

ROCKHEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS

SWEET SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

DONATIONS TO
ROCKHEIGHTS MUSIC
GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

7PM, WED DEC 18
RMS GYM

BAND, JAZZ BAND, CHOIR & STRINGS



PROGRAM

Choir

Accompanied by Mr. Jeff Poynter

Ac-cen-tchu-ate the Positive

Lyric by Johnny Mercer

Music by Harold Arlen

Arranged by Steve Zegree

Greer Halbert, Ella Geysen, Cooper Renaud and Maisie Quantien, solos

Star Canon

Based on Pachelbel's Canon in D

Lyrics from a traditional Nursery Rhyme

Arranged by David Waggoner

Sarah Hegy, Ella Geysen and Maisie Quantien, solos

Frosty and Friends

Arranged by Mark Brymer

Colm Wolf-Gage, Connor Sandhals and Greer Halbert, solos

Beginning Band

A Demonstration of How Far We've Come!

Good King Wenceslas

Traditional English Carol

Madeline Wiggins, clarinet; Connor Sandhals, tenor sax; Beau Benning, clarinet; Ella Geysen, flute; Sienna McLean, French horn; Greer Halbert, alto sax solos

Jolly Old St. Nicholas

Traditional American Carol

Intermediate Strings

Adeste Fideles (O Come, All Ye Faithful)

Traditional English Carol

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Traditional English Carol

Beginning Strings

Three Variations on Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star Traditional English lullaby
Merrily, We Roll Along Traditional American Nursery Rhyme
Jolly Old St. Nicholas Traditional American Carol

Intermediate Band

Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson
Arranged by Michael Story
Gavin Reich, "horse neigh" trumpet solo

Jazz Band

Santa Baby Words and Music by Joan Javits,
Philip Springer and Tony Springer,
Arranged by Mike Story
Suzannah Faber, drum solo
Santa Baby Drum Demonstration
Gabe Stinchcombe, drum solo
Don't Stop Believin' Words and Music by Steve Perry,
Neal Schon and Jonathan Cain
Arranged by John Berry
Alex Green, trumpet solos
Don't Stop Believin' Drum Demonstration
Ryley Ewing, drum solo
Jingle Bell Rock Words and Music by Joe Beal and
Jim Boothe, Arranged by Paul Cook
Alex Nault, flute solo, Suzannah Faber, piano solo and Natalie Wight, drum solo

2019 2020 ROCKHEIGHTS MUSIC PROGRAM MEMBERS

Beginning Band

Flutes

Armstrong, Ophelia
Geysen, Ella
Nelson, Seisha

Clarinets

Benning, Beau
Mowatt, Aliza
Peterson, Kyle
Saravanan, Kaniska
Wiggins, Madeline
Williamson, Colin

Alto Saxophones

Ford, Oliver
George, Ava
Haynes, Brayden
Karpes, Colton
Halbert, Greer
Rodwell, Rennveig
Sheoff, Phoenix
Treverton, Ty
Wright, Timothy

Tenor Saxophones

Boyce, Nigel
Sandhals, Connor

Trumpets

Dion, Sydney
Stoddart, Ish
Watson, Nicholas

French horn

McLean, Sienna

Trombones

Easton, Sam
Grotenhois, Maddox

Euphonium

Quentien, Maisie

Tuba

Walsh, Lilly

Percussion

Ewing, Ryley
Rasheed, Abdo
Stinchcombe, Gabe

Beginning Strings

Violins

Devgan, Uday
Gordon, Brooklyn
Dilke, Breanna
Gamracy, Maxine
Morton, Sofia
McLean, Sienna
Nelson, Seisha

Basses

Conn, Ruth
George, Ava

Intermediate Band

Flutes

Morgan, Carmanah
Nault, Alex

Clarinets

Abbott, Jasmine
Fuder, Brooklyn
Nash, Alexis
O'Neill, Cienna
Scales, Jett

Alto Saxophones

Urlacher, Scarlett
Weber, Brooklyn

Tenor Saxophone

Faber, Suzannah

Baritone Saxophone

McMillan, Evie

Trumpets

Badowski, Ryan
Green, Alex
Henson, Sianna
Kemp, Cai
Landrie, Greta
Landrie, Lucy
Reich, Gavin

Trombone

Campiou-
Courtoreille, Cleo

Euphonium

Renaud, Cooper

Percussion

Pemberton, Oliver
Bourdeau, Emma
Diaz, David
Mercer, Levi
Wight, Natalie

Intermediate Strings

Violin

Roberts, Pak

Viola

O'Hara, Terena
Mowatt, Aliza

Cello

Wolf-Gage, Colm

Bass

Rattee, Finn

Choir

Geysen, Ella
Grotenhuis, Maddox
Hegy, Sarah
Kreshmar, Jesse
Mowatt, Aliza
Pangilinan, Jomary
Quentien, Maisie
Rumbolt, Amaya
Sandhals, Connor
Stoddart, Ish
Wolf-Gage, Colm

