

Annual Music Awards



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A Message from Mr. Brownell

This was an interesting end of the school year, to say the least. For the past 49 years (ever since I was 5 years old), I have gone into a school building every spring – 18 years as a student and 31 years as a teacher. I miss it! Although we were unable to hold our Musical, Spring Concerts, or the Solo Festival, there were many activities that did occur – our Music Department Dance, Junior Area All-State, Pops Concert, Community Performances, Holiday Concerts, All-County, and Senior Area All-State. Although we are not able to hold our “traditional” Music Awards, we wanted to do something to recognize you. Please take a look at all the great work and achievements that you contributed to this year. Thank you for your diligence and passion for making music and sharing it with our school and community. We are planning many exciting events for next school year and look forward to seeing you all again soon!

A Message from Ms. Burress

I can honestly say that I never, in a million years pictured my first year in McGraw ending the way it did this year. Every morning during remote learning I wake up wishing to start my day with Concert Band first period in the auditorium with you all. Though our time together this year was cut short it doesn't change how very proud I am of all you have accomplished as an ensemble and individually this year. When I think about where we were our first day together in September to where we were in March during our final rehearsals together I beam with pride. You all have worked so hard as students and as musicians and for that I am truly grateful. I know that I often end my Google Classroom posts telling you all how much I miss you and I just want you to know how true that is. We only spent seven months together but you all welcomed me with open arms and made me feel like family. I miss starting my B days with all of your smiling faces, I miss laughing during rehearsals because I maybe didn't have enough coffee beforehand or in some cases had way too much, and most of all I miss making music with you all. The day that we're able to sit on stage and play the first notes of “MVP #2” again will truly be one of the happiest days of my life. Be well, stay healthy, keep smiling and keep playing! I will see you all soon!

Middle School Chorus

Mason Allen
Haylee Bassett
Brooke Batsford
Sarah Bergey
Gabriel Brown
Morgan Brown
Ryliegh Brown
Aubrey Burdick
Jacob Clark
Paige Clark
Aaliyah Davis
Micah Davis
Nathan Davis
Diamond Donnelly
Haleigh Eaton
Josslyn Eaton
McKenna Epp
Reese Fellers
Hailey Gale
Abree Galloway
Hailee George
Nicholas Giordano
Dalton-James Greene
Paige-Elizabeth Hallstead
Richard Harris IV
Zoey Howard
Meghan Hubbard
Shawn Johnson
Karissa Kullmann

Owen Lea
Thomas Lea
Mallory Libbey
Deacon Linn
Easton Livermore
Aaron Marshall
Emma Marshall
Caleb Marvin
Alexandria McCall
Delanie McConnell
Caleb Metzler
Ysabelle Miller
Zachary Moon
Blair Mulcahy
Myranda Murray
Leah Nauseef
Anthoni Nemecek
Adellah Okaru
Logan O'Rourke
Richard Osborne
Isabella Marie Petit
Robert Petit V
Isabelle Pitcher
Kaleb Ramey
Kamyren Randall
Jacob Rizzo
Cody Ross
Serenity Ross

Timothy Rupe
Alyssa Schmidt
Eden Sears
Kamden Sears
Racelynn Shellings
Raisha Shellings
Gabrielle Shute
Emily Smith
Zachary Snavely
Adrianna Stacconi
Tyler Stone
Hannah Storie
Evan Stupke
Drew Thomas
Emmily Thomas
Jordan Thorington
Zachery Thornton
Karleigh Ticknor
Mikenlee Ticknor
Xavier Towers
Jennifer Turner
Riley VanLiew
Casiana Vasquez
Zander Weeks
Allie West
Xavier Whible-Wright
Jamie Wright
Barrett Zogg

Middle/High School Concert Band

(In alphabetical order)

Flute

Gabriel Kahle
Ysabelle Miller

Violin

Eden Sears

Clarinet

Emily Doughty
Alexandria McCall
Hailey McCall
Casiana Vasquez

Alto Saxophone

Paige Simmonds

Tenor Saxophone

Neka Long

Baritone Saxophone

Drew Thomas

French Horn

Sarah Bergey

Trumpet

Blake Bergey
Hannah Fitzgerald
Michael Levitskiy
Deacon Linn
Zachary Moon
Logan O'Rourke
Timothy Rupe
Hannah Storie
Owen Thomas

Trombone

Richard Osborne

Tuba

Emily Smith

Percussion

Micah Davis
Mallory Libbey
Tehya Long
Brok Montesano
Leah Nauseef
Evan Stupke
Tehya Long

Officers

President – Michael Levitskiy
Vice-President – Brok Montesano
Secretary – Hannah Fitzgerald
Treasurer – Neka Long
Librarian – Paige Simmonds
Historian – Tehya Long
Grade 6-8 Representative – Drew Thomas

