

# Dutchess County Music Educators Association



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**2012**

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

*Saturday February 25, 2012*

*2:30 PM*

*Arlington Middle School*

### **BAND**

**Dr. Katherine M. Levy, Conductor**

**Marcia Gates, Chairperson**

**Dr. Katherine M. Levy, our Elementary Band Conductor** is an Associate Professor and Chairperson of Music Education at the State University of New York at Fredonia. She holds both Ph.D. and Master's degrees in Music Education from the University of Iowa, and an undergraduate Music Education degree from Northwestern University.

Experienced in teaching children of all ages, and also adults, she has taught beginning, middle and high school Instrumental Music in Illinois and Wisconsin; early childhood Music in Iowa and Maryland; and college and older adult Instrumental Music in Iowa, Maryland and New York.

Dr. Levy's research focuses on music rhythm, reading and perception, community music, and lifelong music learning. She is both an active conductor and clinician. Her professional affiliations include the National Association for Music Education (NAME), the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA), the College Music Society (CMS), and the Society for Research in Music Education (SRME).

### **BAND PROGRAM**

Portrait of a Clown ..... Frank Ticheli  
Nottingham Castle ..... Larry Daehn  
Russian Folk Dance ..... Elena Roussanova Lucas  
Beyond the Seven Hills ..... Michael Sweeney

## CHORUS

**Ron Bemrich, Conductor for Elementary Chorus**

**Susan Bialek, Chorus Chairperson**

**Jody McCaffrey, Accompanist**

**Mr. Ronald Bemrich, our Elementary Chorus Conductor** is known domestically and internationally for his versatility as a conductor, teacher and performer.

After receiving a Bachelors Degree in Music Education from Northwestern University, Ron taught vocal and instrumental music at the International School of Brussels, eventually being named Director of Performing Arts. After deciding to pursue a performing career, he earned diplomas in both Voice and Opera at the *Académie de musique* in Brussels. An active performer, he sang solo tenor with such houses as the Opera of Flanders, the *Vlaams Kameropera* in Antwerp, and the Royal Theatre in Mons. He often performed in solo recital, including a series for the *Ministère de la Culture Française*.

Upon returning to the U.S., Ron joined the Voice faculty and also became a lecturer in Music History at the University of Miami and New World School of the Arts. At the same time, he continued his work as a performer and music director in venues such as the Coconut Grove Playhouse in Miami, the Public Theater in Fort Lauderdale and the Great Lakes Opera in Michigan.

Upon earning his Master's Degree in Choral Conducting and Music Theory from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mr. Bemrich conducted a variety of professional and amateur choral and instrumental groups, including the Weill Music Institute at Carnegie Hall in New York City, the Windsor Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in Windsor, Ontario, and University of Michigan Choral Union In Ann Arbor, Michigan.

After relocating to the Hudson Valley from California, Ron recently acted as the interim conductor of Cappella Festiva in Poughkeepsie, New York. He continues to work as a studio voice instructor at AMDA, the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, where, for six years, he has taught at both the Los Angeles and New York City Campuses.

### CHORAL PROGRAM

Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd.....Srul Irving Glick  
Old Joe Clark American Folk Song.....arr. Mary Goetze  
Down By the Riverside Folk Song.....arr. Kirby Shaw  
Flying Free.....Don Besig  
Pete, Pete West African Folk Song .....arr. Rosephanye Powell

## Orchestra

**Michele George, Elementary Orchestra Conductor**

**John Harper, Orchestra Chairperson**

**Our Elementary Orchestra Conductor, Ms. Michele George**, is a teacher in the Monroe Woodbury School District in Orange County New York. Michele teaches fourth and fifth grade orchestra at Central Valley Elementary School. Ms. George received her Bachelors and Masters degrees from Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY and has taught at Central Valley Elementary School since 2000.

She remains active as a performer in local orchestras and chamber music groups such as the Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra, the Dorian String Quartet and the Cornwall String Ensemble.

Ms. George maintains a small private studio and is also very active in school and local theater, having directed, conducted and acted in many local productions. She serves as the Director of the Central Valley Elementary School Drama Club, which each year presents full-scale productions including over 75 students per year.

### ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

Fiddling A-Round.....John Caponegro  
Tangerine Rag.....Richard Meyer  
Dramatic Essay.....Mark Williams  
"Finale" - Overture to "William Tell".....Giacchino Rossini, arranged by Sandra Dackow