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Weekly News for our LIHSA Families

May 12, 2023

LIHSA's Scholarship Gala is Tonight!!



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Scholarship Gala

A FACULTY & ALUMNI PRODUCTION

HONORING

MICHELLE & JEROME VIVONA

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023
ART EXHIBIT 6PM | PERFORMANCE 7PM

STUDENTS \$25 ADULTS \$35

DESSERT RECEPTION TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW

RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD AT THE EVENT

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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE LONG ISLAND
HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
ADDITIONAL DONATIONS WELCOMED



Please join us for our Scholarship Gala on Friday, May 12, 2023. This beloved annual tradition returns for the first time since the pandemic, combining a spectacular showcase of art and performances by LIHSA Faculty and Alumni with a fundraiser where all proceeds go to scholarships for graduating seniors. We are additionally honoring a couple who have meant so much to the school over the years - Michelle & Jerome Vivona.

Please purchase your tickets for this wonderful evening and/or make a donation toward scholarships by clicking here.

LIHSA Rocks NCC's ArtsAlive!



Another successful (and wonderful) performance by LIHSA students at NCC's Arts Alive.

Elizabeth Lynch (who took 2nd place in the NCC monologue competition) for performed beautifully on Thursday, May 4th.

On Friday, May 5th Charles Cerrito, Isabella Coles, Christopher Compono, Erin Gerasimovich, Tali Goldwasser, Logan Madden, Gretchen Murphy, Daniel Quick, Jenna Sambach, Matthew Scarlata, and Lars Sorensen performed "I've Just Seen A Face" (Paul McCartney) and Rumour Has It" (Adele & Ryan Tedder).

On May 6th Annika Bisogno, Christian Diehl, Melanie (Xaire) Romero, Ray Schwan, Arvinth Senthilvelan, Abigail Staudt, and Adam Tobar performed "Here Comes The Sun" (George Harrison) and "Don't Stop" (Christine McVie).

Important Dates

May 12 - [LIHSA Scholarship Gala: A Faculty & Alumni Production](#) **(Tonight)!**

May 24 - [Summer Arts Academy Virtual Open House](#)

May 24 - [Art Show Opening](#)

June 2 - [Spring Festival: Dance](#)

June 3 - [Spring Festival: Theatre & Music](#)

June 7 - Senior Day

June 9 - Last Day of School and Carnival

June 9 - Prom

June 13 - Certificate Ceremony

Decision Day!



The decisions are made! Our LIHSA seniors have some very exciting next steps ahead of them. [Click here to see more photos and read where they are headed!](#)

AP Artwork of Jenny Geismar



This week we're taking a look at the AP Artwork of Jenny Geismar, a visual art student from North Shore

[Click to read and see more of her work](#)

Education Partner Photos



Long Island High School for the Arts was thrilled that two of our educators, Erik Choicanowski, and American Ballet Theatre, were recognized by the Nassau BOCES Education Foundation as outstanding leaders in education. Both provide students at LIHSA with not only industry experience, but the technique that helps to unleash creativity and talent. We are so lucky to honor them both at the Education Foundation Awards Ceremony on April 27th.

[Click to see some photos from the event.](#)

Farber Awards



On May 5, eighteen exceptional Nassau BOCES

students earned the agency's prestigious George Farber Outstanding Student Award. These students have demonstrated a variety of remarkable attributes including talent, commitment, honesty, diligence, compassion and high moral standards.

Congratulations to LIHSA's own Scott Wong, winner of the 2023 George Farber Outstanding Student Award! This is a very competitive award and Scott's talent, character, passion, and good citizenship. Scott is a senior from Syosset.

LIHSA student Frank Guertin (Bethpage) opened the event by performing the National Anthem on guitar.

[Please click here to read more about Scott and his accomplishments.](#)



Long Island Thought Exchange



In May, Samantha Fales (Long Beach) joined our Guidance Counselor, Kenya Baloun, to participate in the Long Island Thought Exchange. During this virtual event, Sammie represented LIHSA to schools and participants through Nassau and Suffolk BOCES programs and reflected on the following topics: school safety, mental health and student wellness, student engagement and school spirit, and how BOCES programs are preparing students for life beyond high school. We are so proud of Sammie and her representation of LIHSA.

On the Town: An Offer from Adelphi!



Our friends at Adelphi Performing Arts Center are hosting an all-star cast on Saturday, May 13 at 8 pm celebrating the music of Jerry Herman and offering LIHSA faculty, students and families a special discount ticket of \$15 to attend.

