



Long Island High School for the Arts is a Nassau BOCES program



From the Principal's Desk for our LIHSA Families

March 26, 2021

Happy Spring Recess & Holidays!



After a cold and snowy winter, we have just completed the first full week of spring and are sending this newsletter out just as we begin our spring recess. Reminder: there is no school March 29 - April 2!

Whether you celebrate Passover or Easter, both or neither, whether you're staying close to home or visiting someplace new, whether you take a stroll around one of Long Island's beautiful outdoor spaces like [Sands Point Preserve](#) (pictured and click to learn more) or tend to your own garden, we wish you a happy and safe holiday week filled with a sense of renewal and rejuvenation. Happy Spring!

Women's History Month: Leandra McNair

We hope you enjoyed celebrating Women's History month through this series highlighting some of our LIHSA alums as much as we have. For this final piece this month, we spotlight Leandra McNair.

Leandra McNair is a R&B/Soul artist from New York. Leandra's music has been described as contemporary alternative soul with strong hip hop influences and a distinct jazz background. Leandra McNair's voice has been described as unique and incredibly effortless.

Leandra studied vocal performance at the prestigious Berklee College of Music. In 2015 Leandra had the honor of singing backup vocals for the legendary Debbie Sledge at the Standard Jazz club in Copenhagen. At the same time she performed her own show called The Late Night Soul Sessions with Ken Linh Doky. Later that year she was invited back to perform her own show at the Standard for a Nat King Cole Tribute with the legends Alvin Queen and Neils Lan Doky. Leandra's enjoyed a successful concert career, including taking part in the world famous Copenhagen Jazz Festival.

Leandra continues to release her original music and looks forward to performing live again very soon. Her latest EP "A Rose In Black" is currently available across all streaming platforms. Visit her website to hear her music and learn more leandramcnair.com



Spotlight On: Faculty Member Erik Chocianowski

Thanks to his broad and unique background, Erik Chocianowski teaches classes in two of LIHSA's CTE Programs: both Visual & Media Arts as well as Production & Managerial Arts.

With a Bachelors in Industrial Design and Masters in Learning and Emerging Technology, he is well known at LIHSA for being an out-of-the-box thinker, creator and problem solver.

[Read more about Erik, his background, and a look inside some of his classes in this week's blog.](#)



Last Saturday's Live Open House



Thank you to our teachers and staff who made last Saturday's LIVE Open House such a success. Special thanks to our Honor Society Students who supported the event and giving tours.

Each classroom gave attendees an opportunity to experience LIHSA's programs and disciplines. Pictured above is Dr. Dale Stuckenbruck in his classroom where he setup four computers in Logic and had them play simultaneous loops together. One computer was doing beat loops, another a Chinese violin (erhu), another a boys' choir, and the last one was a vintage synthesizer sound. In addition, he brought in a theremin (the only such instrument that is played without anyone touching it) and had the students play it as another beat sound to use in the room in an improvised way. This spatial design of computers is something students can only experience in a room with multiple computers. One could walk from one computer to another and feel how the sound changes according to one's proximity to the source.

Take a moment to listen to the extraordinary music of [Dr. Stuckenbruck performing a Bellini excerpt on musical saw.](#)

Artistic Residencies Continue: Joseph Baker

We were excited to welcome back Joseph Baker into our Creativity and Collaboration class.



