“Communities that support youth based arts organizations do more than preserve and develop their youth for the future. They engage the creative energies of youth in positive ways that enrich community life and culture today.”

- Shirley Brice Heath, Senior Scholar, Carnegie foundation for the Advancement of teaching and Professor of English and Linguistics, Stanford University
Keynote Speaker
Honorable Marissa McDermott

Honorable Marissa McDermott:

Adopted from a Polish orphanage at the age of four, Marissa McDermott grew up the daughter of an NYPD detective and a special education teacher. After graduating from the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts, she attended Notre Dame Law School where she worked in its Legal Aid Clinic and met her husband, Tom McDermott, Jr.

In January, 2016, McDermott was sworn in as the first female judge of the Lake Circuit Court. She currently serves as the president of the Calumet American Inn of Court (dedicated to promoting ethics and civility in law,) and as a member of the Marian Catholic High School governing board and Habitat for Humanity Advisory Board.

Since graduating law school, McDermott raised four children, launched her own law practice, taught at Purdue University Calumet, and served as a public defender and human relations commissioner.

In her free time, Judge McDermott enjoys running, reading, and traveling.

SAVE THE DATES

Don’t forget to save these dates in your calendar for our next big events and classes!

**BBB4E Family Recognition Dinner May 22, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 PM:**
**Location:** The Hammond Academy for the Performing Arts (HAPA) Cafeteria 6915 Grand Avenue, Hammond, IN 46323
To recognize our students and families we are having a potluck meal! Our families and students will receive awards from their directors and enjoy a nice evening before we return for the summer session! Please RSVP by calling the office at 219-932-3232. Please bring a dish that is the size that will feed your family and a smile! We look forward to seeing you there!

**Summer Classes:** June 3-August 1
**Location:** Calumet College of St. Joseph, 2400 New York Ave., Whiting, IN 46394
Midwest Youth Choir: Mondays
Beginning June 3, 2019; 6:15 to 7:30 pm
Midwest Youth Band & Orchestra: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Beginning June 4, 2019; 5:15 to 6:15 pm
Midwest Youth Symphony Orchestra: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Beginning June 4, 2019; 6:15 to 7:15 pm

**Fall Classes:**
**Location:** The Hammond Academy for the Performing Arts (HAPA) 6915 Grand Avenue, Hammond, IN 46323
Midwest Youth Orchestra Orientation: Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Midwest Youth Band Orientation: Thursday, September 5, 2019
Midwest Youth Choir Orientation: Monday, September 16, 2019
Let’s Sing!: Monday, September 23, 2019

**BBB4E Fall Flapjack Fundraiser Saturday, October 26, 2019:**
**Location:** Applebee’s 330 Ridge Rd, Munster, IN 46321
Come support BBB4E by eating unlimited pancakes with us at Applebee’s from 8:00 - 10:00 AM. All you need is $8.00 and an empty stomach, and we’ll cover the rest. Tickets will be available one month before the event.

**BEElieve in BBB4E 5th Annual Spring Tea Sunday, April 5, 2020:**
**Location:** The Hammond Port Authority, 701 Casino Center Drive Hammond, IN 46320
Care for a spot of tea? How about some delicious prizes and good company? Well, the Spring Tea is for you! Come join us for an afternoon at the Hammond Marina and support BBB4E by enjoying an afternoon of luxury. Tickets will be available one month prior to the event.
For more information contact our office.

**BBB4E 20th Anniversary Gala Saturday, September 12, 2020:**
**Location & Time:** TBD
Twenty years of work is an amazing achievement! Save the date and celebrate with us for our first ever BBB4E Gala. If you are interested in sponsoring the event in some way, please contact us in the office 219-932-3232. Sponsorships in many levels are available to make this event a success for our students and their future arts educational experiences.
A Letter from The Director

The 2018-2019 academic year marks our 16th consecutive year of providing music instruction to families. We began our city-wide choir of 40 students in October 2003 with after-school rehearsals at the Ophelia Steen Center. Bus transportation was provided by the School City of Hammond to and from the students’ home schools. Just three months later, we began a small, piloted band program during lunch time at Kenwood Elementary School.

