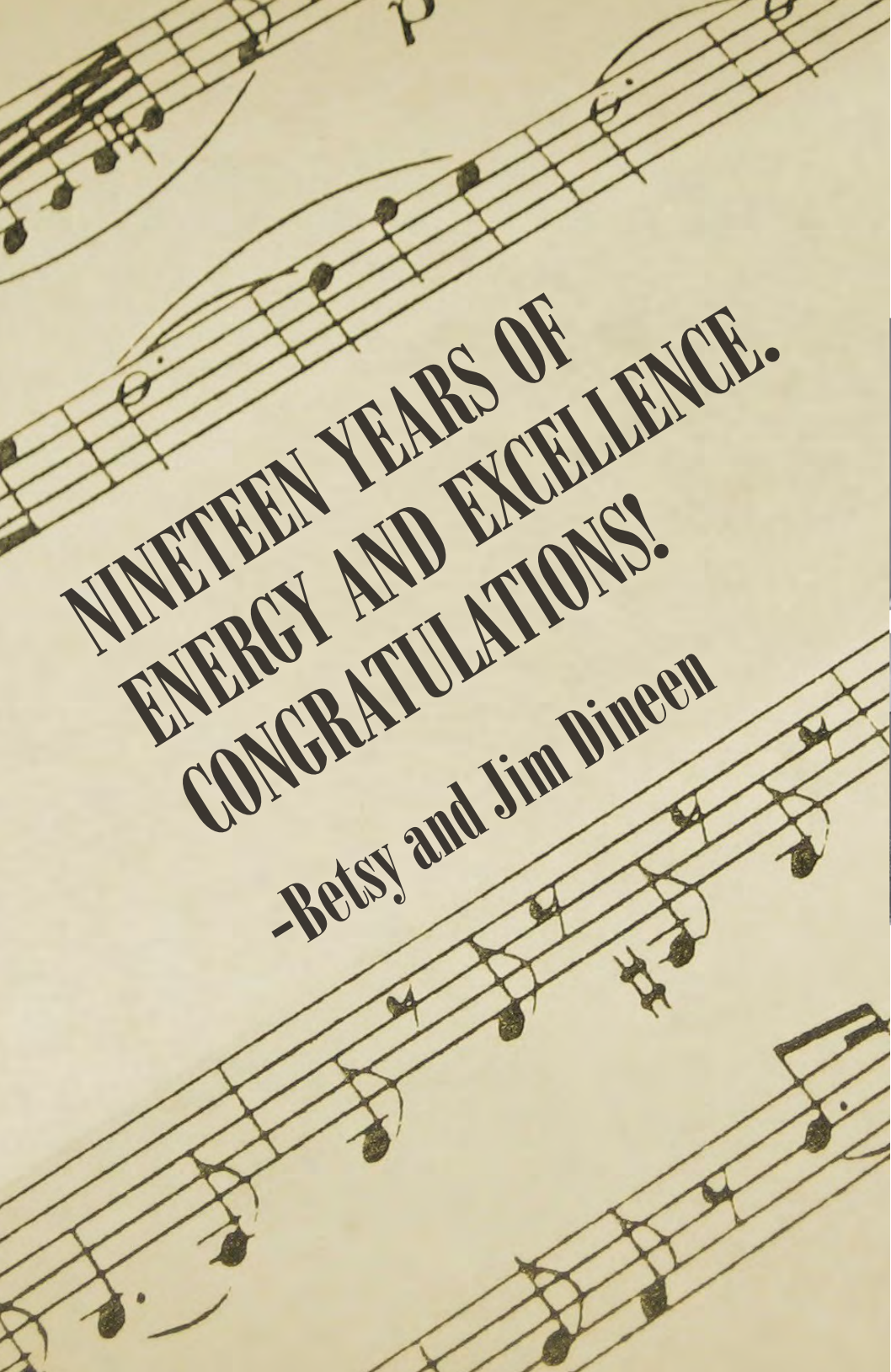


HIGHBRIDGE VOICES



2017 JOURNAL & YEARBOOK



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-Betsy and Jim Dineen



Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us for the 2017 Benefit Concert. As Highbridge Voices celebrates its nineteenth year of inspiring excellence in the lives of the children we serve, we are thankful to look out on an audience full of friends who have been a part of this journey.

