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

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

September 3, 2021

#### **Welcome From the Principal**

Welcome to our 2021-22 School Year! Here's to new beginnings!

Granted, new beginnings look a bit different than they did just two years ago. September 2019, a backpack, notebooks and a sharp pencil might have been the end of school prep. Now we can't dream of leaving without hand sanitizer and face masks as well. But, no matter how much extra "stuff" it takes us to get here, isn't good to know that we're leaving to come to Long Island High School



for the Arts and come <u>together</u>? Even 15 months ago, that instinctive activity - gathering - seemed like it may never happen again.

Each and every day I am grateful for the opportunity to come to Long Island High School for the Arts and lead this school with its amazingly talented student body. This school is a creative space for students to push themselves and develop and hone their artistic skills and find their path to a career in the arts. It's a safe space for all of us to be ourselves and support each other on all levels. It's a space that becomes like home - a place where we can all belong and become a community.

Welcome to Long Island High School for the Arts 2021-22 School Year. Welcome to the place where we all belong...together.

Dr. Chris Rogutsky

## **Photo Day!**

School photos will be taken in school during our first week - Friday, September 10th!



## **Safety First**

As you know for our school to stay open and for our students, faculty, and staff to stay healthy, we all need to work together to adhere to our safety protocols. Please note, facial masks and social distancing is required at all times. Please review Nassau BOCES Health and Safety Requirements.

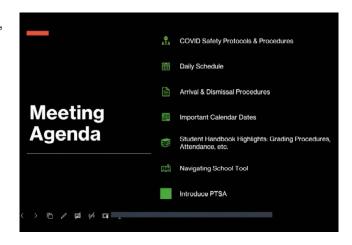
#### **Parent Orientation**

If you missed Parent Orientation, no worries - you can catch up with all you need to know:

Recording of Virtual Parent Orientation

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**Presentation** 



#### **School Clubs & Honor Societies**

We encourage our students to be active at LIHSA and offer a variety of clubs and honor societies for them to join. Clubs include GSA, Yearbook, and Student Council. Honor Societies include: National Technical Honor Society, National Society for Dance Arts, Tri-M (Music), International Thespian Society, and National Art Honor Society.

Please contact the club advisor for additional details and to sign up!





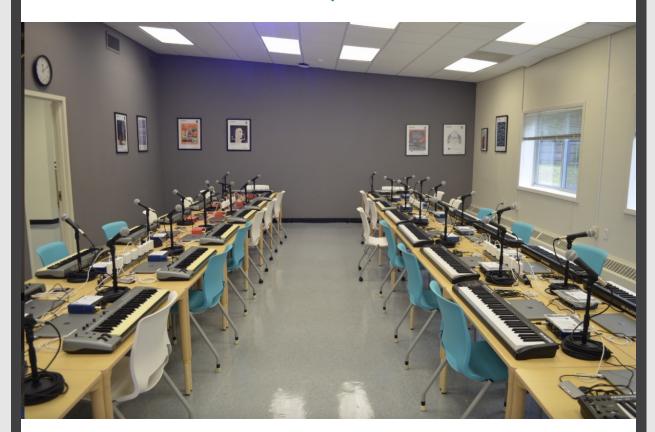
## **New Faces: Lindsay Rogan**

This fall we welcome new faculty member Lindsay

Rogan who will be teaching both English and Introduction to Acting Technique classes. She's what we'd call a quadruple threat!
Lindsay has a BFA in Music Theatre from University at Buffalo and MA in Educational Theatre and English Education from New York University.
Lindsay is a director and choreographer who has been working with students across NYC and Long Island preparing them for dance competitions, college auditions, musicals, and careers in the arts for the past 15 years. She is thrilled to join the LIHSA faculty! And we can't wait for students to get to work with her too!



## **New Spaces**





With thanks to funding from New York Community Bank Foundation, this fall we are debuting our Sonic Arts labs. Students in our Sonic Arts Program will be working in Classrooms that have been painted, carpeted, treated acoustically with internal recording spaces with brand new state-of-the-art equipment.

#### **Visits with Peter Wilson**

Peter Wilson, who was a 2020-21 artist-in-residence for LIHSA, returned this week to work with juniors on the college process.

Peter has a deep appreciation for high schools for the arts: he is a graduate of LaGuardia Arts High School with a concentration in visual arts and



began his career as a dancer. Peter has over 30 years advising students in all aspects of the college admissions process. For the past 18 years, he has directed the College and Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) programs at the prestigious middle and high school, The Baccalaureate School for Global Education, the first all-public International Baccalaureate School in New York City. Peter earned his Bachelor's Degree from Columbia University in Pan African Studies with a concentration in history and social anthropology. A member of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC), Peter's distinguished work has been recognized by Harvard University's Family Research Project and New England Counselors of Color Bridging Access to College (NECBAC). He is a seasoned professional

musician, performing in the NYC-based Hard Rock Band Four Trips Ahead. He was NY1's New Yorker of the Week in 2018.

#### **LIHSA Alum Return for Video Shoot**



LIHSA always treasures visits from our alum, and recently three our our recent grads returned to film a video. Please check out this blog for the scoop!

## **Summer 2021 at LIHSA**





LIHSA's Summer Program thrived this summer and filled our halls with incredible music, theatre, and art. Culminating performances of "Godspell" and a Classical Music concert were special highlights of our wonderful four week program.

Look out for Summer 2022 registration to begin later this fall and be sure to share information about our program with your network.

#### See You Soon!

Can't wait to see you when school begins Thursday, September 9, 2021! Have a good Labor Day weekend. And for all those celebrating Rosh Hashanah, wishing you a healthy & sweet new year!

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