Gradually, the need to provide instruction to more students beyond public school and during the evening hours started to make sense because other public school families were inquiring about classes. Beginning evening classes in 2005 opened the door to serve a wider audience and developed a broader community through the arts—beyond the everyday classroom.

For nearly 14 years, public, private, parochial and home school students have been welcome from any zip code. We encourage true beginners in every discipline of programming and work with students where they are when they arrive—not where we expect them to be. Our age range now includes those 5-85 with the addition of the Midwest Adult Choir in 2016. Our programming has expanded over time. We have asked and listened to the community. By engaging them, we’ve responded to by creating experiences and classes that they have interest in, but have been unable to access either because of cost or that they did not exist, period.

Since 2000, we have responded to filling an educational need in the community. Our history includes many in-depth themed literary and visual arts initiatives which we will re-visit this year on a smaller scale in after school settings. A very special thank you to Calumet College of St. Joseph for inviting us to use their classroom spaces and black box theater this summer for our music classes. This gift will provide a perfect setting for our students to continue their education and prepare them for the next academic year 2019-2020.

It is an exciting time in our history as we welcome our 20th year. We look forward to celebrating on Saturday, September 12, 2020, the actual day of our incorporation as a 501(c)(3) Indiana non-profit corporation. The plans for the gala will include performances, dinner and raffle baskets. Highlighting student achievement and revealing the impact we have made for thousands of families throughout all of our programs will be the goal.

Thank you for attending this evening. I invite you to share our story with others so that more people can become involved in writing the next chapter of BBB4E. We all benefit from the rich cultural experiences that are the Arts as both performer and audience member.

Michelle Golden
President and Founder
Books, Brushes & Bands for Education

MISSION STATEMENT
Exposure, experience & enrichment of the literary, visual & musical arts are essential to the potential of every child.

Dedicated to serving the community since 2000. Our corporate name - Books, Brushes & Bands for Education was originally trademarked in 2008, and re-registered in 2018.

No residency restriction to participate. Currently serving students from 33 different schools including students who are home-schooled.

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INSTRUCTIONAL SITES
Academic Year- September to May
Hammond Academy for the Performing Arts (HAPA)
6915 Grand Avenue
Hammond, IN 46323

Summer Sessions- June to August
Calumet College of St. Joseph
2400 New York Avenue
Whiting, IN 46394

MEMBERSHIPS
Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce
Scholastic Literacy Partnerships

STAFF
Bob Black, Communications Coordinator

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Books, Brushes & Bands for Education is a true community organization. We were founded to provide fine arts education programming for students who desire an introduction to the arts or for those who prefer year-round instruction particularly in the musical arts. For some, we provide the only access students have to instrumental music. Students may begin as early as age 4 and continue with us throughout their high school years. Changing schools does not alter a student’s status or eligibility to participate. BBB4E does not require exclusivity as we encourage our students, if they choose, to belong to their home school and church programs as well.
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BOOK BRIGADE: A Call to Action

FREE BOOKS
Door-to-door, kid-to-kid

Books, Brushes & Bands for Education has been collecting new and gently used books since 2012. Books donated are delivered on foot by volunteers walking door-to-door throughout Hammond neighborhoods during the summer months.

Volunteers can be any age from any zip code!

To volunteer to deliver books, please contact us at:
(219) 932-3232

DONATE BOOKS AT:
5920 Hohman Avenue
Hammond, IN 46320

THE MUSIC JAR: A STUDENT FUNDRAISER

Students across all of our music programs have been learning about what fundraising is and what it means for them. One facet of this, is done through The Music Jar where students are given a mason jar for one month where they collect as many donations as they can. This year students raised: $234.17!

Those who participated and raised funds are: Danika Allison, Chloe Bastardo, Donovan Heredia, Aliylla Hobson, Katerina Lazerus, Isaac Lopez, & Victoria Orozco.
TEAMWORK
Promote high performance through cooperative efforts, open communication, collective action and trust.

RESPECT
Demonstrate a high regard for every individual and their ideas, opinions and aspirations.

RESPONSIBILITY
Become part of the solution by assuming personal responsibility for organizational effectiveness and take initiative to achieve results and accept accountability.

SERVICE
Recognizing that authentic leadership through service encourages individuals to take an active role in social transformation.

