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WOODLAND HILLS ALUMNI

CABARET



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Saturday, May 20, 2023 • 7:00 PM

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The Woodland Hills Performing Arts Guild
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2023 WOODLAND HILLS HIGH SCHOOL NOMINEES:

Seussical the Musical

Best Scenic Design
Best Costume Design
Best Lighting Design
Best Dance Ensemble
Best Crew/Technical Execution
Best Supporting Actress:
Annelise Hanson - Mayzie Labird

The Woodland Hills Performing Arts Guild (WHPAG) endeavors to support the performing arts programs of the Woodland Hills School District through advocacy, volunteerism, and financial sponsorship. WHPAG connects parents, alumni, and community members with opportunities to serve and support student performing arts at Woodland Hills, so that the district can continue to provide an expansive array of unique, best-in-class opportunities for students to explore and cultivate a passion for the arts.



PERFORMERS

Brooklyn Grimes & Niyah Russell: *Lady Marmalade*, Crewe/Nolan

Katie Baverso: *Back to Black*, Winehouse

A.J. PrestoGeorge: *Vienna*, Joel

Emelia Ivory: *All I Ask*, Adele

Hannah Pizzica: *I Won't Mind*, Blumenkrantz

Luanne Russell: *So Long, Dearie*, Hello, Dolly!

CJ Swanson: *Untitled*, Swanson

Cisco Rios: *My Way*, Reveaux/Anka

Ashley Blye-Timbers & Daquan Moss: *When I Look at You*, Lindsey/Shanks

Delanie Heller: *Love is a Stranger*, Eurythmics

Aletia (DeOrio) Saunders: *She Used to Be Mine*, Bareilles

Hannah Pizzica & Grace Belmonte: *Lily's Eyes*, The Secret Garden

Liam Ivory & Emelia Ivory: *Lovely*, Eilish/O'Connell/Robinson

Jenna Yezovich: *Make You Feel My Love*, Dylan

Desmon Jackson: *Love's Theme*, White

Korey Angelo: *Stars*, Les Miserables

Liam Ivory: *Waving Through a Window*, Dear Evan Hansen

Daquan Moss: *Easy On Me*, Adele

Jamie Glasser, Justin McCord, Maria Yezovich: *A Step Too Far*, Aida

Jordan Potter: *Streets of Dublin*, A Man of No Importance

Gabrielle Matich & Nicole Matich: *Anything You Can Do*, Annie Get Your Gun

Ashley Blye-Timbers: *Goodbye*, Ronstadt

Niyah Russell: *It's All Right*, Soul

Maria Yezovich: *I Don't Need Your Love*, Six

Justin McCord: *Dulcinea*, Man of La Mancha

Elijah Kline: *Run Away With Me*, The Unauthorized Autobiography of Samantha Brown

Annelise Hanson: *So In Love*, Kiss Me, Kate

Bobby Carr, Cisco Rios, A.J. PrestoGeorge: *Positive*, Legally Blonde

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PERFORMER BIOS

Korey Angelo ('08) has appeared in such Woodland Hills shows as Suessical (Ensemble), Pippin (Ensemble), Les Miserables (Javert), and Beauty and the Beast (Beast). Nowadays you can find him using his artistic side to craft food as Executive Chef at Mindful Brewery in Castle Shannon; or reliving his youth on the WHHS stage during alumni shows.

Katie Baverso ('95) received her BA in Arts Management from Point Park University. She has 3 remarkable children who inspire her daily, and she's obsessed with the X-Files.

Grace Belmonte ('15) performed in The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Rosa Bud), Sweeney Todd (Johanna), Young Frankenstein (Inga), Curtains (Niki Harris), The Phantom of the Opera (back-stage singer), Annie (orphan July), Wizard of Oz (munchkin), & Les Miserables (Young Cosette/ Young Eponine). She is a licensed social worker currently working as a psychotherapist for a private practice based in the greater Pittsburgh area. She'd like to thank Jamie Glasser and all involved for their tireless dedication to the Woodland Hills School District and for always organizing such a wonderful event!

Ashley Blye-Timbers ('23) has been a part of the performing arts program at Woodland Hills for two years. She participated in Shrek and Avenue Q, along with music ensembles. After graduation, she plans to pursue her love for the stage through local theatre as she will attend college locally.

Jamie Glasser ('97) is an attorney by profession and a consultant by trade. Soon to be certified as a High School Biology teacher, she's also soon to be seeking new employment. Still, Jamie is frequently confused for a person with no occupation aside from coaching Woodland Hills Mock Trial and running the Stage Crew portion of the Woodland Hills Repertory Theater Company, which is perfectly fine by her.

Brooklyn Grimes ('23) recently played the role of the Sour Kangaroo in Seussical. She is a member of the Chamber Choir and Marching Band. She would like to thank her parents and friends for their support, and Mrs. Scaramuzzo and Mr. Carr for taking a chance on her.

