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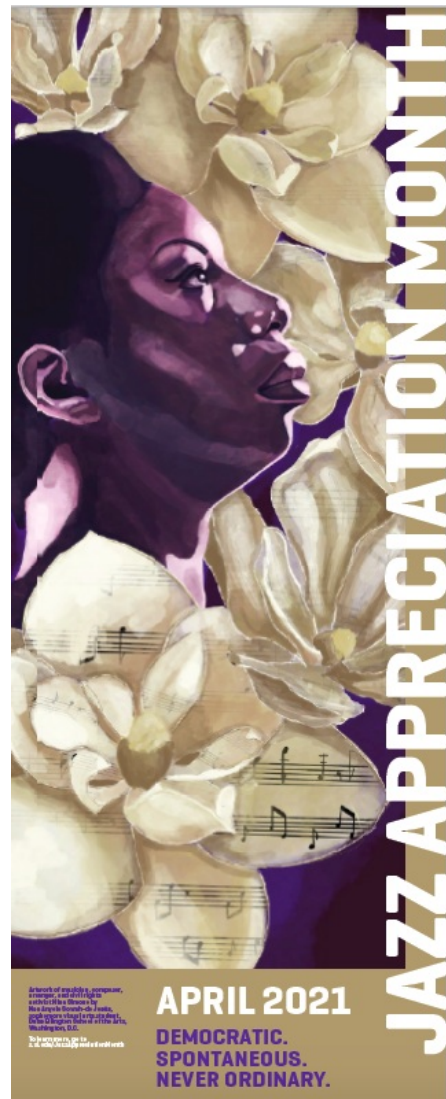
## From the Principal's Desk for our LIHSA Families

April 9, 2021

### April is Jazz Appreciation Month

April is Jazz Appreciation Month. We are happy to share this year's beautiful Smithsonian National Museum of American History official 2021 poster that features pianist, singer, songwriter, storyteller and civil rights activist Nina Simone.

Born February 21, 1933, in Tryon, North Carolina, Simone became enamored with music at the early age of three when she learned to play the piano by ear. She went on to study classical repertoire and aspired to continue her education as a concert pianist at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, but that future did not come to pass. An audition in 1954 at the Midtown Bar & Grill in Atlantic City, New Jersey, was noted as a defining moment in her career that introduced her talents as a pianist and singer to an unsuspecting and enthusiastic audience. Some of her many recordings include her debut album, *Little Girl Blue*, on Bethlehem Records; the 1962 live recording *Nina at the Village Gate*; and 1964's *Nina in Concert*, which famously addressed racial inequality. Simone received the Grammy Hall of Fame Award in 2000 and was inducted posthumously into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2018. Her 1964 performance of "Mississippi Goddam" was selected as culturally and historically significant by the Library of Congress in



2018 and included for preservation on the National Recording Registry. To learn more about Nina Simone, visit [ninasimone.com](http://ninasimone.com).

The artist for the 2021 JAM poster is Naa Anyele Sowah-De Jesus, a sophomore visual arts student at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Washington, D.C.

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### Art & Activism Culminating Project with Rich Garr



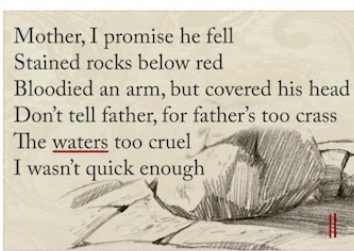




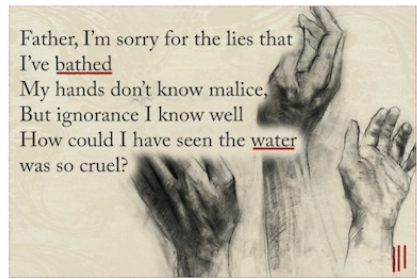
Brother, let's go swimming  
The creek rests still during solstice  
If we're back back before supper,  
mother won't even notice