ACCOUNTABILITY
Ensuring the wise use of time, money, and resources we have been given.

EQUITY IN THE ARTS
By forming partnerships, we cultivate a culture of equality and fairness where all individuals can develop to their full potential from equal access to multiple disciplines of the arts.

COMMUNITY
Within our own community, we encourage awareness of our region and its needs – through collective action we develop and implement programs that enact change.

QUALITY
We believe in a standard for excellence artistically, programmatically and administratively for the community, audiences and artists we serve.

INNOVATION
Implement unique, creative and cost-effective solutions that advance our services.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES
By fostering a climate that welcomes diverse ideas, people and perspectives, we aim to broaden the creative process, which deepens understanding of our surroundings and of the world.

COMMUNITY BBB-LIEVERS
Donations received from May 10, 2018 - May 10, 2019.
We apologize in advance for any omissions or incorrect spellings.

Trudy Adoba
In Memory of
Michael Golden
Danika Allison
Anonymous (8)
Chloe Bastardo
Cal & Cathy Bellamy
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Robert & Stephanie Black
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BOOK DONATIONS - BOOK BRIGADE: A Call to Action
The following people and organizations are those we know by name that have contributed books from May 1, 2018 - May 1, 2019. In addition, we are grateful to the countless volunteers, specifically Alternative Spring Break Volunteers of Purdue Northwest, and a special thank you to Rita Wilcox for assisting throughout the year. In addition, we are grateful to Frank Hammond Elementary and James B. Eads Elementary in Munster as well as The Munster Mint Girl Scouts for going above and beyond by donating over 2,100 books collectively.
Distribution walks begin in June and continue through September.

Astrid Arnold, Derek Bodley, Stacey Burgess-Brundige, Theresa Hellemens, Judy Morales, Sally O’Neill, Rosemary Peckler, Susan Riggle, Susan Tabers, and Mary Taylor.
The Midwest Youth Symphony Orchestra

This evening, we present to you the debut of the Midwest Youth Symphony Orchestra (MYSO). This symphonic orchestra was formed to meet a need in our organization and our community that provides an opportunity to the diverse population of Northwest Indiana. To introduce students to more challenging music, a broader instrumentation, and provide them with a deeper experience, the MYSO is the answer for BBB4E. As the MYSO grows and develops, we will begin accepting performance invitations.

The MYSO has students from both our Intermediate Band and Orchestra that were selected by our directors David Allie and Rovelli Grib. Students have the opportunity through this class to also audition for the Tuition Free Conservatory at the Merit School of Music in Chicago. Currently, two of our members of the MYSO are enrolled in the Tuition Free Conservatory, Wyatt Snyder and Emily Leckie. It’s through the drive, determination, and dedication of students like Wyatt and Emily that we will continue to expand and increase our opportunities beyond the everyday classroom.

MIDWEST YOUTH ORCHESTRA
Accepting new students in GRADES 2-12
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

The traditional method and Suzuki method of string instruction incorporates sequential-based curriculum focused on instrumental technique, musical knowledge, musical skills, and musical etiquette. Students will learn how to read musical compositions and apply those to their instrument.

Students may rent instruments through BBB4E and are issued on a first come, first serve basis. Instruments currently offered for rent: violin & cello. If you would like to provide your own instrument, please contact us before registering at (219) 932-3232.

MIDWEST YOUTH BAND, GRADES 4 - 12
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Students will learn music theory and fundamentals of their instrument in a classroom setting with a focus on tone, embouchure, technique, and more. All students will learn to read musical compositions. College students are welcome to participate free of charge.

Instrument rental through BBB4E is available on a first come, first serve basis: flute, trumpet, clarinet, trombone, alto saxophone, French horn, and percussion. Students may provide their own instruments.
BBB4E’S MUSIC PROGRAMS

All classes welcome all students from any zip code. No training or experience is required for any music program.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR ALL CLASSES!
All registration forms must be completed and the registration fee paid before a student may participate.

Register before August 29th and receive $20.00 off of your tuition!

Forms can be found on our website at bbb4e.org/register
Please mail or fax your forms to:
5920 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, IN 46320
(219) 932-2271 (Fax)

2019-20 Academic year begins SEPTEMBER 3

LET’S SING!, AGES 5 - 7
Mondays, 5:15-6:15 p.m. Begins September 23
Students have the opportunity to learn new and traditional music from around the world with an emphasis on listening, following directions, and diction in singing within a small group setting.

