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Martin Luther King, Jr. Exhibitions



Fiona Gokey entered the Siena College and the New York State Martin Luther King, Jr., Exhibitions.

This is her artist's statement about how she created the art piece. "I used an Anime artist app, it's called IBS Paint X. I do make other art, but it's just for recreation. Before I get into how I made my art, I just wanted to talk about what genre it is. I noticed how many trending topics of art are about a style called pop art. Pop Art is super funky and hip, you

draw an image and lay a new layer of colors or different images. When I was making my art, I first found a picture of MLK. Then, I hand-drew it and took my own picture of my drawing. I copied it on to IBS Paint X and colored it. That sounds way more complicated than it actually was." Best of luck to Fiona as her work is displayed in the community!

HOLLAND

By: Bridget Soden, Editor

Go Tae Seob also known as his stage name HOLLAND, is a South Korean solo artist under his own company Holland Entertainment. He made his debut in January 2018, with the release of single “Neverland.”



Holland’s music video reached over 1 million views in 20 hours. He returned in June with his second single “I’m Not Afraid” then in July he

released his third single “I’m So Afraid.”

On March 31, 2019, Hollan released his first self-titled mini-album titled, *Holland*, and tacks “Nar_C” and “Up.” He then later released his newest single “Loved You Better” on December 11, 2019.

Holland’s music is known to have many meanings behind them. Being a member of the LGBTQ+ community and the only



out K-pop idol, Holland uses his music to express himself as well as spread awareness. Each of Holland’s earlier music was centered on the LGBTQ+ community in South Korea. His newest single, “Loved You Better”, was centered on his past and how he was able to love himself.

Hollan’s music is very inspirational and shines a light on topics that many might not be talked about. I encourage you to listen to his music and give his music a chance.



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4Minute

By: Bridget Soden, Editor



4Minute is a South Korean girl group formed under Cube Entertainment in 2009. The group consists of members Nam Ji-hyun, Heo Ga-yoon, Jeon Ji-yoon, Kim Hyun-a, and Kwon So-hyun. 4minute is known for its edgy dance-pop style and “girl crush” image in which attracted a large female fan base.

The group officially debuted in June of 2009 with their single “Hot Issue”. Over the years the group has released one full-length Japanese album, *Diamond*(2010), one full-length Korean album, *4Minutes Left*(2011), seven Korean extended plays, and multiple singles. However, the group disbanded in June of 2016



with an unsuccessful contract renewal with the Cube Entertainment. They were able to release one more final mini-album called *Act. 7* with lead single “Hate” which was a collaboration with American producer *Skrillex*. 4Minute was able to leave a legacy behind with receiving many major awards since debut. Golden Disc Rookie Award

in 2009, K-pop New Artist Award at the Billboard Japan Music Awards in 2010, the Bosong Award in 2011 and 2012, and 2014 Seoul Music Awards. As well as many other nominations, 4minute was a very successful 2nd generation K-pop group.

Interview With Mr. Larkin

By: Bridget Soden, Editor

Mr. Larkin is the new health and physical education teacher at Maple Hill and after only being here for a year, he has fit in quite well. Prior to working at Maple Hill,



Mr. Larkin was a substitute teacher at seven other school districts across the Capital District. I asked if it was challenging and he replied, “Personally, I enjoy challenges and although it was a lot of work getting to know the students, writing my own curriculum and developing quality lessons, I did not find it hard because of the incredible people and support that was provided along the way.” Mr. Larkin said that his first year at Maple Hill was very busy but was one of the best years of his young career as an educator.

I asked Mr. Larkin if teaching was something he wanted to do since high school. He responded, “Coming out of high school I did not necessarily know I would choose the path of becoming a teacher. I started my college career at Hudson Valley Community College with the major of physical education but did not know rigors associated with and the process of becoming a certified educator. As I played several sports throughout my lifetime I knew that I wanted to work in a field related to sports while also advocating to the youth, advocating health and wellness.” He also said that he never thought of changing his career after HVCC and receiving his bachelor's degree in Physical Education at the State University of New York in Cortland.

Mr. Larkin enjoys teaching here and is very fortunate to be able to work with Maple Hill. He enjoys working alongside enthusiastic students and educators who are willing to be challenged as well as bringing his own enthusiasm into the classrooms. He hopes to be able to teach students to help them be able to face the real world. I asked, “What is something you hope you can teach students?” He answered, “The most important thing that I want students to take from my class is understanding that they are valued and that I care. It is important to me that they are here to learn and grow as people every single day. Their ideas and contributions are important, whether or not it is always easy to feel that way in a particular moment.”





Best Holiday Movie Poll in the Library

The whole school loves to get in on the voting when there is a poll in the library!

The results as of 3pm on Thursday, December 19, was *Polar Express* with 58 votes!

Elf was a close second with 56 votes.

Christian Ferreira said that the best holiday movie is *National Lampoon's*

Christmas because it's a nice movie to watch while vacationing with your family. Some people like the movie, *Home Alone* but they need to remember that *Christmas Vacation* is super funny. Therefore, *Christmas Vacation* is a better holiday movie than *Home Alone*.

Kaden Vankempfen said that the best holiday movie is *Home Alone* because it is a really funny and it brings a lot of Christmas joy. Some people like the movie, *Elf* but they need to remember that it isn't as funny as *Home Alone* and the *Home Alone* actors are better. Therefore, *Home Alone* is a better holiday movie than *Elf*.

Izzy Breunig said the best holiday movie is none of them because she doesn't have a favorite. All of them show Christmas cheer and are fun. She doesn't watch Christmas movies much. Some people like the movie *The Grinch* reboot but they need to remember that it's a cash grab. She thinks that they portrayed the Grinch as just a slightly annoyed guy and not one who would steal Christmas, it doesn't fit with the character. Therefore, most holiday movies are better than *The Grinch* reboot.

Cheyenne Abrahamsen said that the best holiday movie is *Polar Express* because she has been watching the movie so much because of her sister who loves the movie. So she hates and likes it at the same time. Some people like the movie, *The Santa Trap* but they need to think, "Why would you want to trap Santa even after he needs to give presents to the

rest of the world?" she says. Therefore, *Polar Express* is a better holiday movie than *The Santa Trap*.

Do you agree with these picks?

Breaking Basketball News!

As shared with us by the team

The Maple Hill Boys Modified BasketBall just beat Hudson at home on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, after five years of trying. Coach Porter has never beaten Hudson during his five years of coaching. The boys modified team beat them by 19 points in the final score. 54 to 35 was the final score. Many of the players are happy and are really hyped that they were able to beat them.



As of now both modified teams for basketball are undefeated. Wish our teams luck as they face Chatham home on January 6th.

Try to come cheer them on during a game!

Our Spelling Bee Spellers ~ December 20, 2019!