High School Chorus

Paris Allington
Julia Baker
Skyler Barrows
Jaydon Bassett
Eileen Batsford
Emily Benjamin
Jacob Bilodeau
Skylee Brown
Destiney Bussey
Julianna Button
Camdyn Caperton
Autumn Casterline
Seth Darling
Kyle Doty
Mason Eaton
Caleb Epp
Emily Fish
Hannah Fitzgerald
McKenzie Fuller
Julia Greene

Domonic Gulini
Matthew Heath
Noah Heath
Isabella Hernandez
Cassandra Hinkle
Rayevyn Hodgson
Arhionna House
Gabriel Kahle
Caleb Knickerbocker
Nolan Knickerbocker
Kaylee Lang
Michael Levitskiy
Neka Long
Caitlin Luzum
Nicholas Mancini
Destiny Mayr
Julianna Mayr
Hailey McCall
Brok Montesano
Abigail Morse

Julia Neal
Ashley Neff
Shauntell Nichols
Lilyana O'Connell
Jason Rude
Joseph Ryan
Greta Simmonds
Paige Simmonds
Liberty Sutton
Madison Sweeney
Kirsten Tetreault
Kobe Tetreault
Owen Thomas
Mariah Thompson
Sarah Thornton
Talon Tinelli
Antonio Underwood
Wanda Underwood
Lindsey Watrous
Steven Zogg, Jr.

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Jazz Ensemble

Alto Saxophone
Paige Simmonds

Tenor Saxophone 1
Neka Long

Tenor Saxophone 2
Emily Doughty

Baritone Saxophone
Drew Thomas

Trumpet 1
Michael Levitskiy
Hannah Fitzgerald

Trumpet 2
Blake Bergey
Zachary Moon
Owen Thomas

Bass
Tehya Long

Piano
Gabriel Kahle

Drum Set
Brok Montesano

Musical Production



Cast of Characters

(in order of appearance)

Bert.....	OWEN THOMAS
George Banks.....	BROK MONTESANO
Winifred Banks.....	CASSANDRA HINKLE
Jane Banks.....	KAYLEE LANG
Michael Banks.....	DREW THOMAS
Katie Nanna.....	PAIGE SIMMONDS
Policeman.....	NOAH HEATH
Miss Lark.....	LINDSEY WATROUS
Admiral Boom.....	MATTHEW HEATH
Mrs. Brill.....	HANNAH FITZGERALD
Robertson Ay.....	JASON RUDE
Mary Poppins.....	ASHLEY NEFF
Park Keeper.....	JAYDON BASSETT
Neleus.....	RYAN PARKS
Queen Victoria.....	RACHEL STONE
Bank Chairman.....	MATTHEW HEATH
Miss Smythe.....	TEHYA LONG
Von Hussler.....	TALON TINELLI
Northbrook.....	DESTIN ROSS
Bird Woman.....	HAILEY McCALL
Mrs. Corry.....	AUTUMN CASTERLINE
Fannie.....	JULIANNA MAYR
Annie.....	YSABELLE MILLER
Valentine.....	RAYEVYN HODGSON
Teddy Bear.....	MICAH DAVIS
Mr. Punch.....	STEVEN ZOGG
Doll.....	EDEN SEARS
Miss Andrew.....	NEKA LONG
Park Strollers, Customers, Kite Flyers, Sweeps.....	MORGAN BROWN HALEIGH EATON HAILEY GALE MEGHAN HUBBARD LILYANA O'CONNELL ADELLAH OKARU MARIAH THOMPSON

Production Staff

Producer/Music Director.....	MICHAEL W. BROWNELL
Director.....	PATRICK A. LEACH
Choreography.....	NIKKI ZECHES
Costumes.....	JACQUELINE NIVER
Set Construction & Crew.....	ETHAN BROWN with McKENZIE FULLER, ALLISON HINKLE, TEHYA LONG TRENTIN PLEW, MAVERICK STAFFORD & SARAH THORNTON
Fly Operator.....	ETHAN BROWN with MAVERICK STAFFORD
Scenic Painting.....	DREW DOMINESKE
Sound.....	RIVER MILSAPP
Lighting.....	MICHAEL LEVITSKIY
Spot Light.....	NICHOLAS MANCINI
Curtains.....	TRENTIN PLEW
Hair & Makeup.....	KATHY LITTLE & ALISON BONAWITZ
Playbill.....	ANDRE HAFNER with MATTHEW FARFAGLIA & CONNIE NEFF
Box Office.....	JULIE STEINHOFF with DARLENE WATROUS

Thanks to: Steve Stedwell, Bryan Thomas, McGraw Maintenance Staff,
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and the Village of McGraw

Pit Orchestra

Michael W. Brownell, Conductor

Flute, Piccolo.....	EILEEN ALLEN
Clarinets.....	LINDSAY BURRESS
French Horn.....	KIMBERLY SANDERSON
Trumpet, Cornet, Flugelhorn.....	BRANDON MANNING
Trombone.....	CORINNE BENNETT
Percussion.....	NICHOLAS MURRAY
Keyboard.....	LYNN KOCH
Piano.....	WILLIAM TEI
Bass.....	RONALD TONGUE

All-County

The Cortland County Music Teachers Association (CCMTA) sponsors All-County festivals.