Annelise Hanson ('23) has appeared in Seussical (Mayzie, Gene Kelly Award Nomination), Avenue Q (Lucy), Shrek (Fiona), Check Please (Plus Tip), Jesus Christ Superstar (Soul Singer), The Little Mermaid Jr. (Ursula), Into the Woods Jr. (Rapunzel), and Hairspray Jr. (Amber Von Tussle). A finalist for Pittsburgh Public Theater's Shakespeare Monologue Competition and Captain of the Rifle Team, Annelise is the Senior Class Vice President, Marching Band Manager, a Distinguished Honor Student, Cheerleader and member of the National Honor Society. She would like to thank her parents for their support, her voice teacher (Mrs. Prestogeorge), and the musical staff.

Delanie Heller ('21) is thrilled to perform in her 3rd alumni cabaret! Among other ventures, she is a Guest Handler for Steel City Comic Con and a Promotions and Street Team Member for Wish 99.7. Delanie would like to thank everyone that organized this wonderful cabaret, and made it a wonderful experience for all involved!

Emelia Ivory ('23) has performed in Hairspray, Jr. and Into the Woods, Jr., Jesus Christ Superstar, Shrek and Seussical (Mrs. Mayor) and participated in the inaugural Snowy Day Cabaret in January 2023. She will attend the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg this fall to pursue a degree in primary education.





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PERFORMER BIOS *(continued)*

Liam Ivory ('23) performed in Hairspray, Jr., Into the Woods, Jr., Jesus Christ Superstar, Shrek (Pig), Avenue Q and Seussical (Horton). He is also a member of the Chamber Choir. He will attend the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg in the fall to pursue a degree in psychology.

Desmon Jackson ('21) is excited to be back in his third Alumni Cabaret. A rising Junior musical theatre major at Point Park, he has recently been seen in Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella (PNC Theatre, ENSEMBLE) and Sense and Sensibility (HighMark Theatre, Colonel Brandon). He would like to thank Jamie and Maria for inviting him back home to perform and all of his friends and fam for the support!

Elijah Kline ('23) will attend Miami of Ohio in the fall. He would also like you to know that he can do ten one-armed push-ups in a row.

Gabrielle Matich ('06) met her husband, Mike Smith ('04) during musical - so WH performing arts hold a special place in her heart. She is currently the Director of Transfer Admissions at Duquesne University.

Nicole Matich ('06) participated in operas in college, along with the former local opera organization, Undercroft Opera. She is a licensed professional counselor and lives in Canonsburg with her blended family.

Daquan Moss ('22) performed in Into The Woods, Jr. (Cinderella's Prince), Mamma Mia! (featured dancer), Jesus Christ Superstar (Priest, featured dancer, Greed) and Shrek the Musical (Donkey). He is currently pursuing a career in carpentry and cement masonry.

Justin McCord ('15) is a Pennsylvania-based Artist well versed in singing, acting, and entertainment. Originating from Pittsburgh, he attended the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and graduated with a Bachelor's in vocal performance and jazz studies. He performs under the stage name Cordell. You can find his music available on all streaming platforms.

Hannah (Belmonte) Pizzica ('08) performed in Beauty & the Beast (Mrs. Potts, Gene Kelly Nom, Best Supporting Actress), Les Miserables (Cosette), Pippin, Seussical, and The King & I. She currently teaches Pre-K for the district (registration for the 23-24SY is now open!). Many thanks to Jamie Glasser and the Foundation for putting on another successful fundraiser!

A.J. Prestogeorge ('18) is always happy to return to the Woodland Hills Performing Arts family. He graduated from Pitt's business school in 2022 and has continued performing since his Woody High days, most recently this past spring for the Strand Theater's Godspell (Judas). He also sings in Voces Solis Chamber Choir, Greek dances, and is assistant director for WH's Junior productions. @presto_aj

Jordan Potter ('13) graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2017. He now lives in Northeast Ohio, where he works during the day as an steel processing engineer at TimkenSteel. He is very active in the NE Ohio community theater community, performing in over 20 shows and cabarets at 9 different theaters from Canton to Cleveland since 2018. Some favorite credits include Once (Guy), The Toxic Avenger (Toxie), Million Dollar Quartet (Carl Perkins), Ghost the Musical (Sam Wheat), and Heathers (Ram Sweeney).



PERFORMER BIOS *(continued)*

Francisco Rios ('01) was an active member of the drumline, chamber and acapella choirs, and performing arts department while a student at Woodland Hills. Francisco appeared on the Woodland Hills stage in *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The King and I*, and *On the 20th Century*. He is a graduate of The University of Pittsburgh, where he earned a BA in Spanish Language and Literature followed by earning his teaching certification in secondary ELA and Spanish from Point Park University. Currently, he teaches high school Spanish at Propel Andrew Street High School and is an assistant instructor with the Woodland Hills drumline. He enjoys short walks through school hallways and eating fajitas at Pecos Bill's, in Disney World's Magic Kingdom.

Luanne Russell (TCHS '59) Penn State Class of 1963, appeared in plays and musicals in elementary school in East Pittsburgh, Turtle Creek High School, Boal Barn Summer Playhouse, Penn State New Kensington, directed and performed with Monroeville Civic Theater and Holiday Park Players, served as choir director and cantor at the former Hebron Lutheran Church in East Pittsburgh. Luanne has worked on all of the Woodland Hills musicals sets in various capacities: co-designer, consultant, and scenic artist. It has been a joy to work with our talented staff and students all these years. Enjoy this evening!