MIDWEST YOUTH CHOIR, AGES 8 - 18
MONDAYS, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Begins September 16
Students will learn a music repertoire that includes a variety of languages, singing in multiple part harmony, as well as traditional and contemporary selections while learning how to understand musical compositions.

MIDWEST ADULT CHOIR (MAC), AGES 18+
MONDAYS, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Begins October 14
Members will learn contemporary and traditional music from around the globe while learning how to read musical compositions. Members come from all across the area and vary in ages. College students may participate at half of the cost. 14 MAC Members are needed to run the class.

PLAY IT FORWARD

Play It Forward is a giving campaign from May 1, 2017 – September 12, 2020 benefitting BBB4E’s music programs.

Our goal is to raise $300,000

To allow for more access to instruction, every student that we serve is subsidized by at least 65% of their tuition and instrument rental, which we provide to keep the cost of instrument rental down from a third party.

We want to purchase new instruments, maintain our current inventory, and repair donated instruments. Classroom materials and a variety of musical compositions are needed for students.

Many individuals and businesses have donated gently used instruments over the years. Think about creating an instrument drive at your business or through your employer.

Please contact us for more information at: bbb4e@att.net, subject: Play It Forward.

$10.00 of every donation will be applied to the BBB4E Scholarship Fund.

If you are interested in sponsoring a student, a program or an event, please contact us at (219) 932-3232 or at bbb4e@att.net.

If you have a gently used instrument to donate, please call us to set up a convenient donation time that works best for you.
PRELUDE MUSIC
The Golden Punkz, The Hammond Academy for the Performing Arts
The Golden Punkz are the resident rock band at the Hammond Academy for the Performing Arts. This ensemble meets weekly after school and features students from across HAPA who are interested in performing rock and pop music. Some students already play a rock band instrument (guitar, bass, drums, vocals) while others learn new instruments as part of the experience of joining the group. Each year, the HAPA Rock Band performs a themed show, with the 2018-2019 school year theme of punk rock. This year, students have been learning music by groups from The Ramones to Panic! At the Disco.

WELCOME
Michelle Golden, President
Hon. Marissa McDermott, Guest Speaker

LET’S SING!
BOB MILLIGAN, Director
TRICIA JOHNSON, Piano Accompanist

How Far I’ll Go- Lin-Manuel Miranda
Remember Me- Robert Lopez & Kristen Anderson-Lopez
When I Grow Up- Tim Minchin

MIDWEST YOUTH ORCHESTRA
ROVELLI GRIB, Director

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA
Ode to Joy- Ludwig van Beethoven
Bile ‘em Cabbage Down- American Fiddle Tune
Lightly Row

BEGINNING & INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA
Orpheus In The Underworld- Jacques Offenbach

INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA
Royal Promenade- Don Brubaker
Music for the Royal Fireworks- George Frederick Handel, arr. C. Gruselle

MIDWEST ADULT CHOIR
BOB MILLIGAN, Director
CAROL SCHAAP, Piano accompaniment

Someone Like You- Leslie Bricusse & Frank Wildhorn
Seasons of Love- Jonathan Larson
You Will Be Found- Benj Pasek & Justin Paul
Salutato- Bethany Dyke & Ruthanne Neveu

MIDWEST YOUTH BAND
DAVID ALLIE, Merit School of Music

“It is a privilege and an honor to be the Band Director of the Midwest Youth Band Program with Books, Brushes & Bands for Education. During my tenure with the program, I have seen tremendous growth in each student. We are performing more challenging literature and the students are working hard to be the best that they can be. Many of our students will earn college scholarships if they continue this path of success. We now have students auditioning and being accepted in the Merit School of Music’s Alice S. Pfaelzer Tuition Free Conservatory. Where students will be working with some of the finest teachers in the Chicago area. I am proud of the work we have accomplished this year and look forward to the challenges ahead. We are not just teaching music. We are changing lives.”

