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FOR THE **ARTS**

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is a Nassau BOCES program.

## Weekly News for our LIHSA Families

May 19, 2023

### In the Classroom: Creativity and Collaboration in Theatre



Students in the Creativity and Collaboration in Theatre classes have been working with professional singer/songwriter Lindsay Whiteman to develop new songs based on popular children's books. They will be showcasing the music they created in the Spring Festival on June 3. "She gave me great insight on seeing how plays and songs are performed," says student Nia Amar. "She let us use our own ideas and helped us to collaborate. It was so helpful to get to understand the outside experience of the real world through hearing her stories. I hope one day I can be as successful as she is and hopefully work with her as a professional. Working with real professionals is one of the reasons I love coming to LIHSA." Lindsay brought down the house when she shared her own original piece, "Who am I to You?," with the LIHSA community at the Faculty/Alumni Gala on May 12.

**Out of the Classroom: A Field Trip to  
The Museum of Moving Image**



[Click to read about LIHSA Managerial Arts students' recent trip to the Museum of Moving Image.](#)

## Important Dates

- May 24 - [Art Show Opening](#)
- May 24 - [Summer Arts Academy Virtual Open House](#)
- June 2 - [Spring Festival: Dance](#)
- June 3 - [Spring Festival: Theatre & Music](#)
- June 5 - [Film & Media Festival](#)
- June 7 - Senior Day
- June 9 - Last Day of School and Carnival
- June 9 - Prom
- June 13 - Certificate Ceremony

## Students Shining: Evan Schombs



Congratulations Evan Schombs on his Long Island Media Arts Show nomination for his short film "The Other Side," a satirical retelling of the age old question of "Why Does the Chicken Cross the Road." There were hundreds of entries.

[Click here to see "The Other Side."](#)

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## Getting to Know You: Francis Lees



Whether you've been part of the LIHSA community for decades or for just a few months, there's a good chance you know Francis Lees. Or at the very least have heard his magical piano playing. Francis has been at LIHSA for 35 years and we are so lucky to have this talented musician making his mark on the keyboard and in our hearts. [Learn more about Francis by clicking here](#)

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**LIHSA's Scholarship Gala!**

*We did it together!*



**Thank you for your support**

**\$6,000**

**Together we raised over  
\$6,000 for the LIHSA  
Scholarship fund!**

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The Gala was absolutely glorious and successful! Thanks to your support, we raised over \$6,000 for the scholarship fund.

The talent, the love, the camaraderie in the room was extraordinary. Thank you to our Alumni Performers Elias Alfau, Megan Bush, Heather Con, Nathaniel Davis, Katelyn Harold, Al Marino, Edward Matthews, Vincent Ricciardi, Jaida Skye Rivera, Leigh Rynecki, Terrence Bryce Sheldon, Adianna Valentine, Elora Von Rosch, Lindsay Whiteman (resident artist), and Shaakirah "Yasmina." Thank you to our Faculty performers L'aura Bagdziunas (also an alum), Chris Brick, Kimberly Larkin, Francis Lees, Jerry Nobile, and Alex Vietheer. And, of course, we were thrilled to honor Michelle & Jerome Vivona.

[Click here to see photos from this spectacular evening](#)

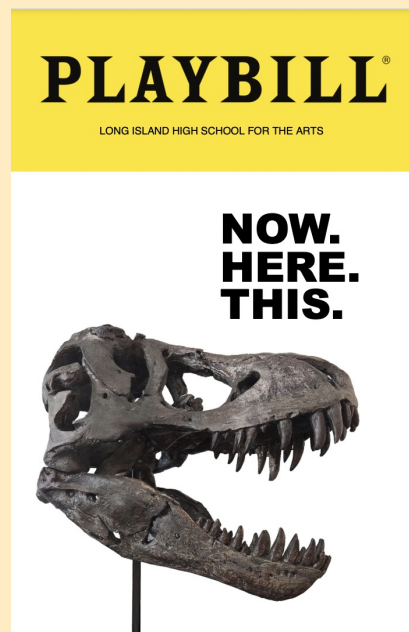
## LIHSA Students Shining!



On May 13th, 3D Animation students Kayla Belson, Madison Villalobos, and Stella Rinaudo were selected to present their animation class projects at the 2023 The Luminaries & The Long Island Media Arts Show Awards Ceremony at Five Towns College.

Congratulations to Madison Villalobos, as her animation won the award for Best 2D Animation!

**Now. Here. This.**



On May 9 and 10, audiences at LIHSA were transported to the American Museum of Natural History during the production of *Now. Here. This.* Under the direction of Chris Brick and Kim Larkin, students performed this musical revue centering around the Thomas Merton's idea of being full present in the "Now" and "Here" and accepting "This," even when the moment is not what you imaged it to be.

Students in the Musical Revue class worked with Francis Lees, musical director, on sequences that flashed back into each character's past and explored the odds of human existence. All of this was filled with upbeat choreography and unforgettable performances.

[Click to read some students' thoughts about being involved in the production.](#)

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**LIHSA's Film & Media Festival Announced for June 5!**



# LIHSA Film & Media Festival

Monday, June 5th @ 6pm

Huntington Cinema Arts Centre  
423 Park Avenue, Huntington



**RSVP here:**



[Click to RSVP to our Film and Media Festival on June 5 at Huntington Cinema Arts Centre.](#)

Spring Festivals!



# LONG ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

## 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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FOR MUSIC & THEATRE

**5:30PM**



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 AT 6PM

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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:

MAY 24TH  
2023

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**6**

**PM**

**AT ADELPHI PERFORMING ARTS  
CENTER**

1 SOUTH AVE, GARDEN CITY, NY 11530



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

**Alum in the News: Taylor Hogan**



We love seeing our talented alum get well deserved recognition in the news. Read about Taylor Hogan in [People Magazine](#) and then [check out this article](#). Taylor just released her new country single, "Shot of Whiskey."

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## Opportunities for Students

Team Nassau BOCES 2022 T-Shirt Design

**Contest ...** Calling all artistic Nassau BOCES students: Your T-shirt design could be the one that Nassau BOCES employees wear as they participate in the Marcum Workplace Challenge on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. The winner of the contest will receive a \$100 prize donated by the Nassau BOCES Educational Foundation! To enter, the student must return a completed [contest entry form](#) along with a design submission by Friday, June 2. The design should be no larger than 7" x 7", be only two colors and incorporate the [Nassau BOCES logo](#) (required).



## PTSA Corner

\*PROM is June 9th from 7:30pm to 11:30pm.

\*PROM tickets will be sent home during the week of 6/5.

***\*If you're able to donate/create, or know anyone who would be willing to donate/lend/create, centerpieces, balloons/balloon arches, or other decor for PROM, please contact Nicole Petracca at [eevore276@aol.com](mailto:eevore276@aol.com) asap.***



**The PTSA would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Staff Appreciation Brunch a success!**



**Eric Halvorsen:** fruit donation

**Lynda Parmley:** Dunkin' coffee and setting-up

**Petracca Family:** paper-goods, assorted treats, set-up

**The Crazy Bagel:** donation of bagels & toppings

**Starbucks Broadway Mall Hicksville Location & Store Manager Seth**

**Davies:** donation of coffee, tea, ice tea, cups, etc



During the PTSA meeting on May 16th, the following members were approved for the 2023-2034 school year LIHSA PTSA Executive Board:

**Patti Waite  
Yvonne Bush  
Joanne Diehl**

*We need a fourth member in order to fulfill the positions of the 2023-2024 LIHSA PTSA Board.*  
*If you are interested in holding a seat on the board, please contact Patti Waite or Nicole Petracca.*  
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