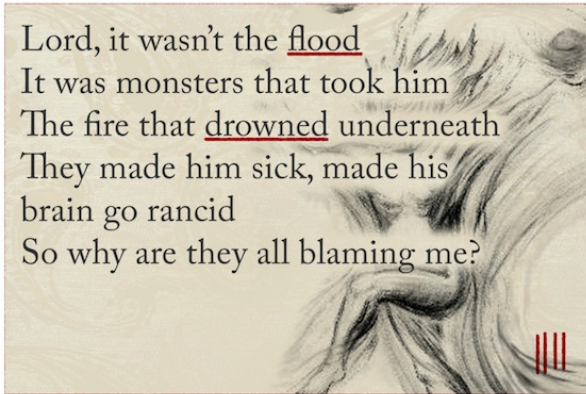
Mother, I promise he fell  
Stained rocks below red  
Bloodied an arm, but covered his head  
Don't tell father, for father's too crass  
The waters too cruel  
I wasn't quick enough



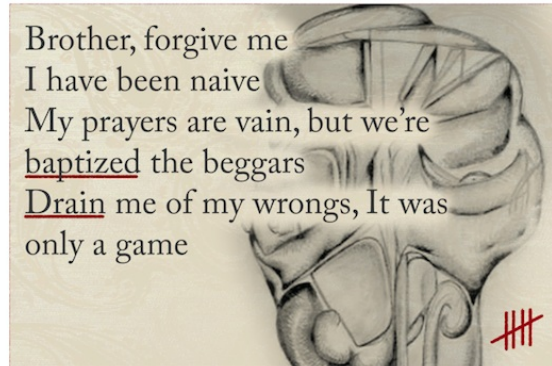
Father, I'm sorry for the lies that  
I've bathed  
My hands don't know malice,  
But ignorance I know well  
How could I have seen the water  
was so cruel?



Lord, it wasn't the flood  
It was monsters that took him  
The fire that drowned underneath  
They made him sick, made his  
brain go rancid  
So why are they all blaming me?



Brother, forgive me  
I have been naive  
My prayers are vain, but we're  
baptized the beggars  
Drain me of my wrongs, It was  
only a game



This week, our Art & Activism class had their final session with artist-in-residence Rich Garr. Throughout the sessions he introduced a slew of artists to the students, including taking them on a "virtual field trip" in the form of a customized walk around Manhattan's Lower East Side that included many artists, art forms, and issues.

Throughout the semester, Rich challenged the class to see how artists deal with specific issues uniquely and strategically through questions such as considering who sees art; how and why art is seen; what materials are used; and how do artists effectively engage a community. The took a closer look at artists like Elizabeth Catlett, Keith Haring, and Swoon to further investigate those questions and find their own unique ways to express personally meaningful issues through creation of a piece of public art.

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**Dance Open House on Saturday, April 10: RSVP Today!**



# LONG ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS



## VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE DANCE STUDENTS GRADES 8-11



# SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH

## 4:30PM-5:30PM

THE OPEN HOUSE WILL BE LED BY MEMBERS OF THE LONG ISLAND  
HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE  
ARTS & LIHSA DANCE FACULTY