Tonight's theme, *A Life of Song*, was inspired by one of the pieces you will hear tonight, and the concept is woven throughout the entire program. The concert honors music's power to help us celebrate, persevere, grieve, and heal. Our students have spent the year exploring how music can be used to express emotion and tell a story. From a visit to the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, to a somber afternoon at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, our students have learned about music's pivotal role in shaping our nation. In doing so, they have also learned about the lasting impressions that music has made on each of them.

Tonight we also take time to celebrate our students and say goodbye to two seniors. Lee and Sadia complete their journeys at Highbridge Voices this evening, and we are so proud of all they have accomplished. They join a robust group of Highbridge Voices alumni, and we anticipate great futures for both of them.

As Highbridge Voices continues to serve the children of our community, we look to you for support. Thanks to all who have already made this evening a success: our co-chairs, Joi & Sheldon S. Horowitz and Donna & Tom O'Brien. Many thanks as well to the Benefit Committee, our Board of Trustees, Highbridge CDC, and the Highbridge Voices staff.

We aim to inspire excellence in our students throughout the year, and tonight, we hope to also inspire you. Please enjoy, *A Life of Song*.

Sincerely,

Mary Clementi

Executive Director & Music Director

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2017 HOST:
KEVIN R. ALGER

KEVIN R. ALGER, CFA, enjoyed a 32-year career at JP Morgan Chase where he held many leadership positions managing numerous businesses and hundreds of people worldwide. He became well known as the go-to guy for advice, mentoring, and practical, no-nonsense advice. He remains a favorite mentor to many people around the world.

In 2013 he began focusing on a mix of activities including advising entrepreneurs and start-up companies. He also works with young people as they launch into their working lives and adulthood.

In addition to his service on the Highbridge Voices' Board, Kevin coaches Highbridge students on life skills and how to talk about themselves. He also works with high school and college students on various subjects including career planning, successful employee attitudes, and effective communication.

Kevin is the author of *Son of a Postman: Delivering Straight Talk on Managing Fluffers, Bullies and the Rest of the Team*. As a speaker, he is a source of lively, helpful insights for employees, business managers, teachers, parents, coaches and leaders of all kinds.



Kevin is a resident of New York City where he is a long-time supporter of education, animal welfare, and land preservation.

2017 BENEFIT CHAIRS: JOI AND SHELDON S. HOROWITZ



JOI AND SHELDON HOROWITZ

reside in New City, New York with their 3 children, Jason, Lexi and Brett. Sheldon is President of Safe Harbour Group, Ltd, an insurance agency in New City. Joi and Sheldon are Bronx natives. They are strong proponents of Highbridge Voices.

Sheldon has been intricately involved with the Highbridge organization for many years. He was last year's honoree at the Highbridge Voices Benefit Concert. Sheldon has served on the board of multiple regional and national

not-for-profit organizations, including: the American Heart Association, Rockland County Historical Society, Helen Hayes Hospital Foundation, New City Rotary, Rockland County Sheriff's Reserve Force, and the Monmouth University Business Council.

Joi and Sheldon are committed to promoting education. They have established and funded multiple scholarships. They created the Robert H. Finkelstein Memorial Scholarship in honor of Sheldon's business partner, who passed away in 2001. Joi and Sheldon instituted the Howard S. Cohen Memorial Scholarship at Monmouth University School of Real Estate, the Gisela and Bernard Dolinger Scholarship at Monmouth University, and the Christopher J. Mejia Memorial Scholarship, also at Monmouth University. Sheldon also sits on the Monmouth University School of Business Scholarship Committee and is the chairman of the New City Rotary Scholarship Committee, which awards scholarships to well-deserving college bound students. They are honored to be co-chairs for tonight's event.

2017 BENEFIT CHAIRS: DONNA & TOM O'BRIEN

DONNA AND TOM O'BRIEN

have been supporters of Highbridge Voices for many years and were Benefit honorees in 2013.

Dating back to 1992, Donna was involved in the early stages of the redevelopment of Highbridge, helping to plan for the healthcare and social service needs of the newly redeveloped community. Working with Monsignor Donald Sakano and Jorge Batista of the Highbridge Community Development Corporation, Donna was instrumental in bringing healthcare and social services providers to the Highbridge community.

Professionally, Donna continues her work in healthcare as the President of Strategic Visions in Healthcare, a healthcare consulting firm specializing in strategy and business development. She served as a Special Advisor to the Director of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland from 2005 to 2014 and received the National Institutes of Health Directors Award in 2009 for her work in developing a new model for community-based cancer care. Donna serves on the Board of Directors for Fidelis Care, the International Cancer Expert Corps, and the Flushing Financial Corporation. She is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and has her Masters in Health Administration from St. Louis University.



