deadline November 7!

Applications for [Here on Earth](#), free online international

Climate Change Film program sponsored by Magic Box and the Chan Center New York, are **due by Saturday Nov. 7th!**

Young people in New York state and London will meet weekly for up to twelve weeks with professional media artists to explore the ocean and climate change through media arts.

The program will culminate with a virtual film festival of the students' works on Earth Day 2021.

Join young people aged 14-18 in London & Taiwan in a free, online media arts program!



Each group will explore the ocean with artists and scientists and create their own unique media artworks. The groups will share their work and experiences in a cross-cultural exchange. Finished films will be showcased on an interactive website, where viewers will be able to creatively respond to the films with their own poems, stories, and ideas using digital creative writing tools developed by the Wick Poetry Center at Kent State University.

Apply online by November 7th, 2020
hereonearth.world
Full tuition scholarship offered.
For more information, contact info@hereonearth.world



Revised NY State Travel Guidelines

Since our last newsletter, New York State Travel Guidelines have been revised. Please keep this in mind as you formulate Thanksgiving plans. And be sure to [visit NY State's website for future updates](#).

For general inquires contact the call the Hotline: 1-888-364-3065

Outside Clothing

Just a reminder as the temperatures chill, all students should have appropriate outside clothing with them. Health screenings are done outside daily and we regularly have fire drills too.



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