

Mt. Lebanon School District 2009-2010 Fine Arts Honors

Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education

The Frick Art & Historical Center and the Roy A. Hunt Foundation has named Mt. Lebanon School District as the recipient of the 2010 Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities. This award is given annually to an educator who has demonstrated a sustained commitment to the arts and humanities and in tandem with the Frick's education programs has successfully integrated the arts into students' learning experiences. This year, for the very first time since the award's inception, has an entire school district been recognized for this honor.

Mt. Lebanon School District has been designated as one of the Best Communities for Music Education in 2010. The schools named on this list are recognized for outstanding support of music education enriching the lives of children and advancing student achievement. This is the third time Mt. Lebanon has been named on this list. For more information please visit <http://www.nammfoundation.org/press-room/namm-foundation-survey-reveals-best-communities-music-education-united-states>

PMEA Student Honors

Five Mt. Lebanon High School students were selected through audition into the **Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Ensembles**. **Claire Neiderberger, Kevein Skolnick, Grace Stokan** and **Klara Pinkerton** were all selected into **All-State Orchestra** and **Tianli Yuan** was selected into **All-State Band**. The All-State Ensembles performed Saturday, April 24th at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh as part of the PMEA Annual State Conference.

Orchestra Teacher wins Award

Jayne Kreinbihl, orchestra teacher at Mellon Middle School and Washington Elementary School, was awarded the **Orchestra Director of the Year** award by the [Pennsylvania and Delaware Strings Teachers Association \(PADESTA\)](#). Mrs. Kreinbihl received her award at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association state conference Thursday, April 22nd at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh.

Students selected to MENC National Honors Band

Two Juniors, **Kara Kordella (trumpet)** and **Kevin Schorr (euphonium)** have both been selected to perform with the **MENC National Honors Band** during Music Education Week in Washington, DC in June. They were selected through director nomination and a recorded screening process that began in February 2010. The Honors Band will consist of students who were selected from across the nation and will rehearse and perform during MENC's convention in June.

Student earns "Award of Excellence"

Sophomore Television Productions student, **Chris Kelley**, earned an "**Award of Excellence**" on his short documentary about the US Army War College held at Mt. Lebanon High School on February 23rd, sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh. Chris received this award at the TVT Consortium's Spring Festival, sponsored by Robert Morris University on Tuesday, April 13th. The US Army War College presentation was subtitled, "**Shaping National Security in an Interdependent World**". Mt. Lebanon had six videos accepted for the competition.

Students perform for World's Largest Concert

The 5th grade chorus from **Howe Elementary** was selected to perform in the National Association for Music Education's national broadcast of the **World's Largest Concert** on **Thursday, March 11th**. This concert is part of "Music in Our School's Month" More information can be found at <http://www.menc.org/events/view/music-in-our-schools-month>

Percussion Ensemble to perform at National Conference of Percussion Pedagogy

The **High School Percussion Ensemble** was invited by the **National Conference on Percussion Pedagogy** to perform the opening concert for their 2010 conference to be held at *The University of Oklahoma* **May 24 -26, 2010**.

Band Students to Perform with the Dallas Brass

On **Friday, January 22**, about 60 members of the band will be traveling to the **Byham Theatre** around 7:30 in the evening to perform with the **Dallas Brass Quintet**. This is a very exciting opportunity for our students to perform with this professional touring group. Their performance is part of a convention that is in town that weekend, **The International Performing Arts for Youth**. Our students will join the Dallas Brass on stage for their final selection, "**An American Tableau**". The Dallas Brass will be at MTLHS on **Friday, Jan 22** during **periods 4 5 and 6** to perform for our students, give a workshop, and to rehearse with us for the performance that evening. Tickets are not available for this event, as it is a convention. We will be videotaping that evening, so stay tuned for more information on a future broadcast. Below is a video link of a Dallas Brass performance so you may see what the students will be doing www.dallasbrass.com

TV Program wins Best Buy Award

Through its **Teach @ 15 program**, Best Buy helps high schools meet their technology needs. Two sophomores, **Tyler Anderson and Chloe Schoepflin**, nominated Mt. Lebanon High School's Television Production program for an award. The team, along with the support of hundreds of student-voters, earned \$1500 of Best Buy merchandise for the Mt. Lebanon High School Television Production program.

Mt. Lebanon Junior Wins Concerto Competition!!

Congratulations to **Kyle Harris (flute)** for being named a winner of the **Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra Concerto Competition**. A concert will be presented 7:30 PM on **Saturday, January 30th** at Upper St. Clair High School. Kyle will perform *Fantasie Pastorale Hongroise* by Albert Franz Doppler. **Please call 412-279-4030 for more information.**

PMEA Honors Ensembles

Several Mt. Lebanon high school students have been selected to **Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Honors ensembles** through audition. Students who successfully auditioned into the **Honors Choir** which will be held Friday and Saturday, October 23 & 24, 2009 at Upper St. Clair High School are: **Meredith Andrews (Soprano 1), Connor Bahr (Tenor 1), Luke Steinhauer (Tenor 2), and Alex Anderson (Bass 2)**. Students who successfully auditioned into the **Honors String Orchestra** which will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 14 & 15 are: **Claire Niederberger (violin), Christopher Weis (violin), Alexis Trbodich (viola), and Alexandra Deaus (viola)**. Students who successfully auditioned into **Honors Band** which will be held Sunday, November 29, 2009 at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland are: **Tianli Yuan (flute), Kyle Harris (flute), Melanie Danver (clarinet), Logan Shardt (clarinet), Dan Cohen (alto saxophone), and Kevin Schorr (euphonium and tuba)**. Also selected as 2nd alternate was **Nathan Relich (oboe)**.

All-American Marching Band

Senior **Dan Cohen** has been selected to the **2010 US Army All-American Marching Band**. This marks the second time that Mt. Lebanon students have been selected to this prestigious ensemble in the past 3 years. Dan will perform at half-time for the All American Bowl in Texas with 100 other students from across the nation. Around December 3rd, the US Army will visit Mt. Lebanon High School to officially welcome Dan into the ensemble. **Click here to read an article about Dan's selection into this ensemble:** http://www.pittchron.com/pages/full_story/push?article-Mt-+Lebanon+teen+to+play+in-Army+All-American+Band%20&id=5459990&instance=home_news_1st_left

Orchestra to perform PMEA State Conference

The **High School String Ensemble** (Chamber Ensemble) has just received notification that they were selected to perform at the **2010 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Annual In-Service Conference** to be held April 22 - 24 at the David Lawrence Convention Center in downtown Pittsburgh. The ensemble is tentatively scheduled to perform on Friday April 23rd in the morning. Congratulations to **Mr. Robert Vogel**, High School Orchestra Director, and his students for achieving such an honor.