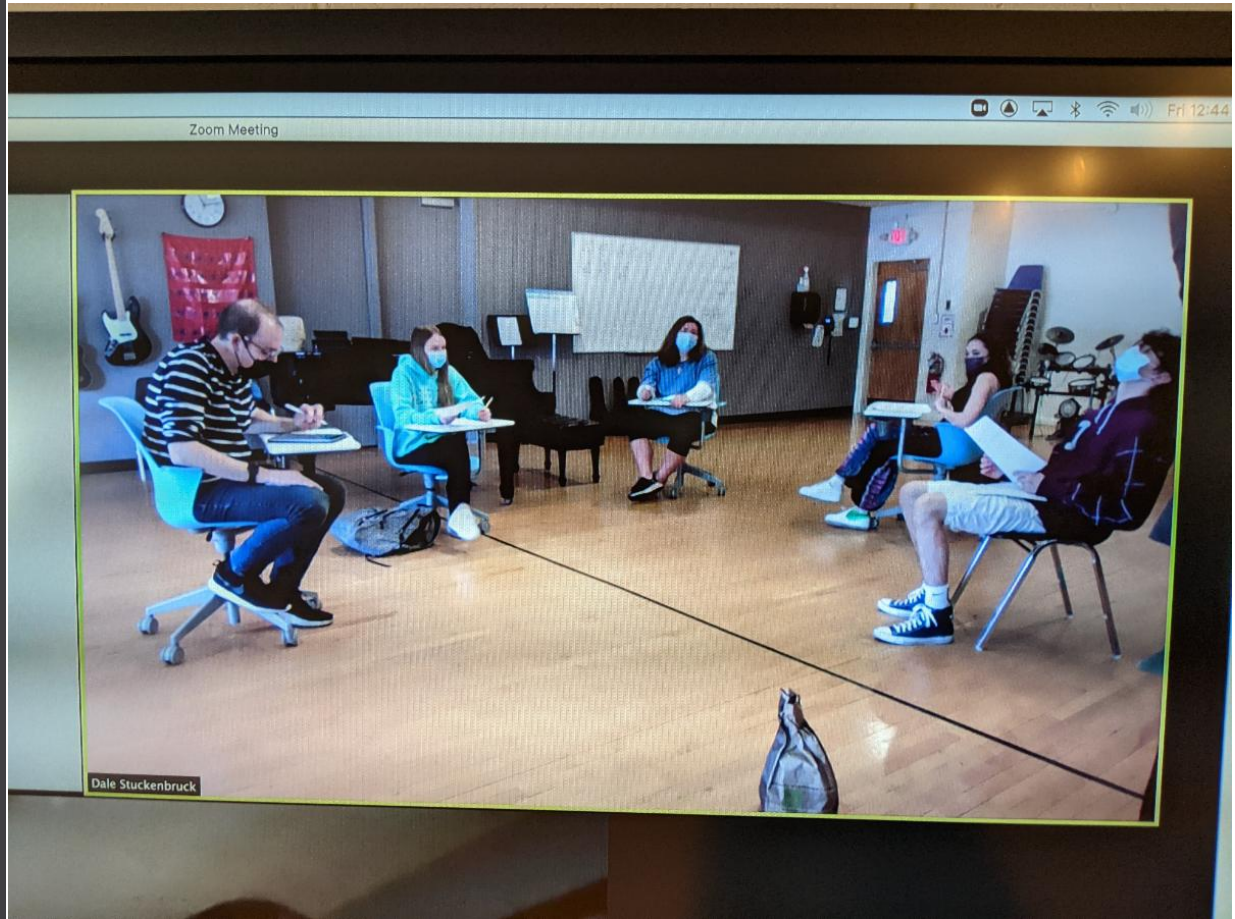
CONTACT MS. L'ETOILE AT  
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TO REGISTER



Calling all high school student dancers! Please join us on Saturday as our Long Island High School for the Arts (LIHSA) Dance Honors Society Members and Dance Faculty welcome you to an open house. Find out if LIHSA might be the

right fit for you to pursue your career in the arts! Register by emailing Ms. L'Etoile at [NLEtoile@nasboces.org](mailto:NLEtoile@nasboces.org).

## In the Classroom: Artist-in-Residence Matt Klunkel







Artist-in-residence Matt Kunkel brought clarity, great collaboration, and a thoughtful process for the students to write the lyrics that is reflective of their lives during this past pandemic year.

As a former LIHSA student, Director Kunkel understands what the students need to think about in creating both their short-term and long-term goals.



We are excited to see and hear the results of this process!

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## In the Classroom: With Guest Artist Josie McSwane



The Jazz II and Jazz IV classes were excited to have a master class with Josie McSwane, a NYC based dancer, choreographer, and singer.

She lead the classes through a Luigi style warmup and then taught a theater jazz combination to finish out the exciting class. We thank Ms. Josie for sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm with our LIHSA dancers!