Jazz Band

Flute and Alto Sax

Nault, Alex

Trumpet

Green, Alex

Trombone

Campiou-
Courtoreille, Cleo

Piano and Drums

Faber, Suzannah
Wight, Natalie

Bass

O'Hara, Terena

BIOS

Risa McDonell, Music Teacher



Risa recently returned to her hometown of Victoria with her young family, after 14 years of teaching at Seycove Secondary and Windsor Secondary School, both in North Vancouver. Risa's concert and jazz bands performed at the Vancouver International Jazz Festival, Musicfest Canada Nationals, Canadian Rocky Mountain Music Festival in Banff, and Heritage Music Festivals in New York and Chicago. Risa coordinated exchange programs with some of Japan's most celebrated high school bands, and conducted and produced large-scale musical theatre productions at North Vancouver's Centennial Theatre. Risa has performed as both a flutist and conductor with the West Coast Symphony Orchestra, the Vancouver Philharmonic Orchestra and the Meridien Wind Orchestra. Risa is delighted to be the new music teacher at Rockheights Middle School! (*photo credit: Long and McQuade Musical Instruments*)

Jeff Poynter, Accompanist



Jeff is a multi-instrumentalist, music educator and artist manager. Jeff completed his Bachelor of Music degree on saxophone, and is a sought-after keyboardist and accordion player as well. Jeff works with renowned jazz singer and pianist Louise Rose to provide music at Cadboro Bay United Church, but is perhaps best known for his work with indie folk trio West My Friend. West My Friend has been performing and touring all over North America for the past 10 years. They recently released their fourth album *In Constellation*, where they are backed by a full symphony orchestra. Their music has been called "achingly poignant", "intricate yet accessible", and "melancholic yet optimistic." Jeff now runs Pine & Anchor Studio where he gives lessons, provides space for other teachers and students, and hosts rehearsals. (*photo credit: Moss Photography*)

THANK YOU'S

First and foremost, thank you to all of the **parents** for supporting your child's music education! Your presence here tonight, and your engagement in their lives sends a powerful message of love and support. A big thank you to everyone who provided treats this evening. Thank you to all the **parent volunteers**, particularly **Jill Whiteman** and **Boon Argyle**, for making sure the show *business* of this evening happened without a hitch! Thank you to the previous Music Teacher, **Jen Kelly**, who has been enormously helpful and generous with her time. Thank you to **Principal Maryanne Trofimuk** for her deep commitment to this school and enormous support for the music program. Thank you to the **Rockheights Staff**, particularly **Pam Coburn** and **Loa Peters** for the many ways you support the program from keeping track of pizza sales to watching over instruments. Thank you **Jeff Poynter** for being such a consummate professional and a joy to work with. Thank you to **David Symonds** from **Long and McQuade Musical Instruments**, who set up the condenser mics this evening and who is always there when we need help.

ROCKHEIGHTS MUSIC NEWS

New Website! rockheightsmusic.com

In case you haven't heard, the music program is **no longer sending out newsletters, instead rockheightsmusic.com** is where you can find information on everything relating to the music program: concert dates; copies of every letter that's been sent home; the music program timetable and more!

E-Mails and Paper Notices

I have been sending home notices by paper (given to your child in class to bring home), and also by email. If you have not been receiving these emails, **please get in touch with me at rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca** and ask me to add you to the email list. Grandparents and other supporters are invited to join the list for updates, too. If you think you've missed something, please check rockheightsmusic.com since all paper notices are also posted there.

Uniforms are \$10

We are always proud of our students. Having a quality uniform contributes to that sense of pride and belonging. The t-shirts you see the students wearing tonight **cost \$10** and are theirs to keep. If you have not already, **please make a cheque payable to "Rockheights Middle School"** and write "[child's name] t-shirt" on the memo line, or bring in cash. Thank you.

**CHOCOPOPS ON SALE
TONIGHT! \$2 each
Unique stocking stuffers!
Supports a great cause!
All proceeds help lower
the cost of students'
Spring trips!**

Timetable Change!

The music program timetable is going to have a change starting in January:

Beginner Band will no longer meet on Thursdays last block of the day, they will meet on Fridays last block of the day instead. They will still have rehearsals Fridays at lunch (these will be sectional rehearsals), and on Tuesdays last block of the day.

Intermediate Band will no longer meet on Fridays last block of the day, they will now meet on Thursdays last block of the day. All other class times remain the same.

Grade 8 Band Retreat

Friday, January 10th \$7

The Grade 8 Band students have been invited to attend a one-night retreat at Esquimalt High School on **Friday, January 10th. The cost of this event is only \$7**, for which they will receive: a pizza dinner, team-building games and activities, clinics on their instrument and a movie. This is not an overnight retreat – students will need to be picked up by a parent late that evening. If you are a parent of a Grade 8 student, please pick up detailed information tonight, and if you are able to pay the \$7, please do.

Spring Tours

Information will go home in January about the Spring tours. The plan is for grade 7 and 8 students to travel to Vancouver for the night of Thursday, April 2nd so that they can attend a concert of the Asahikawa Commerce High School Band, one of Japan's finest student concert bands, amongst other activities. Grade 6 students will travel to a retreat, somewhere on the island, likely in March or in May.

Grants and Donations

We may have some exciting news for you soon about donations! Stay tuned!