You can't get more talent on a stage -- this show features Scott Coulter (award-winning cabaret artist), Jason Graae (*Forever Plaid*, *Falsettos*), Debbie Gravitte (Tony Winner for *Jerome Robbins' Broadway*), Kelli Rabke (*Les Misérables*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*) and Ron Raines (Tony nominee for *Follies*) with music by the North Shore Symphony Orchestra.

The music will be showstoppers and more from *Hello Dolly!*, *Mama*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Mack and Mabel* with a full orchestra.

Please use discount code JH15 for the \$15 tickets on line or at the box office:
<https://www.adelphi.edu/events/jerry-herman-the-broadway-legacy-concert/>

LIHSA's Roger Rees Nominees!

Two of our students were nominated for Roger Rees Award for Outstanding Performance in a Musical. We are so proud of them for their outstanding performances and

THE
ROGER
REES
AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE
IN STUDENT PERFORMANCE

professionalism. Kudos to:

Olivia DeMarco who played Jo March in *Little Women* at General Douglas MacArthur High School.

Lauren Marchand who played Elsa in *Frozen* at Jericho High School.

SkillsUSA - State Competition



Some of our students shared their thoughts about being part of the SkillsUSA State Competitions. [Click to read more!](#)

Spring Festivals!

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SPRING DANCE

FESTIVAL

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FRIDAY
JUNE

PERFORMANCE BEGINS AT 6:30PM

THE ROSALIND JOEL CONSERVATORY FOR
MUSIC & THEATRE

RESERVE
TICKETS HERE:



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LONG ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS SPRING MUSIC & THEATRE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD

THE ROSALIND JOEL CONSERVATORY
FOR MUSIC & THEATRE

5:30PM



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Please join us for our culminating Spring Dance and Music Festivals. [Click here for tickets!](#)

Open House for our Summer Program


SUMMER
ARTS
ACADEMY
 VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

15! FULL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 AT 6PM

LEARN MORE ABOUT
 LONG ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ART'S
 4-WEEK SUMMER ARTS ACADEMY.


 Click the QR code to REGISTER FOR THE VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

For more information:
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Please join us for our Summer Program Open House on Wednesday, May 24 at 6 pm. [Register for the Open House by clicking here.](#)

The Summer Arts Academy is held on the LIHSA campus, but registration is through Hofstra University. [To register for the program, please click here.](#)

15 full scholarships available for music and musical theatre programs from the Joel Foundation and that students from all districts on LI are welcome to apply!

Art Exhibition - Please join us!

LIHSA PRESENTS

ART

EXHIBITION

Art will be on display through June 13th at LIHSA's Certificate Ceremony.

RSVP here:

WED

MAY 24TH 2023

6

PM

AT ADELPHI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
1 SOUTH AVE, GARDEN CITY, NY 11530



Join us at Adelphi Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, May 24 6 - 8 pm for the opening reception of our LIHSA Art Show.

Please Participate in the Governor's Mental Health Listening Tour

Youth Mental Health Listening Tour



Scan to apply

Youth 13 to 17 (or 18 if in high school)!
Governor Hochul wants to hear from New York State youth about your mental health and well-being

Monday, May 15th • 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Nassau Community College,
Center Building, Multipurpose Room,
One Education Drive, Garden City, NY**

Join a group of fellow young people and New York State leaders to share your experiences and your recommendations for Governor Hochul regarding mental health

Participation is open for up to 60 youth per site. To read the FAQ and apply, visit <https://redcap.link/NYSYouth2023> or scan QR code above.

**Your voice is important
Apply Today!**



Office of
Mental Health

Office of Children
and Family Services

The NYS Office of Mental Health is holding a listening tour on behalf of the Governor. It is for 13 to 17 (18 if in HS) year olds. [Please click for more information and please consider participating.](#)

Long Island Scholar Artists Nominations Open!



Applications for the Scholar-Artist Class of 2023-2024 Are Now Open

Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2023.

Long Island Arts Alliance's *Scholar-Artist Awards* program, now in its 16th year, is a program that shines a spotlight on the incredible artistic talent that exists in Long Island schools. The program signifies to parents, teachers, the community, and to prospective colleges that a student is an accomplished artist in their field and demonstrates superior academic excellence. Further, it celebrates the hard work and dedication these students have put into their craft throughout their high school careers.

The Scholar-Artist Awards program recognizes students in the areas of:

- DANCE**
- MEDIA ARTS**
- MUSIC (INCLUDING COMPOSITION)**
- THEATRE (INCLUDING THEATRE TECH)**
- VISUAL ARTS**

PTSA Corner



The next PTSA meeting is on Zoom and the date will be announced soon.

Catching Up on Your Reading

Want to read an earlier edition of our newsletter? [Check out our newsletter archives.](#) [Or click here to see our blogs](#)

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