



Ensemble Ready to Jazz Up New York in May

Right: The Lake Zurich High School Jazz Ensemble.

The Lake Zurich High School (LZHS) Jazz Ensemble has been named a national finalist in the prestigious Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival May 18-20 at the Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City, NY. The group was the only Jazz band selected from the state of Illinois, and is one of only 15 bands selected as a finalist for the national competition.

The top three placing bands will have the opportunity to play on the stages of the Avery Fisher Hall on the Lincoln Center campus with guest soloist Wynton Marsalis, who also serves as the Jazz at Lincoln Center Artistic Director. The concert and awards ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m.



“Making the finals of this competition is the culmination of years of effort by these jazz members and those that came before them,” said Joshua Thompson, Band Director. “Every year the level of performance has risen, and the goals and aspirations of the groups have

risen. This year we have spent most of our energy studying the life and works of one of the greatest American composers in Duke Ellington, and being selected as a finalist is just a testament to the drive and determination of this group of students. They have really earned this!”

In addition to the chance to perform with Marsalis, cash awards of \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place, and \$500 for third place will be presented at the final concert, which go towards the schools’ jazz programs. Additionally, up to two bands may receive a \$350

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Sarah Adams First Grader Shares 'Locks of Love'

Right: Ann Curry and Jared Morrison before (left photo) and after (right photo).

On March 1, while his classmates were busy preparing for another school day, Sarah Adams School first grader **Jared Morrison** was preparing to go on NBC’s Today Show with journalist **Ann Curry** in order to part with something to which he had grown quite attached: His hair.

Since kindergarten, Jared had been intentionally growing his straw-colored hair for *Locks of Love*, a non-profit organization who provides real human hair wigs to those who, because of illness or disease, cannot grow their own hair. A human hair wig costs approximately \$4,000, so the organization also helps those



who cannot afford to pay the high cost of the wigs.



He came home with the idea after learning that two girls that he knew had grown their hair out for the same reason. He asked his mom why boys didn’t donate their hair to Locks of Love. She told him that boys could, but

that most didn’t want to bother with growing their hair out the required 10 inches. Jared, who at five is already his own person, took on the challenge to help others. Some 20 months later, his hair was well past the 10 inch requirement.

Both his father, **Glenn**, and his mother, **Janell**, have supported Jared’s effort to help others, although there was some worry that he might be teased by other kids at

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honorable mention award, and the remaining bands will receive a \$250 award. Special awards will also be presented to outstanding soloists and sections.

This year, more than 5,700 newly transcribed Ellington scores, reference recordings, and additional educational materials were sent to over 900 high schools in the United States, Canada and American schools in Brazil, Japan and Switzerland. Ninety-seven (97) of those high school bands entered the competition by submitting a recording of three Ellington works. From those recordings, the selection committee chose the top 15 bands based on the criteria of: soulfulness, rhythm section, soloing/improvisation, interpretation, and basic musicianship/technique.

In addition to competing, the LZHS Jazz Ensemble musicians will participate in workshops, rehearsals, opening night banquet, panel discussions, and a one-on-one session with Marsalis.

Throughout April, Jazz at Lincoln Center will send, free of charge, a professional musician to each of the 15 finalist schools to lead an intensive day-long workshop of rehearsals, lessons and master classes. The clinicians include trumpeter Terrell Stafford; drummer Justin DiCioccio; reed players Ron Carter, Victor Goines and Loren Schoenberg, and pianist Arturo O’Farrill. During the festival, each finalist band is paired with a Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra member as a mentor.

To help offset the expense of going to New York, the LZHS Jazz Ensemble is currently accepting donations from supportive area community members and businesses.

To make a donation to the ensemble, or for more information about the Lake Zurich High School Wind Ensemble, contact Joshua Thompson, (847) 540-4319. For more information about the competition, visit www.essentiallyellington.org.

