

Musical Notes

A Publication of BOPO: Band and Orchestra Parent Organization

IMD Calendar

Wed. Apr. 25, 7:30 PM
Concert: IMD Finale I

Fri. Apr. 27, 7:30 PM
Concert: IMD Finale II

Fri. May 04, 7:00 PM
Concert: Jazz Night

Mon. May 28, TBD (Morning)
UH Memorial Day Parade

Orchestra Dress Rehearsals:

Tue Apr 24 2:20-4:00pm:
Concert Orchestra

Thu Apr 26 6-7pm:
Symphony Orchestra

Band Camps Start Early August:

Drum Camp: Aug 6-10, 8:30am-4:30pm
Marching Band Camp:

- all winds and brass Wed Aug 8, 6-8pm
- new members Thu Aug 9, 9am-noon
- all winds & brass Thu Aug 9, 6-8pm
- all winds & brass Fri Aug 10, 9am-noon
- all MB members: Mon Aug 13- Fri Aug 18, 8:30am-4:30pm

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Senior Soloists in Spring Concert Finale

Two graduating seniors, Matthew Fields and Eva Bambakidis, will perform at the CHHS Instrumental Music Department's Spring Finale Concert, on Friday, April 27 at 7:30pm. Fields will perform the first movement of Concerto No. 9 in B Flat for Violoncello and Orchestra by Luigi Boccherini. Bambakidis will play the third movement of Dmitri Kabalevsky's Concerto No. 3 in D for Piano & Orchestra.

Eva Bambakidis began studying piano as a seven year old in Phoenix, Arizona. She continued her classical training in Cleveland with Mary Lambert and later with Emily Grabinski. She currently studies with Natsumi Shibagaki. Bambakidis has played cello since fourth grade, taking lessons from Julie King at the Music Settlement. Eva has been a recipient of the Music Settlement Fund for the Continuation of Musical Study for six consecutive years. She is playing in her third season for the Contemporary Youth Orchestra at Cleveland State University, and currently sits fourth chair. At CHHS Bambakidis is a cellist in the Heights High Symphony, and occasionally plays piano or percussion for Symphonic Winds. During her sophomore year, she was recruited as a pianist for the CHHS Jazz Ensemble and began studying jazz theory under Greg Slawson. Eva Bambakidis has also been a member of the CHHS Marching Band, and serves as the corporal of the trumpet section. She has participated in the Tri-M Music Honors Society for two years where she is Vice President of Finance. Bambakidis is also a part of National Honors Society, and joined swim team her senior year. She is looking to pursue a career in medicine, starting college this fall.

Matthew Fields began his cello studies at the age of six with Pamela Kelly and currently studies with Martha Baldwin, member of The Cleveland Orchestra. He has participated in master classes with Mark Kosower, Brett Mitchell, Matt Haimovitz, Paul Kushious, and Peter Salaff. Field is also in his fourth season with the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, where he has served as principal and assistant principal cello since the 2015-2016 season. He is also a member of their Advanced Performance Seminar. Fields has participated in several major instrumental groups outside of Cleveland, including the Interlochen Arts Camp, the Indiana University Summer String Academy, and the Green Mountain International Chamber Music Festival. In 2011, Matthew Field was the winner of the Cleveland Cello Society Elementary Division and in 2016 was a co-winner in the High School Division. Fields has also recently performed as a soloist with the orchestras of The Cleveland Institute of Music and the Suburban Symphony. For college, Fields plans to pursue a degree in music performance.



Spring 2018 Finale Concerts:

On Wednesday, April 25, 7:30 PM, Height Concert Band and Symphonic Band will perform *Power March* by Harold Bennett (arr. by Larry Clark), and *Starry Heavens* by Naoya Wada. The Concert Orchestra will perform *She Will Hang the Night with Stars* by William Hofeldt, and *M to the Third Power* by Carol Nunez. The combined Concert Orchestra, Concert Band & Symphonic Band will perform *Believer* by Imagine Dragons (arr. by D. Heim & S. Pharis).