Tom is a Business and Information Technology Solutions Executive. He is a Senior Director in the Corporate Performance Improvement Consulting Practice at Alvarez & Marsal. Tom's professional and civic activities include serving on the Board of Councillors of the American Association of the Order of Malta, and on the IT Board of Advisors for Hofstra University ZARB School of Business. He also serves as a Trustee of St. Joseph Parish in Garden City, NY. Tom is a graduate of Adelphi University.

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Welcome friends and families to the 2017 Highbridge Voices Benefit Concert!

Tonight's program, *A Life of Song*, honors the role music plays in our lives and throughout the world. As someone who still hums refrains from my ninth grade choir repertoire, I am struck by the breadth of music (and thereby, human experience) our Highbridge Voices' students learn—and make their own. Our Winter Concert was more traditional—with beautiful Bach, Haydn and Gabriel Faure. Tonight, the children will bring us contemporary and global pieces touching on courage, love, sorrow and passion. We will hear a Field Yell from the American South, an African children's song, a French madrigal, a Japanese song of fireflies, and a gospel rendition of a Maya Angelou poem!

The mission of Highbridge Voices is to inspire excellence and learn life skills through participation in a high quality choir program. Extensive choir work is supplemented with academic enrichment and college prep—plus field trips to NYC museums, summer Shakespeare in the Park, and such customized English Language Art classes as The Jazz Age and The Musical Origins of Rock n Roll. This year the annual Spring trip took thirty, eager Bronx teens to Memphis and Nashville—where they performed for the local TV networks, ate barbecue, and learned to two-step at a dance hall. They were very well received, incredibly well comported—and made the Highbridge staff (and their parents!!) quite proud.

The latest research in youth development has found that young people learn best when they feel a connection to, and see their own reflection in, the work that they do. The recent book, *The Power of Music: Pioneering Discoveries in the New Science of Song*, explores neurological findings about the role of music in human health—stimulating more parts of the brain than any other human function and allowing listeners and performers to be connected simultaneously and physically to each other through our ear drums. Interestingly, artificial intelligence experts have also posited that the ability to create and perform evocative music may be one of the few, uniquely human endeavors. So, pulling all that together—may the fruits of the composers we hear tonight—reflected through the hard work and strong young voices of the 100+ children from Highbridge, Bronx, USA—bring us all an hour of enjoyment and an appreciation for our unique, beautiful and connected humanity!

A special call out to this year's graduating seniors, Sadia and Lee—and heartfelt thanks to our 2017 co-chairs and to so many of you in the audience who have supported Highbridge Voices over many years! On behalf of the Highbridge Voices' Board of Trustees, thank you for your loyalty, enthusiasm, and generosity. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely,

Ann Thivierge

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Chair, Board of Trustees

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FIELD YELL

arr. Stephen Hatfield

HOTARU KOI

JAPANESE CHILDREN'S SONG

arr: Rō Ogura

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STILL I RISE

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Soloists: Nykara Agosto, Rosaliana Santos

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Job well done!



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on a job well done!*

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Thank you to Mary Clementi,
SunHee Lim, and all the
music and academic teachers
at Highbridge Voices
for your commitment to
excellence! You all make the
world a little better place.

Ann Thivierge



*Bravo, Highbridge Voices!
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them learn and grow. It was such a privilege
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*Sincerely,
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Best wishes for tonight's
performance and continued
success to each of you in
the coming year.



All our best,
Mary and Vito Verni

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LEE CARR

Lee Carr is a 19-year-old senior at Bronx Design and Construction Academy. Nicknamed “Lee Bear” by his peers, he can often be found fixing something in the Highbridge Voices building alongside Facilities Coordinator, Jason Covington. Lee has been a dependable, co-head intern during his final year with the program and is ready for the next challenge. He was accepted to seven colleges and plans to attend Mohawk Valley Community College in the Fall, becoming the first person from his family to attend college. He was also the captain of his school cycling team. Though he will miss Highbridge Voices, Lee is happy to move on to a new phase of his life after spending ten fruitful years in the program.



SADIA PEREZ

Sadia Perez is a 17-year-old senior graduating from Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts. Sadia has long been a standout at Highbridge Voices, and this year was no exception. As co-head intern, Sadia took on more responsibility than ever before and shined, particularly over the summer when she co-taught a Summer Voices music class with Associate Music Director, SunHee Lim. Sadia also thrives away from Highbridge. An excellent student, Sadia has performed in numerous choirs at LaGuardia, takes guitar lessons, and even participated in her school’s opera this past April. She was accepted to numerous colleges, and will attend SUNY Potsdam in the Fall, majoring in music education.