LZHS Jazz Ensemble 2005-2006

Saxophones

Tony Rosenberg-lead alto
Kristin Penney-2nd alto
Jim Schram-lead tenor
Cary Fox-2nd tenor
Tomas Drury-baritone

Trumpets

Dan Tribley
Michael Lancelot
Nick Miner
Kyle Sustich
Scott Lavanne

Trombones

Kevin Ross
Christine Evans
Wes Gibbert
Aaron Sue
Phil Damian-bass

Bass

Matt Sawyer

Piano

Michael Greenwood

Guitar

Sam Kasprovicz

Drums/Percussion/

Vibes

Mason Donaldson
John Gotsis



LZACC EXPO March 18



Make sure to mark your calendar for the Business Community EXPO **Saturday, March 18, 2006, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**, in the Field House at Lake Zurich High School. Sponsored by the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce, over 110 exhibitors will showcase their newest and greatest products and services at the EXPO.

In addition to viewing great student talent from the district’s schools, the EXPO will feature informational and fun exhibits on everything from physical therapy to jewelry, cosmetics to scuba gear, money management to language classes, and much more.

This is the 15th year that the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce has sponsored this event. Admission is free, and there is ample parking in the Lake Zurich High School parking lots. A trolley will be making the rounds of the parking lots to bring families to the EXPO’s front door.

Once inside you’ll see many of the local businesses and community organizations from Lake Zurich, Hawthorn Woods, Deer Park, Kildeer, Long Grove, and North Barrington—some you know and some you probably don’t. Preschools, health care organizations, churches, social organizations—all are represented.

Take a break from visiting the booths and go to the food court for a snack and enjoy the continuous entertainment from each of the schools in District 95. Choruses and bands from Isaac Fox, May Whitney, Seth Paine, Spencer Loomis, Middle Schools North and South, and Sarah Adams will follow each other on the entertainment stage in the food court. Also the Lake Zurich High School Jazz Band will tear the tiles off and the High School Theatre Program will perform.

There will be tours of the beautiful new High School Performing Arts Center, and High School thespians will roam the exhibit hall in costume. There will be much more! Plus giveaways and many fun activities for the kids. Everything but the food is free! You’ll ride the fun trolley back to your car with a smile on your face.

Check out the Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce’s website (www.lzacc.com) for a complete list of businesses and other organizations exhibiting at the EXPO. Put the date on your calendar and come and see why this is the Premiere Showcase for Local Business.

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school. In fact, to show her support, Janell also began growing her hair so that it too could be donated to LOL. The students and staff members at Sarah Adams Elementary School also had great respect for Jared and completely supported his effort.

When asked if it bothers him that some mistake him for a girl, Jared would give his usual self-assured replied: "Why should it? I know I'm a boy."

In January, while watching the Today Show, Jared's mother learned that Curry and her daughter were also letting their hair grow for Locks of Love and wanted to hear from others who were doing the same. She emailed Jared's tale to NBC. A few calls and emails later and Jared and his family were invited to New York City to have Jared's hair cut live on the air with Curry, host Katie Couric and the rest of the Today Show team.

"It was all very exciting," said Janell. "They profiled Jared, but there were also many other people there who got their hair cut for Locks of Love."

While in New York, the family saw the sights that Jared and his brother wanted to see, including Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, and Central Park, among others.

Now back in school with his hair much shorter, there's no mistaking Jared or his dedication for helping others in need.

Day of Beauty Encore

Two businesses who are members of the Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce and The Lake Zurich High School Career Advisory Council are planning an encore of an event to raise money for the CAC Scholarship fund. Studio One Eleven Salon & Day Spa of Hawthorn Woods, IL and Helping Hands Therapy of Lake Zurich, IL will donate proceeds from a second special day of beauty event to be held Tuesday, March 14, 2006.

The event, entitled "Beauty In Your Future Encore!", will be held at Studio One Eleven Salon & Day Spa, 111 W. Gilmer Road, Hawthorn Woods, IL from 9am to 6pm. Proceeds from client's services on this day will be donated. Marika Schaefer of Helping Hands Therapy will be on hand to perform relaxation and therapeutic massage. Special demonstrations of the popular microdermabrasion skin care technique will be offered. A drawing for a prize basket of beauty products will also be held.

To participate, appointments for services are required. Clients may call Studio One Eleven Salon & Day Spa at 847-566-1500 or Marika Schaefer at Helping Hands Therapy, 847-726-2720 to arrange their visit.

