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From the Principal's Desk for our LIHSA Families

May 14, 2021

Ramona's Gift to Music





On Saturday, May 8th three of LIHSA's music students performed virtually at the Ramona's Gift to Music Foundation Appreciation Concert. The featured students were Dylan Hazen (Guitar, Drums, & Keyboards), Jordan Moses (Piano), and Kevin Woska (Viola). Click on their names to see a short clip.

Three LIHSA graduates who were past recipients of Ramona's Gift to Music Scholarship also appeared during the event with testimonials of thanks to the RGM Foundation. The previous recipients are Alyssa Mener 2018, Marissa Ready 2019, and Kassidy Rieder 2020.

A Ramona's Gift to Music scholarship will be awarded to graduating LIHSA senior Dylan Hazen at our graduation video presentation!

Senior Speakers and Scholarship Winners!

Thank you to our students for their submissions to be our senior speakers(see process and criteria in our student handbook) and congratulations to our two Senior Speakers: Isabella Craven and Julia Davolio!

We are equally thrilled to announce scholarship award winners:

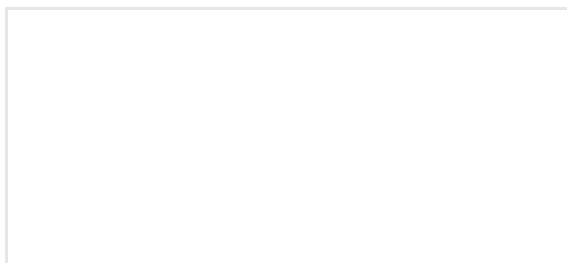
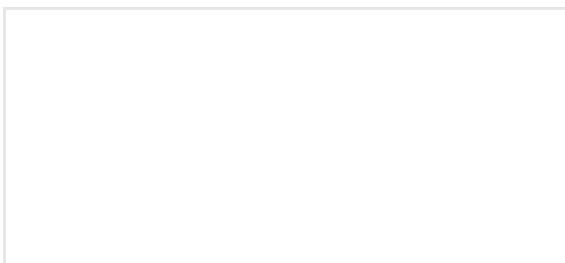
Ramona's Gift to Music: Dylan Hazen

Oyster Bay Arts Council: Shaakirah Nazim-Harris

LIHSA Scholarship Awards:

Giannina Maresca, Shoshana Markowitz, Ava Pappalardo, Peter Sansky-Traficanti, Anays Sarauz, Kevin Woska

The senior speeches and awards will be pre-recorded and all families will receive a link via Remind to watch its debut as well as a keepsake video and program. Thank you to our PTSA who also created wonderful lawn signs that will soon be distributed to celebrate this milestone for all our seniors!





Senior Speaker: Isabella Craven



Senior Speaker: Julia Davolio



Ramona's Gift to Music Scholarship
Recipient Dylan Hazen



Oyster Bay Arts Council
Scholarship Recipient:
Shaakirah Nazim-Harris



Senior Scholarship Recipient
Shoshana Markowitz



Senior Scholarship Recipient
Ava Pappalardo



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Anays Sarauz



Senior Scholarship Recipient
Kevin Woska



Senior Scholarship Recipient
Giannina Maresca

In the Classroom: Works in Progress



Photo: Alexa Mitchell



Photo: Ava Pappalardo, Secretary of LIHSA's National Honor Society for Dance Arts chapter



Photo: Nathaniel Eck, member of LIHSA's NHSDA



Photo: Isabella Craven, Vice President of our NHSDA, and Scholar-Artist

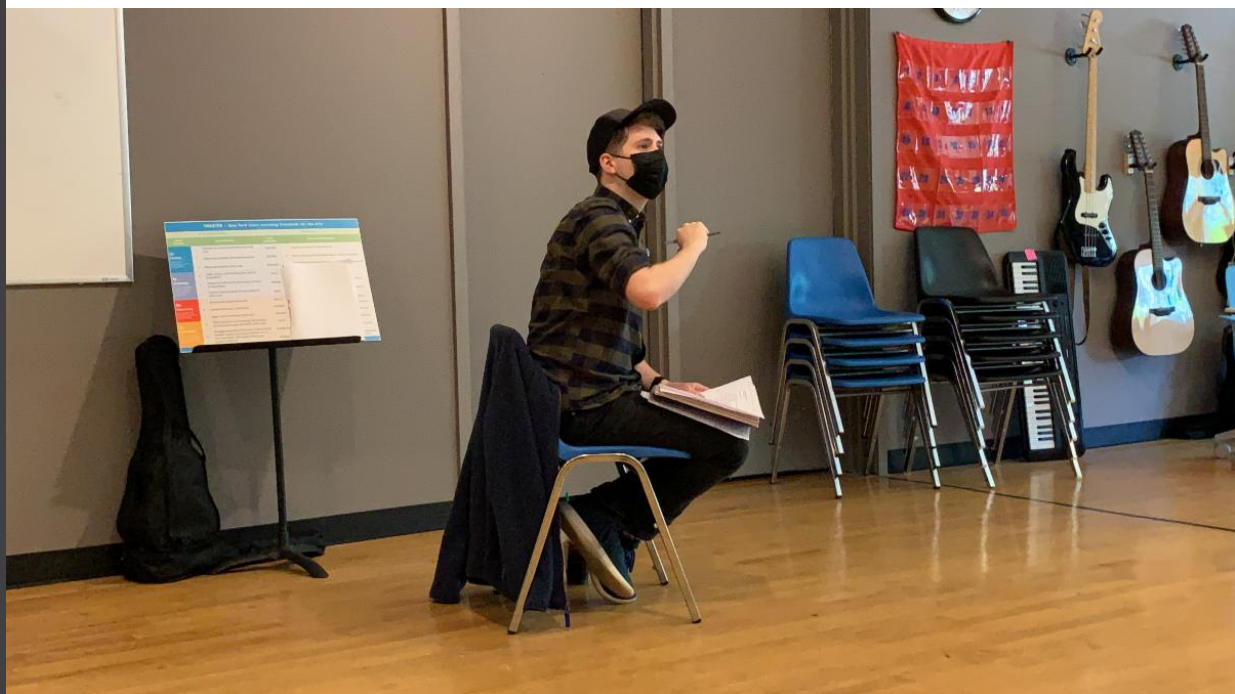
In Works in Progress, students explore their creative potential as a choreographer. They learn to justify their choreographic choices and explain how they are used to intensify artistic intent. They begin to understand dance as a vehicle for expression, making change and informing an audience. Students construct an artistic statement that communicates a personal, cultural and artistic perspective. Themes of the students' pieces this year explore a range of topics including relationships, the stress and fear of COVID-19, loneliness and depression, mixed emotions about graduating and going onto college, and the pure joy of exploring a new genre of dance for the first time. Selected pieces will be included in the Spring Festival.