“Let’s Sing”, I also had the privilege of directing the “Midwest Adult Choir”! This program is a delightful opportunity for adults to come and sing in a fun and leisurely environment. This year we had a great time learning music and working together to sing as a group. I really admire and am very proud of this group who have taken time out of their busy schedules to come out to sing and learn the fundamentals of singing as a choir. I would like to thank Carol Schaap, our accompanist, who also takes time out of her busy schedule to come and play. I hope that you enjoy the “Midwest Adult Choir” as they perform this evening.”
FROM OUR DIRECTORS

LET’S SING!
BOB MILLIGAN

“I find it hard to believe that this is my second-year teaching “Let’s Sing!” with BBB4E! Our group has over doubled in size since last year which is incredible and bringing new, talented children to the program. They are learning to sing and beginning to understand music theory! I would like to thank the parents and family members who bring their student to class each week and that they care enough to invest in their child’s musical talent and education. I would like to give a special thanks to Tricia Johnsen our piano accompanist for her work and assistance with “Let’s Sing!”. Thank you to Books, Brushes & Bands for Education for, again, giving me this opportunity to work with your children. I am so very proud of all our students, and I hope you enjoy their performance tonight.”

MIDWEST YOUTH ORCHESTRA
ROVELLI GRIB

“This is my first year as the Director of the Midwest Youth Orchestras with Books, Brushes & Bands for Education. I really enjoyed working with these awesome students, every single one is very talented and unique. We had a great year and made tremendous progress. I’m looking forward to meeting new potential talent in the community looking to explore the world of music and performance. Students of all skill levels are welcome to join the program and grow with us. Playing a musical instrument is not only a joy, it is also beneficial to development. Research has proven that playing in an orchestra increases social skills, coordination, and academic achievement.”

MIDWEST YOUTH CHOIR
JADE MAZE, Merit School of Music

“This year’s choir reminded me how important it is to join voices. In a world where everyone is now looking at a screen and accessible 24/7, it is more important than ever to breathe deeply and lift your voice. Our group as a unit was a shy one but as a whole rose to the occasion. Midwest Youth Choir! You are lovely young people with beautiful voices.”

SPRING 2018 PROGRAM CONT’D

MIDWEST YOUTH BAND
DAVID ALLIE, Director/Merit School of Music

BEGINNING BAND
Montego Bay- arr. by Chuck Elledge

INTERMEDIATE BAND
Lexington March- John Edmondson
Rocky Mountain Romp- Brian Balmages
Harrowgate Festival- John Edmondson

MIDWEST YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
ROVELLI GRIB, Director
DAVE ALLIE, Guest Tuba Player

Finlandia- Jean Sibelius, arr. Richard Meyer
Ode to Joy- Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. by Richard Meyer
New World Symphony- Antonin Dvorak, arr. Brad Pfeil

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
MUSIC JAR AWARD WINNERS

MIDWEST YOUTH CHOIR
JADE MAZE, Director/Merit School of Music

Piano Accompaniment Elikem Fiase

Sing Out A Joyful Song- Dave and Jean Perry
Proud Corazón- G. Franco and A. Molina

MIDWEST CHOIRS
Bob Milligan, Director
Jade Maze, Director/Merit School of Music

You Raise Me Up- B. Graham and R. Lovland
World Without Music- Dave and Jean Perry

CLOSING WITH STUDENT GROUP PHOTO
Michelle Golden, President

Thank you for attending and supporting Books, Brushes & Bands for Education and its students.
2018 - 2019 STUDENTS

MIDWEST YOUTH BAND
Beginning Band
Jaliyah Brown
Kameron Burke
Christin Jones
Charity Jones
Ulsien Juarez
Chyaire Love
Connor Miller
Mikaila Mitchell
Evans
Ulises Juarez
Connor Miller
Mikaila Mitchell
Evans

Intermediate Band
Lisette Ariza
Isaiah Brundige
Andrew Cazassos
Nadya Flores
Tytn Keith
Anissa Kirby
Joshua Morales
Madison Mullen
Micah Nelson
Amelia Ridonour
Riley Sanders
Nathan Springsteen
Kristen Stone
Wyatt Snyder
Kayce Suncin
Karson Thornton