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## In the Classroom: Creative Drama Class



Creative Drama Class took part in a power writing exercise this week to create a character from the inside out using a three-part system. First they answered a series of quick fire questions with one word. Next they wrote a character monologue in seven (yes, seven!) minutes. Finally, then created 3-5 bullet points that two characters shared and performed an improv two-person scene. This all took place in a single class period!

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## In the Classroom: Heather Conn





Heather Conn has been working with several of our classes. She is a certified yoga teacher, dancer with MOMIX, and a LIHSA alum.

Before spring break, she was a guest teacher in the Creativity and Collaboration classes, mentoring the dance students in their collaborative choreography process.

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### Take a Friend to Dance Day was a Success!



Congratulations to the Dance Department on a successful Bring a Friend to Dance Day last month!

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## Benefits for Getting Your Vaccination



**A safe and effective vaccine to protect against COVID-19 is now available.**



Learn how you can get a COVID-19 vaccine.  
[cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines)

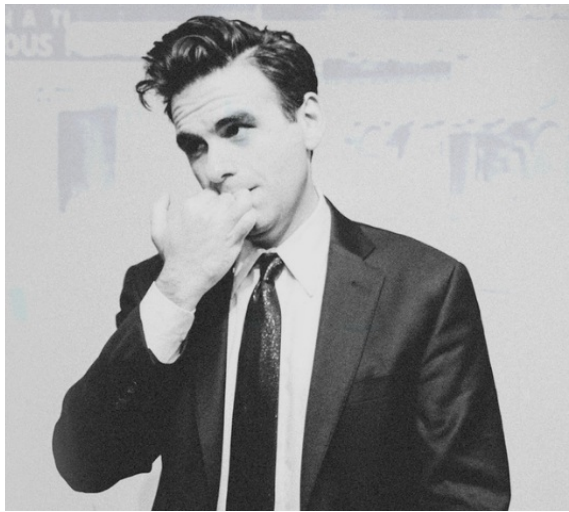
The CDC has issued guidance on the Benefits of Getting Your Vaccine. [Please read up!](#)

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**Joe Iconis at Adelphi**



In our 2019-20 Academic Year, our students worked with artist-in-residence Joe Iconis. Our friends at Adelphi Performing Arts Center is hosting Joe Iconis and Family as a streaming concert: airing April 11 and available for streaming through April 14. [Click here for ticket information.](#)



Tony nominated Broadway composer Joe Iconis (*Be More Chill*) has been called “The future of musical theater” by the *New York Times*.

Joining Joe will be Badia Farha (*School of Rock, Broadway Bounty Hunter*), Lorinda Lisitza (*Berlin to Broadway, Joe Iconis Christmas Extravaganza*), Lauren Marcus (*Be More Chill, The Jonathan Larson Project*), Will Roland (*Dear Evan Hansen, Be More Chill*), and Jason SweetTooth Williams (*Be More Chill, The Black Suits*).

The *Live from Adelphi* Concert Series brings Broadway and cabaret stars online for a series of concerts performed and streamed live at the Adelphi University Performing Arts Center on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. ET. The recording is then available until Wednesday at Midnight for those unable to watch live.

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

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](mailto:egiglio@nasbores.org)



New for this year -- please join our Summer Classical Music Ensemble July 26 - 30 for students Grades 7 - 12. For more information, contact Erica Giglio Pac at [egiglio@nasbores.org](mailto:egiglio@nasbores.org). Faculty for this Ensemble will include members of the Pierrot Consort; [click here to listen to the Pierrot Consort](#).

**Summer Arts Academy**



# LONG ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

# SUMMER ARTS ACADEMY



JULY 6–30  
GRADES 7-12

For additional information visit the LIHSA website at  
<https://www.longislandhighschoolforthearts.org/summer-program>



or click the QR code.

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Dance  
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Filmmaking



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LIHSA is happy to once again partner with Hofstra University to offer a four-week summer program in all of our artistic disciplines. The program will be held on our beautiful campus and is open for all students in 7 - 12 grades. [Information and registration is available here.](#)

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