



*Pisgah Arts families would like to thank President Scott Barron for his support and leadership. PAPA asks all Pisgah families to lift the Board of Trustees in prayer as they continue to guide the school through this transition.*

### Upcoming Events

November 3, 2:00	Lower School Band, Strings & Chorus Concert, South Hall
November 10	Second Grade play, South Hall
November 12, 7:00	An Annual Evening of the Arts, South Hall
November 16-17, 7:30	Fall Theatre Production, South Hall

### **Lower School Band, Strings and Chorus Concert - November 3, 2 PM**

In an effort to increase younger student's exposure to the performing arts, the Lower School has instituted a Band, Chorus, and Orchestra period for students in fourth and fifth grades. Instead of receiving one class period a week of instruction in general music, all fourth and fifth graders will have two periods of band, chorus, or orchestra. The students have made excellent progress so far and are preparing to show off their skills at their first concert on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 2:00 PM in the newly renovated South Hall. Come celebrate our budding artists as they perform for the school, parents, and community on Thursday, November 3rd at 2:00

### **An Evening of the Arts - November 12, 7PM**

Come see the amazing Middle and Upper School students perform for the first time on South Hall's new stage. They have been preparing all fall, and you will be amazed by these talented students. An Evening of the Arts is the only Pisgah Arts fundraiser of the year, and is the only Arts event where admission is charged. PAPA membership includes tickets to this event, (see [website](#) for more information). Tickets prices are as follows:

<b>Extra tickets for PAPA members:</b>	<b>\$20/person</b>
<b>Non PAPA members</b>	<b>\$25/person</b>
<b>Faculty, faculty guests, MS and US students</b>	<b>\$10/person</b>
<b>5th grade and under</b>	<b>Free</b>

Pre-performance reception, with specialty coffees by Cappuccino Connection and cheesecakes by N2N Cheesecakes, begins at 6:00 for PAPA members only outside of South Hall. To purchase tickets, click [here](#). Questions? Contact Mimi Doss ([dossmama@yahoo.com](mailto:dossmama@yahoo.com))



### **Fall Theatre Production—November 16-17, 7:30**

Rehearsals for the fall production *The Butler Did It!* are in full swing! Social butterfly Miss Maple, played by Kristen Feyt, has decided to throw a mystery-themed dinner party for a group of her favorite detective writers. With the assistance of her social secretary Rita (Allison Tanzy), a paranoid woman obsessed with a hatbox, and her maid Haversham (Emily Baade), a naïve girl with a bad cold, Miss Maple's party is sure to be a success. However, when one of the guests actually dies, it's up to this motley crew of authors to try and figure out whodunit! Just because they write about great detectives does not mean these people have any idea about real crime solving, and the comedy that ensues is sure to keep you laughing every step of the way. The rest of the cast includes, Jonathan Smith, Bo Stuart, Devan Bater, Chris Lewis, Jeff Skinner, Mitchell Tanzy, and Shelby Hall. This group of students, along with special guest appearances, makes for a delightful cast that will keep you laughing and guessing the whole night!

# Outdoor Concert Review

by Dr. Kelley Hogue

This year, Homecoming Week provided a showcase of the character and talent of Pisgah students. From the superheroes and villains who crowded the halls in honor of the week's theme days to the many sports teams who exemplified Patriot pride through their spirit and athleticism, the best of Pisgah was on display. The second annual Outdoor Concert demonstrated the vital role of the arts in this thriving community. The beautiful weather and tranquil setting of the Meditation Garden provided the perfect backdrop to the evening's musical and dramatic performances. Thomas Merton might have had such a night as this in mind when he said, "Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time." Indeed, the familiar strains of "Canon in D" and "Military Escort" transported us to other important moments in which those melodies had provided the soundtrack. With the band as our guide, we entered the chaotic world of *Mamma Mia*, and we embraced the energy and festivity of the jazz age with the orchestra's "It Don't Mean a Thing." During performances by the choral ensembles, we found ourselves tapping our feet to "Another Op'nin, Another Show" and singing along to the tune of "Old Time Rock & Roll." Upon meeting Laura and Amanda, we were conveyed to the world of *The Glass Menagerie*, and by gaining access to the inner monologues of two teenagers, we experienced the disappointment of unrequited love.



Yet, each performance also returned us to this time, this place, and to our own connection to the Pisgah community. As the band and orchestra played, the younger siblings of the performers danced along. As we laughed at the quirky residents of Tuna, Texas, no one laughed louder than the family members of the student thespians. As the choral group sang, mothers made the universal sign for "remember to smile" to the singers. Parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, and classmates gathered together to support and enjoy the artistry of these talented students. In doing so, we gave thanks for the unique gifts that God had given each performer.

We were grateful for the many parents and teachers who inspired and encouraged the students. We watched, proud that the arts are an important part of "who we are" as a school. Surrounded by friends and family with gourmet cupcakes in hand, we each had the sense that we had come home. The true power of the arts is that we need only to remember the sights and sounds of this night to return here again.