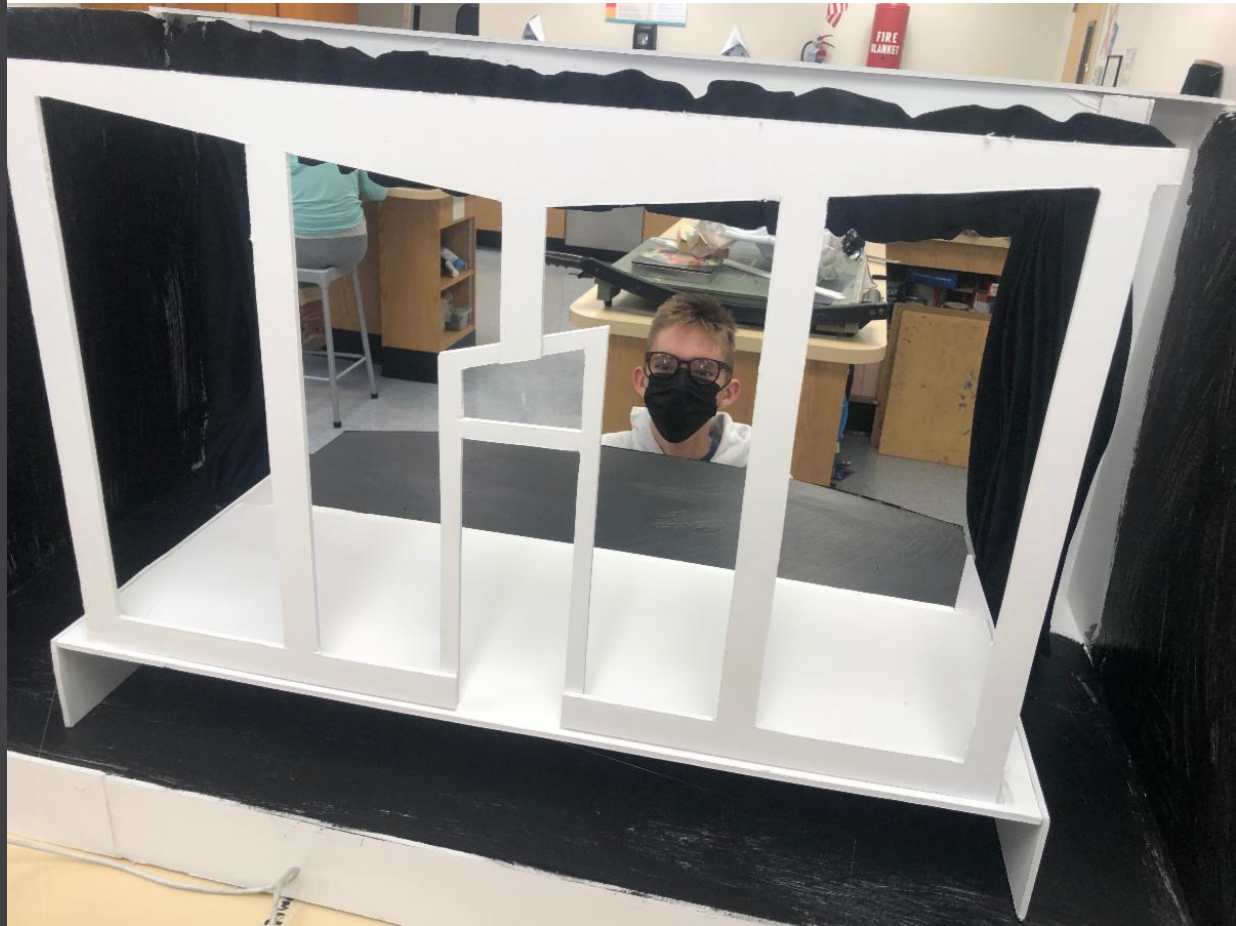
In the Classroom: Creative Drama



Our creative drama students worked this week on a technique called the Rashomon effect, which is a term related to the notorious unreliability of eyewitnesses. They played a scene from different points of view and needed to quickly access their characters and make choices to assist their scene partners. This was improvised and inspired by suggestions from the audience.

Students at Work

Thank you to Erik Chocianowski for sharing these photos that so beautifully showcase our students' work.









Congratulations Mark Cocheo!

Congratulations to Performing Arts Faculty Member Mark Cocheo & his wife, Tara, on the birth of their daughter Mila Rose!



Thespian Open House!

Our International Thespian Society students will be holding an Open House for potential Performing Arts students on Tuesday, April 6. Families who have Nassau or Suffolk based high school students who might be interested in LIHSA can sign up through the QR code below or by emailing Erica Giglio Pac at egiglio@nasbooces.org.



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THESPIAN SOCIETY

HONORING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN THEATRE

VIRTUAL
OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE THEATRE
AND MUSICAL THEATRE STUDENTS
GRADES 8-11



TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH

5:00 PM-6:00 PM

THE OPEN HOUSE WILL BE LED BY MEMBERS OF THE
LONG ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY, LIHSA THEATRE
FACULTY, AND ADMINISTRATION

Contact Erica Giglio at
egiglio@nasbooces.org or scan the
QR code to register



(Virtual) Open House: Monday, April 12

Our next Open House will be virtual on Monday, April 12th from 8 am - 9:30 am. Families who have Nassau or Suffolk based high school students who might be interested in LIHSA can sign up through the QR code below or [by registering here.](#)

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VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, APRIL 12TH

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PERFORMING ARTS



VISUAL & MEDIA ARTS



PRODUCTION & MANAGERIAL ARTS



EXPRESSIVE ARTS & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



GAME DESIGN



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Scanning the QR code below

using the camera on your cell phone



(Live) Open House Added By Popular Demand!