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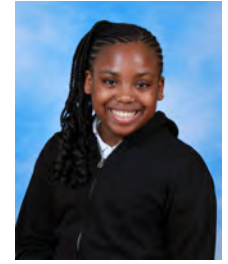
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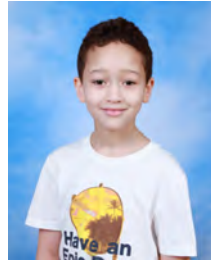
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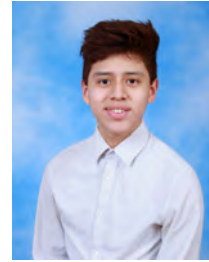
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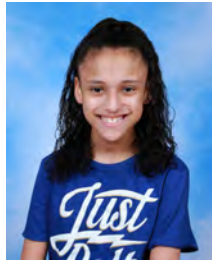
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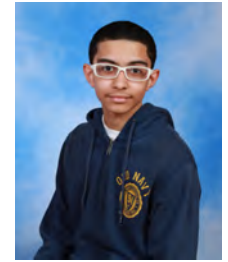
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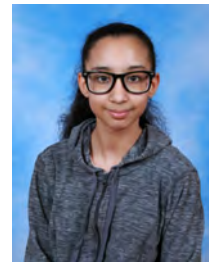
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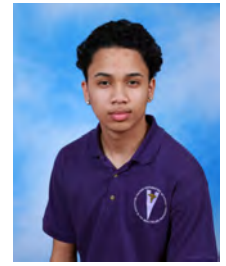
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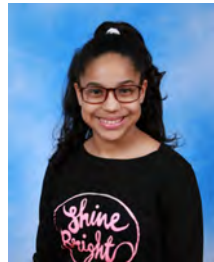
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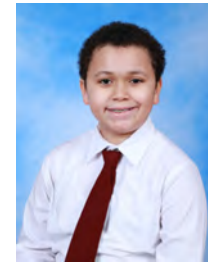
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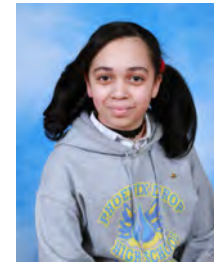
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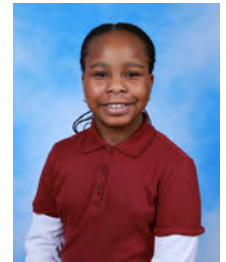
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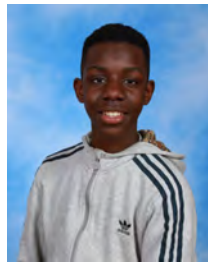
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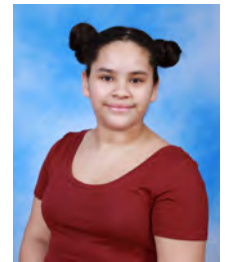
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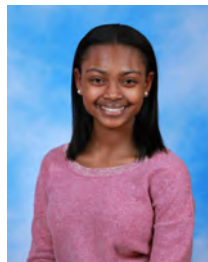
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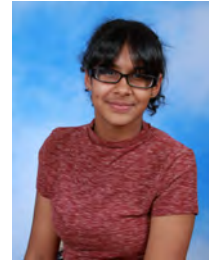
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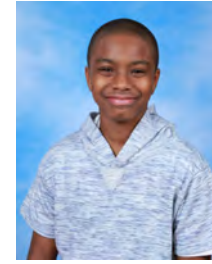
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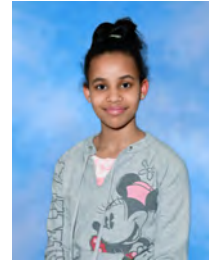
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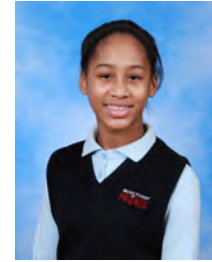
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ON A PERSONAL NOTE

To Our Highbridge Voices Students, with Love from Your Families

Sadia, you have a beautiful voice and are so talented. Wishing you all the good things life can offer and fulfillment of your hopes and plans.

With lots of love, Mom and Dad

Kareem and **Khalid**, you are the rainbows of our lives. Proud of you and Congrats.