MIDWEST YOUTH CHOIR
Danika Allison
Emily Arnold
Kennedy Bryant
Jasmine Childress

Ava Dinicelli
Giana Foley
Brandon Freeman
Miah Galambos
King Johnson
Christin Jones
Charity Jones
Dylan Koonce
Kayla Koonce
Emily Leckie
Chyaire Love
Alexandra Neace
David Adam Reyes
Sarita Reyes
Monica Rodriguez
Ashera Smith

LET’S SING!
Chloe Bastardo
Jeremiah Cuadra
Donovan Heredia
Annabelle Larsen
Katerina Lauren
Isaac Lopez
Victoria Orozco
Jose Perez
Gabriela Quiroga
David Sema
Jonathon Sema
Kenneth Suncin

MIDWEST YOUTH ORCHESTRA
Beginning Orchestra
Lawyer Burton
Priscilla Burton
Tami Campbell
Kayli Daiper
Leila Edwards
Fernando Gallegos
Mariano Gallegos
Nathalia Gallegos
Shonani Harris
JaNoah Henry
Aliyla Holson
Tommy Osborn
Micah Prince

Intermediate Orchestra
Hannah Burton
LeBarron Burton II
Sarah Burton
Jaliyah Clayborne
Xavier Dates Jr.
Gerry Gaoar
Emily Leckie
Anaarolina Lopez
Naomi Martin
Anthony Mauntel
Elizabeth Mauntel
Isabella Mauntel
Joshua Mauntel
David Nelson Jr.
Paul Reyes
Londyn Rodriguez
Destiny Schweisthal
Ella Snyder
Mikayla Vandergrat
Cullen Wells
Grace Wells
Adam Yancey
David Yancey
Eleanor Zielinski

SCHOOL LISTINGS
There is no residency restriction to participate in any of our programs.
We appreciate student representation from the following schools:

HAMILTON, IN
Clark High School
Columbia Elementary
Edison Elementary
Eggers Middle
Franklin Elementary
Geer Middle
Hammond Academy of Science & Technology
Harding Elementary
Jefferson Elementary
Kenswood Elementary
Montessori Children’s Schoolhouse
Morton Elementary
Morton High School
O’Bannon Elementary
Scott Middle School
St. Casimir Catholic
Wallace Elementary

CAPELTON, IN
Benjamin Banneker Achievement Center
Thea Bovman Leadership Academy
Westside Leadership Academy

GARY, IN
Benjamin Banneker Achievement Center
Thea Bovman Leadership Academy
Westside Leadership Academy

HOMESCHOOL (19)

LOWELL, IN
Lowell Christian Academy

MUNSTER, IN
Elliott Elementary
Wilbur Wright Middle School

GRIFFITH, IN
Griffith Middle

HOMESCHOOL (19)
SOUNDBYTES
A shout out to our wonderful students and friends.

MICHELLE GOLDEN
In appreciation to the Honorable, Marissa McDermott for being our Keynote Speaker this evening, thank you for personally sharing your time, story and wisdom.

COLEMAN WELLS
Congratulations Coleman on how quickly you have learned the violin. Your hard work and dedication shows through when you play. We are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad

GRACE WELLS
Congratulations Grace on your hard work and success playing the harp. God has truly given you the gift of music. We are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad

AMELIA RIDENOUR
We are so proud of you! Your dedication and hard work is really paying off and will take you far! Keep it up! We love you- Mom and Dad

ALL MY STUDENTS
Congratulations everyone, you’ve done it! I’m proud of every one of you and so thankful to know you all! See you this Summer! -Mr. Bob Black

2018 - 2019 SUMMER CLASSES
REGISTRATION OPEN NOW
Final Concert August 1, 2019

Classes Located at Calumet College of St. Joseph
2400 New York Ave, Whiting, IN 46394

Midwest Youth Choir (Ages 8 - 17)
Mondays from 6:15-7:30 pm

Begins June 3rd - No audition necessary, all students are welcome. Director, Ms. Jade Maze of the Merit School of Music, will focus on 2 part harmony and teaching the finer points of choral music.
Cost: $110.00 ($95.00 Tuition + $15.00 Registration Fee)

