



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

## Weekly News for our LIHSA Families

October 27, 2023

### Dance, Dance, Dance



To coincide with LIHSA's fall open house on October 22, 2023, the National Dance Honors Society held a free Dance Workshop for prospective students.

Lauren Gilbert, a current 11th grade dance student from Kings Point participated on October 22. She said, "The Dance workshop at LIHSA is great – students get to learn so many new styles and expand their knowledge."

Kyleigh Harrison, a current 11th grade dance student from Levittown, also participated in the event and shared, "We talked about LIHSA with prospective students and gave the dancers a tour. We talked how the dance program works and how it's so good for students to learn new styles. LIHSA gives opportunities you wouldn't normally at home schools and studios."

## Important Dates

October 31 - PTSA Halloween Party (during school)  
November 3 - Stage the Change Conference at Tilles Center  
November 5 - LIHSA Music Ensemble performs at *Ramona's Gift to Music* fundraiser  
November 6 - Broadway Supports LIHSA (fundraiser/concert) 7 pm  
November 7 - No School (Superintendent's Conference Day)  
November 10 - No School (Veterans Day observed)  
November 16 - Dance Buddies Rehearsal (10:30 am)  
November 17 - MP1 Report Cards Released to Students  
November 22 - Student Showcase 9:30 am and 1:30 pm  
November 23 & 24 - No School (Thanksgiving Recess)  
December 3 - Holiday Caroling at Old Westbury Gardens 11 am  
December 6 - Open House 6 pm  
December 8 - LIHSA Opens for the Rockettes! Radio City Music Hall 10 am  
December 21 - Alumni Day 9 am - 1:30 pm

## In the Classroom with Louis D'Amato



Students in the Digital Studio & Art History classes have been working with

master artist Louis D'Amato, a photographer and graphic designer for leading modeling agencies. LIHSA's young Visual Artists are learning to navigate the intricate details of InDesign as they create magazine covers. Louis has been providing students with invaluable insight as to how graphic designers visualize concepts and execute them in the most effective way.

"Louis is very knowledgeable," says Ausar Johnson, a Visual Arts student. "I can really talk with him about anything in the art field in general and what decisions I should make. He gives great feedback. He has helped inspire me and I learned a lot about InDesign from him."

"Working with professionals in the art world really helps me have a diverse experience," Ausar adds. "It allows me to see the many fields within the art world that are available to me. Coming to LIHSA offers me so much more variety and a more in-depth education and background."

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## Dance Buddies Kicks Off



The very special Dance Buddies program started for the school year with a rehearsal in October. Students from Rosemary Kennedy came to LIHSA and all students had a wonderful time meeting their new buddies and learning new choreography. Led by Lindsay Rogan (Assistant Principal) and Natalie L'Etoile (Dance Faculty) at LIHSA, it was nothing but smiles as the group danced to Motown music. [Click to read our blog and see more photos](#)

### Broadway Supports LIHSA

**BROADWAY** Supports THE LONG ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS



Broadway Supports LIHSA (BSL) - on Monday, November 6 - is a one-night only event created especially for LIHSA. Co-producers and Co-directors Jerome Vivona and Stephen DeAngelis have been working hard behind the scenes to put together a spectacular night.

[Check out this vintage video from BSL 2017](#) to get a sense of the truly amazing night that is in store.

The 2023 full cast list will be announced soon, but we can share that these celebrities will be performing:

- Emily Bautista (*Miss Saigon; Les Miserables*)
- Diane Phelan (*Into the Woods; The King and I*)
- Jelani Remy (*Back To the Future: The Musical; Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of the Temptations; The Lion King*)
- Josh Tower (*Hamilton; Motown: The Musical; School of Rock; Ragtime*)

All proceeds support LIHSA. Tickets are now on sale and are selling fast!  
[Click here to buy yours!](#)

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**Broadway Supports LIHSA: Food Donations Needed**



Please consider donating healthy, nut-free snacks to feed our artists throughout the day at Broadway Supports LIHSA. Granola bars, popcorn, protein bars, pretzels, etc. would be a wonderful donation for our artists as they rehearse and prepare for the performance.

If you can make a donation, please send it to LIHSA by Wednesday, November 1st - reach out to Patti Waite as soon as possible: [Patti.Waite@gmail.com](mailto:Patti.Waite@gmail.com)

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## Out on the Town

FOR OVER 30 YEARS, OUR FOUNDATION HAS BEEN  
GIVING THE GIFT OF MUSIC TO YOUNG MUSICIANS.

# You're Invited

TO OUR FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**  
**1-5 PM**

*featuring performances by some of the students from:*

**SMITHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL • LIHSA • ROCK N ROLL U  
THE MUSIC ACADEMY FOR SPECIAL LEARNERS**

*and special guest, our headliner:*

**VAVOOM**

**89 NORTH MUSIC VENUE**

89 OCEAN AVENUE, PATCHOGUE, NY, 11772



We are thrilled to be invited to perform in Ramona's Gift to Music's Fall Fundraiser. Please join us on Sunday, November 5 from 1 - 5 pm at 89 North Music Venue in Patchogue.

Want to know more about Ramona's Gift to Music? [Please read our previously published blog about LIHSA Alum Michael Cuellar and the foundation he established in memory of his sister Ramona, also a LIHSA alum.](#)

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**Opportunities for Students**



25  
Performance  
Calendar

New Dances: Edition 2023 | Relaxed  
Performance

Friday, Dec 08, 2023, 11:00AM

Get Tickets

The Juilliard School is excited to welcome you to their first relaxed performance of the season, **New Dances 2023: Relaxed Performance**, held on Friday, December 6, 2023, at 11 am, on their main stage, the Peter J Sharp Theatre. Their Relaxed Performance Series is part of their commitment to make the arts at Juilliard more accessible to more New Yorkers.

[You can also find more information about this event by clicking on this link.](#)

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## Star-Spangled Alumnus





Last week, Long Island's own Piano Man (and LIHSA Benefactor), Billy Joel, was honored by the Town of Oyster Bay with a street naming dedication ceremony. LIHSA alumna Katelyn Harold sang the National Anthem beautifully at the event. [Click here to watch an instagram video](#). October 19 is now known as Billy Joel Day. Join us in a round of applause!

## Halloween at LIHSA

# HALLOWEEN at LIHSA

**TUESDAY, 10/31**

**COSTUMES AND CREATIVITY ENCOURAGED**

*NO MASKS OR WEAPONS PERMITTED.  
ALL COSTUMES MUST FOLLOW NASSAU BOCES DRESS  
CODE PROTOCOL.*

**THANK YOU TO THE PTSA FOR  
PROVIDING HALLOWEEN TREATS  
FOR STUDENTS**



We can't wait to see our creative students show creativity in their costumes on Halloween. Our PTSA will be on hand providing treats on the day. Remember - no masks or weapons and Nassau BOCES dress code should be followed.

## Flashback to 50



Enjoy this video message from three LIHSA alum - Olivia Ashley Reed, Christopher Hlinka and Alex Harrington – who were all part of a Broadway

## Catching Up on Your Reading

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