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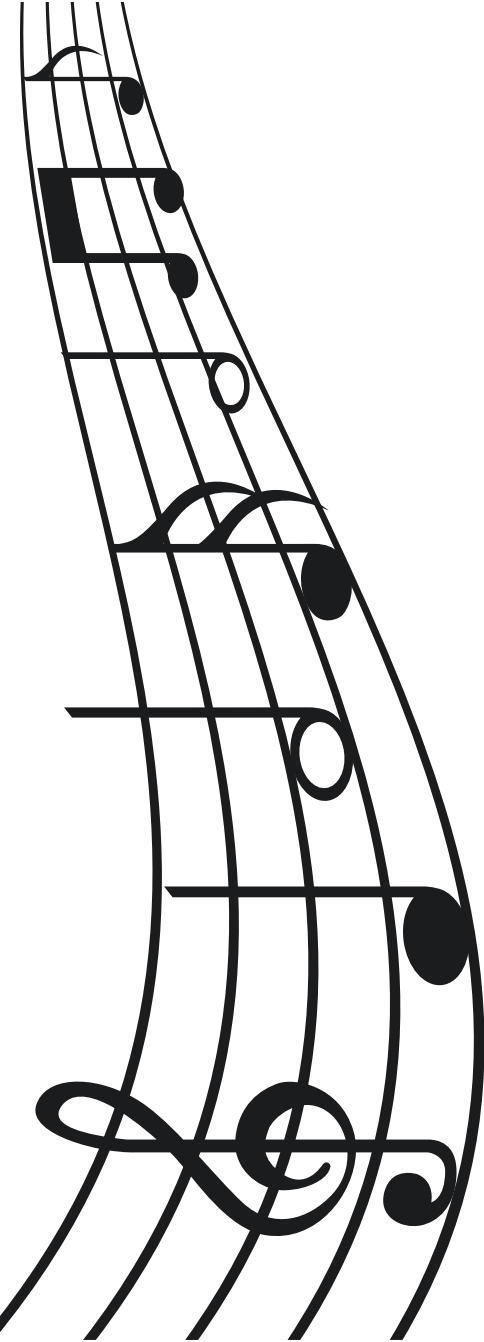
Director's Notes:

Once again, the Simsbury School District has been selected as one of the Best Communities for music education in the country. Simsbury has received this designation numerous times from the NAMM Foundation.

This award is based on the quality of programming, instruction, student achievement, and community support. Our teachers, students, and community members continue to excel in performance and in adjudications. Students continue to shine in the music classroom and outside of the music classroom. This issue of Ovation highlights student awards and recognitions achieved this year. These accomplishments are indicative of a strong team of music educators who desire to create quality musical experiences for their students. Simsbury Music and Performing Arts teachers are tireless in their efforts to support Simsbury students on a daily basis and they promote arts equity and numerous experiences for all students. Our students receive a rich and diverse music education that prepares them for success in life. Thank you for all of your support as a community at large, especially The Friends for Music. This was an outstanding year for the Simsbury Music & Performing Arts Department and the Simsbury Community.



Angela D. Griffin
Director of Music and Performing Arts K-12



SIMSBURY MUSIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to all the Music & Performing Arts students who were selected to participate in a variety of local and national music performance festivals this year.

Connecticut Music Education Association (CMEA)

Northern Regional Festival

HIGH SCHOOL

Blue Brockert (Jazz)
Camden Fuller (Chorus)
Ben Knight (Orchestra)
Mei Knight (Orchestra)
Jenna Lee (Orchestra)
Giovanni Marchetti (Chorus)
Meena Rajesh (Chorus)
Quinn Robinson (Chorus)
Lucas Thompson (Band)
Alex Vargas (Chorus)
Andrew Windisch (Chorus)

ELEMENTARY*

Frankie Kedala (Chorus)
Olivia Petron (Chorus)
Wyatt Shellito (Chorus)
Rhys Turrell (Orchestra)
Abbie Vargas (Chorus)
Kaitlyn Willy (Chorus)
Senuth Wickramararchichi
(Chorus)

*Qualified for Middle School
Ensembles



Elementary CMEA
Northern Regional Festival

Connecticut Music Education Association (CMEA)

All-State Ensembles

Camden Fuller (Chorus)
Lucas Thompson (Band)

Connecticut Music Education Association (CMEA)

Elementary Honors Choir

Zayd Abdelmageed	Maleita Lemke
Owen Biamonte	Rishav Mukherjee
Margaret Bylund	Meah Nash
Tiana Delport	Eden Shapiro
Natalie Grosch	Avery Stallings
Dylan Keon	Jack Stapleton

Congratulations to Lisa Abel, Angela Griffin, and Rebecca Saltzman as Professional Development presenters at the CMEA in-service conference.

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American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Eastern Division Honors Choir

Sohani Das
Camden Fuller
Yifan Jiang
Meena Rajesh



ACDA Participants (left to right): Yifan Jiang, Camden Fuller, Rebecca Saltzman, Meena Rajesh, Sohani Das



OAKE Participants (left to right):
Meena Rajesh, Momo Miyake, Caitlin Wild,
Keira Brown (teacher)

Organization of American Kodaly Educators (OAKE) National Choir

Momo Miyake, HJMS
Meena Rajesh, SHS
Caitlyn Wild, SHS



New England Music Festival (NEMFA)

Matthew Reed-Brown (Band)
Korben Robinson (Band)



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Connecticut Association of Schools Visual & Performing Arts Award

Each year the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) honors students across the state for their achievements in Visual and Performing Arts. Simsbury High School is proud to announce Paulina Ganych and Alex Vargas as the 2022 CAS award recipients.

Paulina was chosen by the art teachers as this year's CAS Awards recipient because of their outstanding commitment to the arts and the art department. They are always eager to volunteer their time and talents. Paulina shares their creative expertise with peers and helps the art teachers with any and all studio duties. As an active member of The Mural Club, the hallways at SHS are filled with paintings that Paulina has created independently and through collaboration. Next year Paulina plans to attend The Hartford Art School at The University of Hartford.



Paulina Ganych
CAS Visual Arts Recipient



Alex Vargas
CAS Performing Arts Recipient

Alex was chosen by the music department as the Performing Arts recipient of the CAS award because of his humility, leadership, inclusiveness of others, and kindness. Throughout the past four years, Alex has been a member of Simsbury Singers, Connecticut Northern Regional Festival, Gospel Choir, Theatre, Tri-M Society, Director of One Acts, as well as this year's lead in "Pippin". Alex plans to attend Fordham University in the Fall.