The Lake Zurich Career Advisory Council (CAC) is comprised of volunteers from local businesses and organizations. The members commit their time to provide students with guidance and support to create a better understanding of career opportunities.

MSN Students Bring Poetry Alive! *By Jennifer Lippert*

On March 7, **Ken** and **Nadine Delano**, 12 year veterans of the nationally recognized poetry performance group *Poetry Alive*, performed a list of famous and not so famous poems for students in the Middle School North (MSN) commons. This is the fifth appearance that the group has made at MSN thanks to the generosity of the MSN PTO.

All four performances opened with a poem by Octavio Paz "Between What I See and What I Say," which some students and teachers recognized as a definition of poetry.

"Between what I see and what I say/ between what I say and what I keep silent/ between what I keep silent and what I dream/ between what I dream and what I forget: poetry."

Sixth grader **Jasmin Liggett** said that this was her favorite poem "because of the movements and how dramatic they said it."

Most students liked "The Bells" by Edgar Allen



Poe. The Delano's did not just perform the poems; they involve the students in the performance and, sometimes to their chagrin, the faculty.

For many of the students like sixth graders **Liggett**, **Tanner Hughes**, and **Rachel Klug**, the fact that the kids and teachers were "part of the act" was the best part of the performance. Hughes liked that the kids were "used to illustrate the poem."

"The highlight of the day for me was when Nadine

pulled teacher **Stacey Noisy** out of the crowd to perform," said teacher **Jennifer Lippert**. "She turned and pointed at me thinking she was off the hook, but Nadine shook her head and pointed at her again."

Noisy lived up to her last name and out performed the sixth grade students as the loudest bell and the most gruesome ghoul.

If the students' reactions to poetry and Poetry Alive are anything to go by, then poetry is certainly alive at MSN.

Left: Taking part in *Poetry Alive!* are from left to right: on chair **Nadine Delano** (adult), **Erica Kucharski** in pink, **Bridget Euker** in black, **Billy Mackelfresh** in green, and **Drake Lodico** in gray.

MSN Dream Vacations



Middle School North teacher **Beth Schwartz** and six of her students showcased their technology talents at the recent Illinois Computer Educators (ICE) technology conference at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL. The students, including **Mike Moon, Amy Norris, Jaclynn Strauss, Chase Matzinger, Andrew Petrou,** and **Chris Bartus** used a computer and video projector to showcase their “dream vacations” projects.

The students created their sites after learning HTML computer coding, the Microsoft Front Page software program. The sites had to be a minimum of five pages and a bibliography that included links, lists, tables, graphics, and a variety of information collected to design their dream vacation. Check out their dream vacations at: www.lz95.org/mswn/faculty/bschwartz/2005/dreamvacations.htm.

Cohen Picked for Institute

Lake Zurich High School Biology teacher **Laura Cohen** was selected to be one of 100 biology teachers nation-wide to attend the biotechnology Teacher-Leader Institute April 6-9, 2006, in Chicago. This all expense paid institute conference brings cutting edge biology teachers together for training and leadership in the continually emerging area of biotechnology.

“We are proud of and honored by Laura’s acceptance into this program,” said **Jeff Rylander**, Science Department Chair.



Fourth grade students at May Whitney Elementary School perform during their school musical on March 2.

Do You Like to Know Stuff?

Do you like to know things before others in the community? Do others seek your opinion? If so, then you are a perfect candidate for the Community Unit School District 95 **Key Communicator Network**.

Our Key Communicator (KeyCom) program is a network of community residents, leaders, opinion shapers and watchdogs whose opinions are well respected by friends, colleagues and neighbors. We are not looking for cheerleaders, but people who care about our schools and want to be kept informed and are then willing to share that information with others.

As a Key Com, you will receive timely, factual information via a regular newsletter e-mailed to



you about the work we’re doing and the issues affecting your school district and your schools.

Because this is designed to be a two-way communications network, we encourage you to give us your input and share your opinions. As a KeyCom member, your responsibility will be to share the information with friends, neighbors and colleagues.

To become a KeyCom member, simply call, email or fax:

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