Niyah Russell ('23) enjoys basically anything art related and plans to pursue a career in animation. Fun fact: she was double cast as the Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical the Musical* with her best friend.

Aletia M. (DeOrio) Saunders ('93) loved being a part of the WH Music Dept in all forms - band, chorus, Opera Workshop and Marching Band. Highlights of her High School career were performing in *Guys & Dolls*, *Lil' Abner* and *Peter Pan* and establishing friendships through those rehearsals and shows that she still holds dear. She is now a proud parent of two children who attend Woodland Hills, with one who has caught the performing arts bug, following in mom's footsteps. As with the alumni musicals, she is honored to be performing again with some wonderful and talented alumni. Thank you to all who support our District and to the Alumni Cabaret for the opportunity to stand on the "Thomas G. Crone Auditorium" stage once again. And to all fellow alumni performing tonight - "break a leg"!

CJ Swanson ('23) is passionate about art and music. They're looking forward to the future!

Jenna Yezovich ('18) is currently employed as a Client Assistant with the Kanaan-Yezovich Group at Baird Private Wealth Management. She also coaches volleyball at Greensburg Central Catholic High School. During her years at WHHS, Jenna participated in the musical production of *The Drowsy Chaperone* (*The Chaperone*, Gene Kelly Award for Best Supporting Actress). Jenna also performed in *Spamalot* (*Lady of the Lake*), *Peter Pan*, and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*.

Maria Yezovich ('98) is the Team Manager for one of this evening's sponsors, The Kanaan-Yezovich Group at Baird Private Wealth Management. In her free time, she enjoys performing as the lead female singer with the local cover band, *Walkin' Rosie*, serving as an officer with the WHPerforming Arts Guild and being outdoors with her three pups. Maria wishes to thank the Woodland Hills Foundation and her fellow alum performers for making tonight's event possible!



The Woodland Hills Performing Arts Guild Invites you to:

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After the Show!

The Woodland Hills Performing Arts Guild is a booster organization dedicated to the support of the performing arts in the Woodland Hills School District. The WHPAG plans programs to support current students through mentorship, connects Alumni near and far, and raises funds in support of Performing Arts programs.

For more information, please attend the Informational Mingle *immediately following tonight's Cabaret at Asti's Italian Steakhouse at Grandview Golf Club.*

1000 Clubhouse Drive, North Braddock, PA 15104



2023

WOODLAND HILLS FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP
WINNERS
ANNOUNCED

On Thursday, May 18, the Woodland Hills Foundation was pleased to announce the winners of 13 scholarships, awarded solely to seniors in Woodland Hills School District, totaling \$16,000! Please note, that while the Foundation reserves the right to award only one scholarship which is funded by the Foundation per student, students may additionally receive a privately funded scholarship, which is facilitated through the Foundation. To date, the Foundation has awarded 104 scholarships, totaling \$144,200! Congratulations to all of this year's winners! We can't wait to see all that you achieve!

Katherine Green

Patti Fedishen Zollner Scholarship
WHF Alumni Scholarship

Cierra Guest

Colleen E. Kennedy Memorial Scholarship

Annelise Hanson

Darcy Lynne Herman Scholarship
Julia Anne McCool Scholarship for the Arts & Humanities

Carson Hertrick

Patti Fedishen Zollner
Darcy Lynne Herman Scholarship

Lauren Huck

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Tom Nunnally Memorial Scholarship
WHF Traditional Scholarship

Jessica Kpadjiba

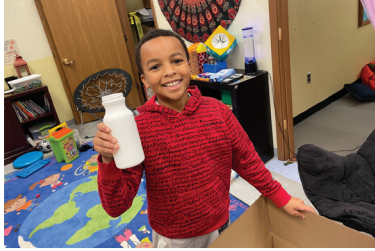
Robert & Christine Smith Diversity Scholarship
The WHF H.U.G.S. Volunteer Scholarship

Jordan Taylor

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Nadia Veney

WHF Diversity Scholarship



WH Foundation

Connecting the Community to the Classroom

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Foundation is to support the Woodland Hills School District and its communities by strengthening the educational experience of our children. We work to fill gaps in public education funding, focus on community building and volunteerism, and help to set the stage for secondary education aspirations.

OUR CORE BELIEFS

Public education is the single most important institution and a vital part of the community fabric. Identifying and delivering improvement opportunities, not just for students, but for faculty and staff is foundational. We can only develop world class students with world class faculty and staff.

OUR VISION

We believe that every child in Woodland Hills should be awarded with the same opportunities for success as their peers in other schools. With this in mind, the Foundation believes that by serving the whole community, we can help every child in our District reach their full potential. This means that not only do we support teachers and staff through grants and project funding; and students through scholarships, we also serve the community through outreach, free and low-cost events, and special projects like our Chromebook Fund to purchase laptops for every student, weekend backpacks for over 70 food-insecure students each week, free backpack and school supply programs... and much, much more!

Proceeds from this evening will support Woodland Hills Foundation programming.

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