

Dear Parents and Students,

August 2023

Hello!!! to our Performing Art Students and parents. I am Joan Wierzba, the new PAS administrator and I am working with a team of enthusiastic LMM members, namely: Mary Adkins, Dr. Penny Draper, and Mary Anne Larzelere on PAS this year. We welcome you to the 2023-24 Season of PAS and to our first PAS meeting on Sunday, September 10 at 3:00 pm at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbott Road in East Lansing, 48823. (Please note that this is NOT our usual location). The meeting is combined with Lansing Matinee Musicale, our sponsoring organization. Guest artist is Dr. Onur Alakavuklar, who is a music educator, composer and jazz guitarist. Please bring your PAS membership form, press release form, and membership dues to the meeting. We'll be available beginning at 2:15 pm to collect dues and issue receipts. (No dues will be collected during the concert). If you would like to perform at this meeting, please send your information to me via email (wierzbaj@comcast.net) by Sunday, September 3rd.

PAS meetings at 3 pm on October 8, November 12, January 21, February 11, and March 10 will be at Okemos Community Church as they have been in previous years. The Honors Recital is scheduled for 2 pm (note time change) on April 14th in the Ada Whitehouse Room at Burcham Hills Retirement Center. Look carefully at PAS newsletters, the Lansing Matinee Musicale website and FaceBook for program information. Bookmarks with the schedule will be available at the first meeting. Please invite your friends to join PAS!

<u>Membership information is included on the registration form.</u> Our new family membership of \$50 entitles siblings and parents to belong to PAS and LMM. Meetings are open to the public, so please invite family members, friends and neighbors to attend. LMM welcomes new members to help support musical activities for all ages in our community.

<u>PAS is offering the same Awards program</u> as last year. LMM offers auditioned-awards for all middle school and high school instrumentalists, singers and dancers. Eligibility requirements include attending three meetings (signed-in) and performing at a meeting prior to the application deadline on whatever instrument (or dance, voice) that you would like to audition. The same requirements, as well as a written essay, apply for summer study and camp awards. Details are in the PAS Information booklet and will be on the application forms.

<u>Thank you to all the PAS members and parents who have supported us in the past.</u> We hope you will help us spread the word of the benefits of PAS to other people and students who enjoy music!

Sincerely,

Joan Wierzba, PAS Administrator, wierzbaj@comcast.net