Love, Mom, Dad and Kash!

Erika David, every day that passes we are more proud of you. We love you.

Your family: Mami, Papi, and Raymond

Britney, we are so proud of you!

Love, Mom and Dad. Good luck!

Congratulations, **Jeansel**! We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad and Jeury

Bryan Lopez is the happiness of the house. He is a happy kid who is always willing to help others. He is my #1 nephew. I love him with all my heart.

Good luck **Edeliz**! We are so proud of you. We are cheering for you! Congratulations.

Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations, **Elizabeth**! We are cheering for you and hoping you have a great time singing!

Love, Mom and Dad

Prince, you have become such a great boy since you joined Highbridge Voices.

We love you.

To my beautiful **Desyre**, if only you could see yourself how we see you every day! You are amazing, talented and one of a kind. We are so proud.

Elias, we love you, son. We are proud to have a child like you. May God continue to guide your steps. Blessings.

Congratulations, **Kayla Almanzar**! We are so proud of you.

We love you.

Evangelina, you keep striving to do your best. We are all proud of you.

Love, Mom and the family

Ashley Flores, today and always, know that I see the many unique talents and gifts you have to share. I see what a difference you make in this world. We love you.

Mom, Dad and Diana

Yareline, I love you. You are the light of my eyes, one of the best things that has ever happened to me. Keep up with your successes.

Fausto, congratulations. My love, ere lo mas importante y lo más bello que tengo.

Valarie, you are the best, the very best, that no one ever was!

Love, Mom, Dad, Penny, Natalie & Grandma

Melanie, Melly, you are special and unique! We love you so much and are so proud of you!

Ashly Arzu, I am so proud of you. Keep on working hard.

Jillian, a flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it; it just blooms... and your blossoms are magnificent. We love you, flower bomb!

Ashley Pita! We are so proud of you. Keep dreaming big and never forget about God.

Love, your family

Mary Clementi • Executive & Music Director



Mary Clementi is the Executive Director and Music Director of Highbridge Voices. As music director, Mary conducts the Chamber Choir, a 45-voice ensemble of students in grades 7-12. Mary has led Highbridge Voices' Chamber Choir in several high-profile performances, including a concert for the Justices of the United States Supreme Court, a performance of the National Anthem at Yankee Stadium, and a concert for recording artist and producer will.i.am.

Mary has served as a guest clinician and adjudicator in schools in Virginia, Maryland, and Wisconsin. She is also the Metropolitan Region Representative of the New York chapter of the American Choral Directors Association and was a 2014 International Conducting Fellow in Hangzhou, China. She received her Master of Music Education degree at Florida State University in Tallahassee, and her Bachelor of Music degree at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

SunHee Lim • Associate Music Director



SunHee joined Highbridge Voices as a voice instructor in 2010, and she now serves as Associate Music Director and conducts the Concert Choir, a 55-voice ensemble of students in grades 4-6.

SunHee received her M.M. in Choral Conducting at Westminster Choir College in Princeton and her B.M. in Voice Performance with Secondary Education Teaching Certificate at Catholic University of Daegu, South Korea. Before she came to the States, she served as an assistant music director for the youth choir Pueri Cantores in South Korea and also performed extensively in choral works around the world. As a member of the Highbridge Voices family, she enjoys every minute with her students, and her biggest reward is to witness the transformation that music can create in young singers.

Billy Janiszewski • Interim Associate Music Director



Billy is a conductor, teacher, and songwriter. Billy is the Founder and Artistic Director of Tapestry, a professional choral ensemble. Tapestry has earned praise for being a sensitive, artistic ensemble, and has had a number of notable performances, including a ballet at Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, and a performance with the internationally known Australian Voices. Billy also serves as the Program and Music Director of Basilica Voices, a children's choir at The Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral, and as director of the Columbia University Glee Club. He has also been a conductor and singer in C4: The Choral Composer Conductor Collective. Billy has taught at Highbridge Voices, Sacred Heart School in The Bronx, and The Cape Music Institute in Cape Town, South Africa. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Voice and a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from the University of Connecticut, and is pursuing a Master of Music in Choral Conducting at the Manhattan School of Music.