On Friday, April 27, 7:30 PM, the Symphonic Winds will perform *Sound Innovations Fanfare* by Robert Sheldon, *Crossing the Bar* by Mia Yun & James Newberry and *Tempered Steel* by Charles Rochester Young. The Heights High Symphony will perform *Finale* from 'The Pines of Rome' by Ottorino Respighi, (arr. by S. Bulla), *Concerto No. 9 in Bb for Violoncello & Orchestra, G. 482* by Luigi Boccherini, movement I. Allegro moderato featuring Matthew Fields, violoncello, *Concerto No. 3 in D for Piano & Orchestra, Op. 50* by Dmitri Kabalevsky, movement III. Presto, featuring, Evangeline Bambakidis, piano, and finally, *Thunder and Lightning Polka* by Johann Strauss, Jr.

May 5: IMD Student Musicians "Labor Day" Fundraiser:

Students of the Heights High Instrumental Music Department will host a labor day offering their time and talents to help you with your Saturday-to-do-list on Saturday, May 5, 12:00-4:00pm. Email BOPOfundraising@gmail.com or call **216-973-6887** or to schedule a team of talented and eager student musicians to help with spring cleaning, yard work, run to the grocery store, or wash cars. Donations can be given to your labor day team or may be made at IMD Labor Day Headquarters at St. Paul's Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd, Cleveland Hts, OH on May 5, 12:00-4:00pm.

Dewey's Pizza Fundraiser Tuesday April 17, 4 to 10 pm

Join us at Dewey's Pizza on Lee Road for dinner and support BOPO! Check your email and bring your flier.

A Message from the BOPO Co-Presidents

Dear Band and Orchestra Parents: It's hard to believe but the school year will come to a close in just a few short months. Fortunately, we'll have lots of great Instrumental Music Department (IMD) events to finish out the year. In addition to our Spring Concerts, there is Jazz Night, our Awards Dinner and the Memorial Day parade. I know we sound like a broken record, but each of these events also provides a great opportunity to volunteer. If you haven't been able to lend a hand yet this year, now is a great time. We'll be sending out sign ups for concert hospitality, awards dinner arrangements, and water distribution during the parade. We will also need both student and parent volunteers for our upcoming 'Labor Day' fundraiser on May 5th.

Of course, with the close of one year comes the beginning of another. A big thanks to some parents that have volunteered to lead important BOPO activities : David and Saroya Tabor (tour), Concert Hospitality (Toni Thayer), and Patron Donations (Donna Guilmette). We are still in need of some leads to coordinate volunteers, organize our 50/50, organize/plan our fundraising, run the fall citrus sale, and more. As mentioned previously, no one needs to go it alone. We welcome a team approach if you have a friend or spouse to co-lead an effort.

Finally, Heather would be remiss for not thanking her Co-President this school year, Linda Elonen-Wright. Linda has tirelessly served as BOPO Co-President and/or lone President for the past three years. Words can not express the thanks for all Linda has accomplished during her tenure with BOPO. Her shoes will be big ones to fill (figuratively speaking at least), but ones that Heather is hoping someone will be willing to try on next year. Please reach out to Heather or Linda if you'd like more information and/or are interested. – **Your BOPO co-presidents: Heather Kilbride 216.302.5168 & Linda Elonen-Wright 216.246.7912, president@heightsimd.org**

Heights IMD Drum Major Alumnus Ed Singer Donates to Marching Band

Ed Singer, CHHS Class of 1948 has provided a generous donation to purchase new Marching Band pants and raincoats to fill in needed sizes and to replace worn uniforms.

I was so pleased to meet Dr. Martin Samuels...He had gone to Heights and followed me as Drum Major of the Marching Band. I was the Drum Major in 1948 and He was the Drum Major in 1963. Dr. Samuels and I certainly hope that the students of the Marching Band enjoy the new uniforms and the rain gear. Dr. Samuels and I got great pleasure out of reengaging with the Marching Band in which we had so much fun so many years ago. Me: 70 years ago, and Dr. Samuels: 55 years ago: total 125 years.... –Edwin Z. Singer, class of 1948

Thanks very much to Ed Singer for his generous and much appreciated contribution!