Last weekend's LIVE Open House was "sold out" and so successful, we added one more for Thursday, May 27 from 8 am - 11:30 am. Registration is **REQUIRED** and can be done through the QR below or [clicking here to register](#). Please -- spread the word!

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LIVE ON CAMPUS

OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, MAY 27TH

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM



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Summer Arts Academy's Classical Music Ensemble: Registration Open!

New for this year -- please join our Summer Classical Music Ensemble for students Grades 7 - 12. For more information, contact Erica Giglio Pac at egiglio@nasboces.org. Faculty for this Ensemble will include members of the Pierrot Consort; [click here to listen to the Pierrot Consort](#).

LONG ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

SUMMER ARTS ACADEMY

July 26–30

Grades 7–12

CLASSICAL MUSIC ENSEMBLE

String, woodwind, brass, and pianists will study and perform standard chamber music literature for string quartet, piano/string trio, and selected ensemble combinations such as woodwind trios and quintets and mixed chamber ensembles of strings, piano, and woodwinds. Non portable instruments such as piano, keyboards, amplifiers, and drums are on site, otherwise students should bring their own instruments. Faculty includes members of The Pierrot Consort.



For registration information contact
Erica Giglio at egiglio@nasbores.org



Supporting the Asian Community



All of us at LIHSA support the Asian community. Stand with us by [clicking here](#) to learn about Resources to Support the Asian Community in NYC and beyond shared by All-Arts.

Long Island Regional Virtual Student Forum



This week LIHSA Students Annabelle Lessser and Shaakirah Nazim Harris as well as Staff members Erica Giglio Pac and Melissa Stencel attended the Long Island Regional Virtual Student Forum. This forum, organized by all three Long Island BOCES: Nassau BOCES, Eastern Suffolk and Western Suffolk, brings together educators and students from across the region via Zoom to discuss their thoughts on the pandemic, hybrid and remote learning, and issues related to social justice.

Calling Artists: Poster Competition

An Island-Wide Call To Artists Ready To Make History

APPLICATIONS OPEN | DEADLINE MAY 17

LIAA (Long Island Arts Alliance) has joined a coalition of artists, arts councils and community leaders, to organize a poster competition in an effort to raise confidence in the COVID-19 Vaccine - with a focus on resonant works that engage diverse ethnic, cultural, and Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

Final selections will be presented in communities across Long Island in a COVID-19 vaccine confidence/awareness campaign.

Submission Deadline: May 17, 2021

Visit the Website: www.shottoreunite.org

Questions? Email: shottoreunite@gmail.com

Transgender Day of Visibility: March 31



As we approach Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31, we will take this

opportunity to restate that LIHSA is a safe and inclusive schools for trans students.

Thank you to [GLSEN](#) for sharing this important information: Trans Day of Visibility is an annual awareness day celebrated around the world. The day is dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of transgender and gender nonconforming people while raising awareness of the work that still needs to be done to achieve trans justice.

Right now, members of school communities can take these actions to help create trans-inclusive school environments, using these resources available for download:

- Educators, use our [gender terminology discussion guide](#) and [accompanying visual](#), plus our [pronoun resource](#)
- Students, check out our [Know Your Rights guide](#) to learn about your rights protected in school
- GSA members and advisors, check out our [guide on making student clubs inclusive](#) of trans and gender nonconforming students, as well as [this GSA activity](#) on telling trans narratives
- Advocates, use our [trans model policy](#) in your advocacy

Adelphi Prize for Leadership: An Opportunity for Garden City Juniors

Adelphi University Prize for Leadership:

Each year, the Adelphi University Prize for Leadership is awarded to high school juniors in recognition of their exemplary academic achievement and community service. Awardees will receive:



- An award of \$1,000 and an inscribed award;
- Two tuition-free courses at Adelphi University, over the course of the 2021 summer/fall and the spring 2022 sessions;
- Adelphi University library privileges; and
- An invitation to attend a dinner in honor of a leading scholar, artist or political figure who is visiting the University during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Prize for Leadership Eligibility

Applicants must be high school juniors and residents of Garden City.

Prize for Leadership Criteria

Applicants must:

- Show a record of superior academic performance, in relation to their academic potential
- Demonstrate exceptional leadership skills in voluntary pursuits and/or community service activities.

[Apply by April 22nd by clicking here.](#)

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