David See • Collaborative Pianist



David See has had a varied career as piano teacher, collaborative pianist (for instrumentalists, singers and musical theater), composer/arranger, keyboardist for stage and rock bands, and organist. Recently returned to New York City after twenty-five years in Tennessee, he is currently collaborative pianist with Highbridge Voices, Tapestry Choir, and Mannes School of Music. He also sings with the choral group C4 (The Choral Composer/Conductor Collective) as bass/baritone, plays organ at Church of the Resurrection (Episcopal) in Kew Gardens, and is a member of the New York Composers Circle. From 1992-2015, David was principal keyboardist with the Symphony of the Mountains (Kingsport TN), which premiered his Piano Concerto in 2000 with Gary Hammond of Hunter College. He was adjunct professor of composition and staff pianist at Middle Tennessee State University from 2005-2014.

David graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Composition in 1979 from Oberlin Conservatory. He lives with his wife Lynn in Washington Heights.

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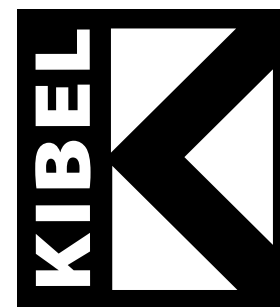
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THE MUSIC PROGRAM

The Highbridge Voices Music Program aims to provide students with a varied and comprehensive music education. With choir rehearsals, music theory, music history, sight-reading, ear-training, and voice lessons, our mission is to create life-long musicians who understand the value of an arts



education, and how training in the arts can benefit them in college and beyond.

Our fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students learn the basics of healthy singing and music literacy. In their voice classes, they learn how to sit, stand, breathe, and use their voices as singers. They learn to follow their voice parts in a piece of music—no easy task, even for adults!—and they develop their rhythm and pitch skills. Using the Kodály solfege system, our youngest singers learn how to sing short, five-note melodies, and are able to compose their own melodies as well. They take these skills into their choir rehearsals, and work on two- and three-part music in several lan-

guages. This year alone they have sung in English, Latin, German, Swahili, and Japanese.

Our older students, in seventh through twelfth grade, work on advancing their singing skills, while also becoming well-versed in music theory and music history. In their individual

voice lessons, they focus on what their voices are able to do and how to develop healthy singing habits. They go over parts of the choir repertoire that they might find difficult, and prepare for solo performances. They continue to develop their music literacy skills, reading in treble and bass clef, and deciphering key signatures and complex time signatures. They begin work on piano,

percussion, and guitar. The students also examine the historical and cultural context of the music they are performing, while learning about music's influence in today's culture. Classes and seminars on women's often overlooked role in music history were offered this year, and the annual spring tour went through Memphis and Nashville, two famed music locales.

Of course, after graduation, it is up to each student to decide what role music will play in their adult life. Many continue to sing with their college, community, or church choir. Our hope is that they continue to allow music to be a positive part of their lives.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Academic Program at Highbridge Voices supports students as they strive for scholastic excellence. There are four primary components of the Academic Program: math instruction, English language arts (ELA) instruction, tutoring, and homework assistance. It is our belief that additional academic enrichment will enable our students to imagine futures where their professional and personal aspirations can turn into realities.

Each week, students receive up to four hours of academic instruction. Both our math and ELA curriculums are aligned with the New York State Common Core Standards so that students can gain the literacy and mathematical skills necessary to be successful in the 21st century. One-on-one tutoring is offered to all Highbridge students as well. High school students also have special prep sessions for their Regents and SAT Exams.

This year we introduced five new electives, including classes on artistic trends during times of war, a close study of 20th century songs and songwriters, and a social science class that examined the mysteries of human behavior. Before the school year ends, students will also release the third edition of the Highbridge Voices Literary Magazine, hold their second student election, and record original songs using Garage Band in our professionally equipped studio. We dis-

tinguish our academic offerings with fun and engaging projects and activities that might not be available at school. For example, last year's summer high school program focused on students finding their own creative voices and included a trip to the Louis Armstrong House Museum in Flushing, Queens. In



April, our younger students competed in the annual Math Olympics, which featured a catapult challenge. These kinds of experiences keep our students coming back year after year.

Highbridge Voices students consistently outperform their District 9 peers on state standardized exams and grade point average. Our two graduating seniors, Lee and Sadia, have both been accepted to numerous colleges, and our junior, Kareem, is already deeply involved with his college prep activities. Highbridge Voices hopes that through our program, students gain the academic and social skills necessary to blaze their own paths in life.

Congratulations to all the wonderful students and teachers who make Highbridge Voices the great program it has become. We are honored to be a part of such a wonderful organization.



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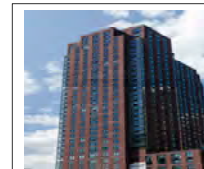
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