

# Dutchess County Music Educators Association



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the

**2011**

## **Elementary All-County Music Festival**

*Saturday February 26, 2011*

*2:00 PM*

*Beacon High School*

## **Chorus**

**Craig B. Knapp, Conductor**

**Jodie McCaffrey, Piano Accompanist**

**Meghan Dorsey, Chairperson**

**Our Elementary Choral Conductor, Craig B. Knapp** is currently in his 13th year teaching General Music, Music Technology, Recorder/Orff Ensemble and Chorus for grades 3 through 5, at the Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School in the Rocky Point Public School District.

Mr. Knapp's 4th/5th grade students regularly participate in NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) festivals as soloists/duets for voice, and his 4th/5th Grade Intermediate and 5th Grade Select Chorus ensembles have been performing annually at the NYSSMA Major Organization Evaluation Festival since Spring of 2003, where they have received consistent "Gold" or "Gold With Distinction" ratings. Mr. Knapp has had several students participate in ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) State, Regional and National Children's Honors Choirs and in the OAKE (Organization of American Kodály Educators) National Children's Choir since 2004.

Craig Knapp was the first ever music educator to be selected as Dowling College/News 12 Long Island "Educator of the Month," in the 2005-2006 Academic Year.

Mr. Knapp is currently the Director of the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of New York's Children's Treble Choirs, which included a performance at Carnegie Hall in June 2009. This year, acclaimed choral composer Nick Page has been commissioned to write a piece for Mr. Knapp's choir to debut at Lincoln Center in June 2011. Mr. Knapp has presented several elementary classroom music and choral workshops at various local and state conferences and has been a guest conductor for Schoharie, Nassau and Suffolk County Music Educators' Associations.

Mr. Knapp is an active member of SCMEA (Suffolk County Music Educators' Association), where he currently serves as Immediate Past President, after serving as President, President-Elect and three years as Executive Vice President for All-County Festivals. He is the Administrative Program Coordinator for the Orff-Schulwerk Summer Studies at Hofstra University. Mr. Knapp is also actively involved with the NY/ACDA (New York Chapter of American Choral Directors Association), where he is currently the Repertoire & Standards Committee Chairperson for Children's Choirs.

### **CHORAL PROGRAM**

From A Railway Carriage .....Anton Rinker  
(Poem from "A Child's Garden of Verses" by Robert Louis Stevenson)  
The Drinking Gourd.....Andre Thomas  
Leanne Sowul will be performing the flute accompaniment in Drinking Gourd and Mr. Nobody  
Al Shlosha D'Varim.....Allan E. Naplan  
Mr. Nobody (from "Two Nobody Songs").....P. Bouman  
Sahayta.....Ben Allaway  
Christine Mangiamele will be performing the conga part in Sahayta

## Band

### Dan Shaut, Conductor

Lou Verazzo, Lisa Bellino, Chairpersons

The **Conductor for this year's Elementary Band is Dan Shaut.** Dan is currently the band director in the Kingston City School District and is also on the faculty at The College of St. Rose in Albany. Saxophonist Dan Shaut is a Kingston, N.Y., native with 13 years of professional experience. He finds his every waking moment filled with one role or another — as performer, educator, husband and father. He received his master's degree in saxophone performance at the University of Maryland in 2003 and his bachelor's in music education at Ithaca College in 2001. He has studied with Steve Mauk, Steve Brown, Chris Vadala and Dale Underwood.

For the past eight years, Shaut has taught instrumental music in the Kingston (N.Y.) City School District, where he has directed elementary and middle school bands as well as the high school jazz band. In fall 2010, he added director's duties to his résumé when he assumed the leadership role for the award-winning Kingston High School Jazz Ensemble. For the past seven years, he has also served as an adjunct professor of music at the College of St. Rose in Albany and, for the past three years, in the same capacity at Ulster Community College. He has taught music majors and minors at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

In the past 5 years, over 30 of Shaut's private students have been selected for NYSSMA All-State High School Jazz Ensemble and Wind Ensemble; NYSBDA All-State High School Jazz Ensemble and Concert Band and All-State Middle School Band; and All-County elementary, junior high and high school bands and jazz ensembles. Three of his students have been selected to perform as members of the Kingston High School Jazz Ensemble in the Essentially Ellington Competition at Jazz at Lincoln Center, where they had the privilege of playing alongside the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and Wynton Marsalis. In Shaut's private music studio, his evening and weekend calendar remains full each year.

Mr. Shaut spent three years as a freelance musician and continues to perform professionally. Following a North American collegiate search, he was selected as a member of the Walt Disney World Saxophone Quintet in 2001, and spent that summer performing in Orlando. In summer 2002, he was the tenor sax soloist with the award-winning Starlight Orchestra at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg (VA). As a member of the Maryland Saxophone Quartet, he toured Brazil in summer 2003, where he performed with Dale Underwood. He has performed with Frankie Valley and The Four Seasons as well. He also appears on a 2005 recording by composer and trumpeter Rusty Detrick.

Shaut currently leads a jazz nonet and the newly formed, professional 17-piece Hudson Valley Jazz Orchestra. He'll soon be heading back into the recording studio again to perform on the debut album of Bob Shaut's saxophone quartet, Sax Life.

Shaut and his wife Erika have a one-year-old daughter, Gisella. The family lives in Lake Katrine, N.Y.

### BAND PROGRAM

7.7 March.....Robert Shaut  
Korean Folk Rhapsody.....Arr. James Curnow  
Incantation and Ritual.....Brian Balmages  
The Incredibles.....Michael Giacchino, arr. Johnnie Vinson

## Orchestra

### Kathleen Beckmann, Conductor

Richard Carr, Chairperson

**Kathy Beckmann, our Elementary Orchestra Conductor** has been the artistic director and conductor of the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra since 2006. She has also been a guest conductor for The Sinfonia Bucuresti in performance at the Central National De Arta "Tinerimea Romana." and for the Kharkiv Philharmonic in Kharkiv, Ukraine. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree from the Crane School of Music where she received the Crane Merit Award in Education. Mrs. Beckmann completed her Masters Degree in Music Performance at SUNY Fredonia. Her conducting teachers include David Rudge at Fredonia, David Becker at the University of Wisconsin, John Farrer and Neil Thomson at the Royal College of Music in London, Diane Wittry at the Norwalk Symphony, and Florin Totan, principal conductor of the Valcea Philharmonic. Mrs. Beckmann is a certified string and major ensemble adjudicator for NYSSMA and has been selected on an annual basis for Who's Who in American Education since 2003. From 1994-98, Mrs. Beckmann served on the executive board for the National School Orchestra Association in New York State and was the editor for the publication *Orchestrations*. She also has conducted the NYSSMA Directors Orchestra, the Saratoga/Warren All County High School Orchestra, and has taught music at the F.D. Roosevelt High School in the Hyde Park School District.

### ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

Dance of the Tumblers.....Rimsky-Korsakov – Arr. Dackow  
When Johnny Comes Marching Home.....Arr. Richard Stephan  
Moonlight Tango.....Richard Meyer  
Finale from Symphony No. 2.....Peter I. Tchaikovsky, Arr. Dackow