Students present their pieces in a series of work in progress during various in-class showings with peers, mentors and teachers as support. This year students welcomed three mentors for six sessions: Amanda Selwyn, the Founder and Director of Modern dance company, Amanda Selwyn Dance

Theater; Chaz Wolcott, choreographer and director, Steps on Broadway teacher, and who has been featured on *So You Think You Can Dance*, Andrew Phillips, a world champion Ballroom dancer and choreographer.

A videotape of our Works in Progress performances will be provided to students' families.

In the Classroom: James Crichton



Actor, singer, pianist, theatre educator, and vocal coach James Crichton returned to LIHSA this week to coach our students. Pictured here, James gave one of our Activism & Performance finalists from the fall semester, Julia Davolio, some great pointers, emotional context and character development for her final performance in our spring concert.

In the Classroom: Costume Design







LIHSA students applied their skills and creativity to create Addams Family costumes. All of the designs are from the same pattern and altered to fit different characters. The students altered the patterns, cut out and assembled everything with sewing machines. We have costumes for Alice, Morticia, and Wednesday!

LIHSA Student News: Julia Davolio



Julia Davolio

You

Congratulations to Julia Davolio on the release of her new single. [Click here to listen!](#)

Important End of Year Dates!

It's a busy time of year. Please make note of these important end-of-year dates:

Friday, May 21: National Honor Society Virtual Inductions ([click here for flyer](#))

Monday, May 24, Tuesday, May 25, Wednesday, May 26 NOCTI Testing. Students will sit for the NOCTI Exams, an Industry Assessment aligned to their current CTE Programs at LIHSA. Tests vary in length and each discipline is at a specific time. Classes are in session when students are not in exams.

Thursday, May 27 - Friday, May 28 No Classes

Thursday, May 27: [Live Open House](#) ([click here for registration link](#))

June 1 - 14: Regular Class Schedule

Wednesday, June 9: Filming Senior Speeches and Scholarship Recipients. (No Make-Up Date).

Friday, June 11: Filming for Pre-Recorded Senior Walk. Seniors: Bring Your Cap and Gown. (No Make-Up Date).

Monday, June 14: Last Day of Classes.

Tuesday, June 15: Certificate Ceremony ([click here to read letter from Nassau BOCES](#); [click here to view invitation flyer](#))

Saturday, June 19: Virtual Spring Festival ([click here for flyer](#))

End of Year Field Trips

Field Trips



Students in our Visual and Media Arts program have the opportunity to take four field trips:

- New York Botanical Gardens for the Kusama Exhibit: June 1 (8 am - 2:30 pm). [Click here for the permission slip for this trip](#)
- Sands Point Preserve: June 2 (half day repeated for morning and afternoon students). [Click here for the morning permission slip for this trip](#). [Click here for the afternoon permission slip for this trip](#)
- A live Lower East Side NYC tour with our Artist-in-Residence Rich Garr: June 3 (8 am - 2:30 pm). [Click here for the permission slip for this trip](#)
- Parrish Art Museum for Lonnie Holley's artwork: June 9 (8 am - 2:30 pm). [Click here for the permission slip for this trip](#)

Jerry Nobile in *Newsday's* Faces of Long Island



It was so nice to see LIHSA's Jerry Nobile in the spotlight in Newsday's "Faces of Long Island" article. [Click here to read more!](#)

Casting Call!

NYC-based casting firm, Jennifer Ajemian Casting, is casting the film THE PRISONER, about a Central American migrant teenager who escapes a detention center and attempts to survive 'on the run' amidst the challenging terrain of the forests in the USA. The film has partnered with Film Independent, and has placed at a number of script competitions.


They are seeking non-actors and/or real families who are native Spanish speakers and are authentically either Honduran, Salvadoran, Guatemalan, or Nicaraguan descent.

The casting application form can be accessed [here](#).

LIHSA's Advisory

This week marked the final meeting of LIHSA's Advisory for this school year. This group of industry professionals have been instrumental in helping to develop our curriculum and work-based activities, including several members who also served this year as artists-in-residence: Cheri Walsh, Barthelemy Atsin, Todd Kamelhar, Ben Hagari, and John Marean, Jason Melker, Andy Friedman, Marjorie Jean Paul, and Dr. Sharon Marianetti-Leeper.

Calling Artists: Poster Competition Due May 17!



**DEADLINE TO APPLY:
MONDAY, MAY 17**

[APPLY NOW](#)

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

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