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings 5:15-7:15 pm

Midwest Youth Band (Grades 4-10)
Begins June 4th - Students with at least 1 year experience may join. 5:15 - 6:15 pm. Director, David Allie of the Merit School of Music, will have students focus on improving their skills with their traditional band instrument and perform in a group ensemble.
Cost: $200.00 ($185.00 Tuition + $15.00 Registration Fee)

Midwest Youth Orchestra (Grades 3-10)
Begins June 4th - Students with at least 1 year experience may join. 5:15 - 6:15 pm. Director, Rovelli Grib, will have students focus on further developing their skills with their stringed instrument and perform in a group.
Cost: $200.00 ($185.00 Tuition + $15.00 Registration Fee)

Midwest Youth Symphony Orchestra (Grades 5 - 12)
Begins June 4th Students selected by discretion of instructors. Students with at least 2 years experience may audition to join. 6:15 - 7:15 pm. This group is led by both our Band and Orchestra Directors.
Cost: $200.00 (If not enrolled in the Midwest Youth Orchestra or Band)

Instrument Rental is available on a first come first serve basis.
2018 - 2019 STUDENT BODY

The following students comprise our current student body for the 2018-2019 academic year. They range in age, years of enrollment, school affiliation, and experience level.

Danika Allison
Dream Job: Neurosurgeon

Lisette Ariza
Dream Job: President

Emily Arnold
Dream Job: Teacher

Jesus Avila
Dream Job: Musician

Chloe Bastardo
Dream Job: Doctor

Jaliyah Brown
Dream Job: First Female President

Isaiah Brundige
Dream Job: Theatrical Troop Member

Kennedy Bryant
Dream Job: Animal Scientist

2ND MIDWEST YOUTH ARTISTS FESTIVAL

BBB4E held its Second Midwest Youth Artists Festival in April. Over 40 band and orchestra students performed solos, before judges with classmates in the audience. Students received written feedback and will be awarded medals for their performances at our Family Recognition Dinner, Wednesday, May 22.

BEElieve IN BBB4E: A SPRING TEA

BBB4E held its 4th annual Spring Tea on April 28th at the Hammond Marina. A delicious menu prepared by Progressive Catering Group and student performers of the Midwest Youth Orchestra entertained over 80 guests. Proceeds from ticket sales, donations, and raffle baskets raised over $7,000.00. We appreciate Green Sense Farms and Southern Glazers Wine & Spirits for being our Presenting Sponsors. Mark your calendar for our 5th Annual Spring Tea, April 5, 2020!

CITY OF HAMMOND NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Midwest Youth Choir (MYC) had the privilege to sing, May 1 at Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr.’s National Day of Prayer Breakfast at Dynasty Banquets. Performing for a crowd of 700, the choir sang the National Anthem and a rendition of “You Raise Me Up” by Josh Groban. To watch the video of their performance please check out our Facebook page!

FAMILY RECOGNITION DINNER

To honor of all the hard work, dedication, and passion of students, faculty, parents, and volunteers, BBB4E will hold its annual Family Recognition Potluck Dinner at the Hammond Academy for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. Make sure you RSVP by Friday, May 17!
2018 - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME BACK TO: HAPA
The Hammond Academy for the Performing Arts welcomed Books, Brushes & Bands for Education back to use their classrooms and concert space for its evening music classes and performances.

From everyone at BBB4E: Thank you, HAPA.

BBB4E ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT
We had a blast this winter with our concert at the Hammond Academy for the Performing Arts. Students from all our programs had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills. We’re so proud of all of our students!

APPLEBEE’S FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER
BBB4E held its 4th Applebee’s Flapjack Fundraiser in Munster. Student, parent, alumni, staff, and board member volunteers sold tickets and served hot breakfast. Through ticket sales, donations, and chocolate bar sales the total raised that benefitted all of BBB4E’s music programs was over $800!

Save the date for our next one, October 26, 2019!

GET OUT THE VOTE RALLY
November 3, 2018
The Midwest Youth Choir had the honor of singing the National Anthem at the Get Out the Vote Rally featuring President Barack Obama as the keynote speaker. Our students sang at the Gary Genesis Center for a 7,000 audience members. Students and their families listened to the speeches and met several dignitaries which included Senator Joe Donnelly.