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## AP Studio Art Activities



The AP Studio Art class visited the Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta campus as well as the High Museum of Art on Friday, October 21st. SCAD is one of the leading art and design institutions in the country. The High Museum is displaying an exhibition titled Picasso - Warhol which contains 100 world-famous works curated specifically for the High from New York's Museum of Modern Art's permanent collection.



## **Camera Drive**



A group of Pisgah Juniors and Seniors will travel to Italy as part of an exciting January minimester. They'll earn History, Bible, and Art credit as they experience all the wonders of Italian culture. To assist them in their studies, donations are needed of 40 working 35 mm cameras (point and shoot are fine). Many families have purchased digital cameras over the past few years, but still have an old 35mm camera in the house - here's your chance to make sure it's put to good use!

Batteries for the camera are also needed, as well as 50 rolls of black and white film (400iso 36 exposure - we've spotted this online from \$2 to \$3 per roll) Please bring donations to school offices no later than December 15th and thank you!

## **Happenings in Lower School**

### **Lower School Chorus**

We are thrilled to announce, after rigorous auditions and rehearsals, Pisgah will have six singers from the Lower School participating in the GMEA Statewide Elementary Honor Chorus in Jonesboro on Oct. 28-29. One of the pieces that they have been busy rehearsing is "Laughing and Shouting for Joy" by J.S. Bach. They will also be performing three other pieces: a beautiful one called "Skylark and Nightingale", a fun Southern Appalachian folk song called "Shady Grove", and an African piece with hand drums, "Bonse Aba". The text of this festive song loosely translates as "All who sing with the spirit have a right to be called the children of God."

The students who will be participating in this prestigious statewide event are Anna Baker, Maddie Cox, Emma Jane Friend, Katie Rose McCroskey, Megan Ritchie, and Madison Yearwood. Mrs. Supple, the choral students, and families will travel to Jonesboro on October 28-29 to perform with music students from all around the state. The concert will be on Saturday 10/29 at 1:30 PM. They also started out their fall schedule by performing "America The Beautiful" for the Grand Opening of the new mini-American History Museum in the C Building on Sept. 15. They were honored to represent the school musically at this historic event.

### **Visual Arts**

Primary School grades K-Prep through 5<sup>th</sup> have been participating in the Young Masters program this month. Expect to receive a personalized brochure featuring your child's artwork sometime in early November. In addition, we are creating beautiful work for the upcoming Evening of the Arts. We hope you are planning to attend.



**Next Principal's Gallery Opening: Dec. 1.**

## **Honors and Awards**

### **Georgia Music Educators Association**

Middle and High School students from around the state of Georgia have begun the annual ritual of auditioning for the coveted spot in the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) All State Ensembles. The first auditions of the season were held on October 12<sup>th</sup>, at Northview High School for the GMEA All State Jazz Band. The first round auditions consist of the students playing six memorized jazz scales and two sight reading example in different jazz styles. Pisgah sophomore Nicholas Doss passed his audition on baritone saxophone and earned the opportunity to attend the final round auditions at Berry College the first weekend in December. Pisgah has been well represented in the GMEA All State Jazz Band over the years, with alumni Daniel Gaynor and Bryant Laursen having both made the band.

## National Art Honor Society Initiation

The Pisgah chapter of the National Art Honor Society held its fifth annual new member initiation on Thursday, October 20th. New members are given a sign to wear along with a customized artistic "welcome" painted on their faces. Students are selected for the club through a rigorous application process. Members must demonstrate outstanding artistic and academic achievement as well as a passion for promoting all arts. This year Pisgah had a record number of applications and the following students were invited to be a part of NAHS for the 2011-2012 school year:

### Sophomores

Lyla Mills, new member  
Madeline O'Sullivan, new member  
Audrey Smith, new member

### Juniors

Stephanie Gabriel, returnee  
Carly Hadaway, returnee  
Savannah Harper, new member  
Sarah Holden, returnee  
Elizabeth Knight, new member  
Kasey Shepp, new member  
Michelle Stofberg, new member  
Katie Strawinski, new member  
Abbey Tyson, new member  
Madison Wickline, new member

### Seniors

Sierra Adams, new member  
Austin Evers, returnee  
Deborah Fang, new member  
Laura Hailey, returnee  
Emily Knight, returnee



## Support for Pisgah Arts!

PAPA now has 81 members but we can still use your support! Join now using the [online form](#) or by printing out [this form](#) and mailing it in. As an added incentive, if you join on or before An Evening of the Arts, you will be entered in a drawing for a beautiful piece of pottery made by Lynn Mayer AND a carving made by Pisgah's own woodcarving expert and Upper School Faculty, Mr. Adams.

## New Pisgah Art Wear



Show your support for the Arts by wearing the Pisgah Arts hoodie sweat-shirt on Fridays! New hoodies with Pisgah Arts embroidered on the front are available for preorder. Contact Mimi Doss at [dossmama@yahoo.com](mailto:dossmama@yahoo.com) to place your order by **Friday, October 28** (delivery on November 12). All hoodies must be paid for at the time of order.