The Elementary Band and High School Jazz Band Festival was held on November 7th at Homer Intermediate/Junior High School.

The Middle and High School Chorus Festival was held on January 10th, 17th and 18th at Homer High School.

The following McGraw students participated:

Elementary Band

Sarah Bergey, French Horn
Zachary Moon, Trummpet
Leah Nauseef, Percussion
Drew Thomas, Alto Saxophone

High School Jazz Band

Michael Levitskiy, Trumpet
Neka Long, Tenor Saxophone

Middle School Chorus

Aubrey Burdick
Micah Davis
Reese Fellers
Hailey Gale
Meghan Hubbard
Deacon Linn
Myranda Murray
Leah Nauseef
Eden Sears

High School Chorus

Paris Allington
Julia Baker
Julianna Button
Camdyn Caperton
Hannah Fitzgerald
Julia Greene
Rayevyn Hodgson
Gabriel Kahle
Neka Long

Hailey McCall
Brok Montesano
Abigail Morse
Ashley Neff
Jason Rude
Kirsten Tetreault
Kobe Tetreault
Owen Thomas
Sarah Thornton
Antonio Underwood
Wanda Underwood
Lindsey Watrous

Area All-State

The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) sponsors Area All-State festivals. Selection into these performing ensembles is based on scores received at NYSSMA Solo Festivals held throughout the state each spring. The counties of Broome, Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga, Tioga, and Tompkins make up our Area All-State zone.

The Junior Area All-State Festival includes students in grades seven through nine and was held on November 1st and 2nd at Ithaca High School. The Senior Area All-State Festival includes students in grades ten through twelve and was held on January 31st and February 1st at the Ithaca College School of Music.

The following McGraw students were accepted:

Junior Area All-State

Gabriel Kahle (Mixed Chorus)
Kaylee Lang (Mixed Chorus)
Hailey McCall (Mixed Chorus)
Owen Thomas (Mixed Chorus)

Senior Area All-State

Hannah Fitzgerald (Treble Chorus)
Brok Montesano (Mixed Chorus)
Ashley Neff (Mixed Chorus)

Scholar Musicians

The following students qualified as 2019-2020 scholar musicians by being a member of the band and/or chorus and achieving high honor role for the first three marking periods:

<i>Mason Allen</i>	<i>Rayevyn Hodgson</i>	<i>Hailey McCall</i>
<i>Blake Bergey</i>	<i>Meghan Hubbard</i>	<i>Ysabelle Miller</i>
<i>Morgan Brown</i>	<i>Gabriel Kahle</i>	<i>Abigail Morse</i>
<i>Kyle Doty</i>	<i>Kaylee Lang</i>	<i>Blair Mulcahy</i>
<i>Emily Dougherty</i>	<i>Owen Lea</i>	<i>Kamyren Randall</i>
<i>Josslyn Eaton</i>	<i>Michael Levitskiy</i>	<i>Eden Sears</i>
<i>Hannah Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Mallory Libbey</i>	<i>Greta Simmonds</i>
<i>Hailey Gale</i>	<i>Neka Long</i>	<i>Paige Simmonds</i>
<i>Domonic Gulini</i>	<i>Tehya Long</i>	<i>Drew Thomas</i>
<i>Richard Harris IV</i>	<i>Caitlin Luzum</i>	<i>Owen Thomas</i>
<i>Matthew Heath</i>	<i>Emma Marshall</i>	<i>Riley VanLiew</i>
<i>Cassandra Hinkle</i>	<i>Alexandria McCall</i>	<i>Lindsey Watrous</i>

Senior Recognition

Thank you to our graduating seniors for their service to the music department

Cassandra Hinkle

- Chorus
- Musical

Ashley Neff

- Chorus
- Musical
- All-County Chorus
- Area All-State Chorus

Lena Pitcher

- Musical

Trentin Plew

- Musical

Destin Ross

- Musical

Greta Simmonds

- Chorus

Maverick Stafford

- Musical

Wanda Underwood

- Chorus
- All-County Chorus