2018 - 2019 STUDENT BODY

Kamarion Burke
Dream Job: Lawyer

Lawyer Burton
Dream Job: Doctor

Priscilla Burton
Dream Job: Scientist

Tamia Campbell
Dream Job: Pediatrician

Hannah Burton
Dream Job: Photographer/Journalist

LeBarron Burton II
Dream Job: Chemist

Sarah Burton
Dream Job: Dermatologist

Anthony Carrera
Dream Job: Videogame Developer
2018 - 2019 STUDENT BODY

Andrew Cavazos
Dream Job: TOP Orchestra Band

Jasmine Childress
Dream Job: World Renown Artist of Various Styles

Coleman Wells
Dream Job: EOD Specialist

Grace Wells
Dream Job: Concert Harpist/Harp Teacher

Jeremiah Cuadra
Dream Job: Soldier

Kayla Daspit
Dream Job: Fashion Designer & Veterinarian

Adam Yancey
Dream Job: Cake Baker

David Yancey
Dream Job: Conductor

Xavier Dates Jr.
Dream Job: Engineer

Ava Dimiceli
Dream Job: Horse Rider

Eleanor Zielinski
Dream Job: Paleontologist

Leila Edwards
Dream Job: Pro Gamer/Dancer

Nadya Flores
Dream Job: Zoologist

2018 - 2019 STUDENT BODY

MIDWEST ADULT CHOIR

Jane Barron
Bob Black
Bethany Dyke
Peggy Greer
Ruthanne Neveu
Curtis Neveu
Brenda Wigsmoen
2018 - 2019 STUDENT BODY

Ja’Niyah Henry
Dream Job: Veterinarian

Donovan Heredia
Dream Job: A Boy Unicorn

Monica Rodriguez
Dream Job: Animator

Joshua Rojo
Dream Job: Musician

Aliylla Hobson
Dream Job: Doctor/ Singer

King Johnson
Dream Job: Editor/English Teacher

Riley Sanders
Dream Job: Military

Destiny Schweisthal
Dream Job: Veterinarian

Charity Jones
Dream Job: Scientist

Christin Jones
Dream Job: Veterinarian & Musical Artist

David Sernas
Dream Job: SWAT Team Member

Jonathon Sernas
Dream Job: Army Nurse

Ulises Juarez
Dream Job: Musician

Tyrin Keith
Dream Job: Chicago Symphony Orchestra Member

Ashera Smith
Dream Job: Doctor

Ella Snyder
Dream Job: A Mother
2018 - 2019 STUDENT BODY

Jose Perez
Dream Job: Singer

Micayla Prince
Dream Job: Veterinarian

Anissa Kirby
Dream Job: Business Owner

Dylan Koonce
Dream Job: Police Officer

Gabrielle Quiroga
Dream Job: Astronaut

David Adam Reyes
Dream Job: Police Officer

Kayla Koonce
Dream Job: Photographer

Annabelle Larsen
Dream Job: Law Maker

Paul Reyes
Dream Job: Videogame Developer

Sarita Reyes
Dream Job: Crazy Cat Lady

Katerina Lazerus
Dream Job: Olympic Gymnast

Emily Leckie
Dream Job: Doctor/Music Therapist

Amelia Ridenour
Dream Job: Doctor

Londyn Rodriguez
Dream Job: Defense Lawyer

Anacarolina Lopez
Dream Job: Radiologist

Isaac Lopez
Dream Job: Fireman
2018 - 2019 STUDENT BODY

Chyaire Love
Dream Job: Baker

Naomi Martin
Dream Job: STEM Teacher

Joshua Morales
Dream Job: Pilot

Madison Mullen
Dream Job: Doctor

Anthony Mauntel
Dream Job: Accountant

Elizabeth Mauntel
Dream Job: Children’s Hospital Nurse

Alexandra Neace
Dream Job: Doctor

David Nelson Jr.
Dream Job: Music Producer/Writer

Isabella Mauntel
Dream Job: Photographer

Joshua Mauntel
Dream Job: Football Player

Micah Nelson
Dream Job: Musician

Victoria Orozco
Dream Job: Lawyer

Connor Miller
Dream Job: Police Officer

Mikaila Mitchell-Evans
Dream Job: Artist

Ricky Osborn
Dream Job: Geologist

Tommy Osborn
Dream Job: Electric Engineer