



Berks shines

reading musical foundation

Berks Shines features students of all ages and music genres who are connected to RMF's scholarship and outreach programs.

Proceeds support RMF's efforts to provide access to music education through scholarships and instruments, and further RMF's advocacy work to make music education a priority in our schools.

2024



BERKS SHINES PROGRAM

Celebrating extraordinary student musicians
with Reading Musical Foundation

WELCOME

Paul G. Oxholm, Chair
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PERFORMANCES

An Tran / *piano*

Étude, Op. 25 No. 1 in A-Flat Major ("Aeolian Harp") by Frederic Chopin
Pour le Piano, L. 95: Movement III. Toccata by Claude Debussy

Mardoche Jules / *voice*

Accompanied by Alexandra Booth

Empty Chairs at Empty Tables from *Les Misérables*

Altair Martinez-Park / *flute*

Accompanied by Tracy Blunt

Sonata in F by Telemann

Vivace

Largo

Allegro

Muhlenberg MS Jazz Combo

*Featuring: Aidan Wilson, Guitar; Lucard Henly, Tenor Sax;
Noah Djevharian, Trombone; Samantha Mirville, Drums;
Natalia Zaharia, Bass; & Victoria Tambo, Piano*

Work Song by Nat Adderly

Little Sunflower by Freddie Hubbard

Jo-Jo Calypso by Jim Nadel

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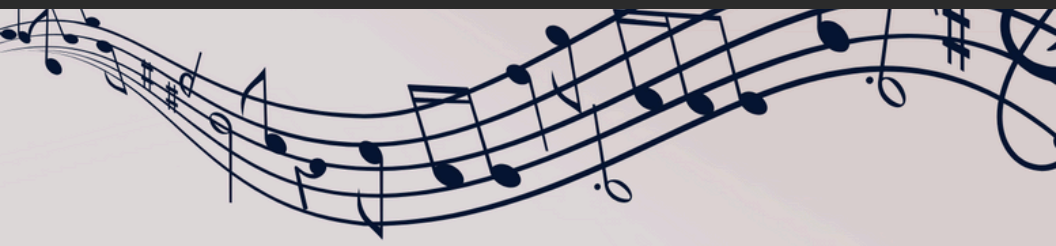
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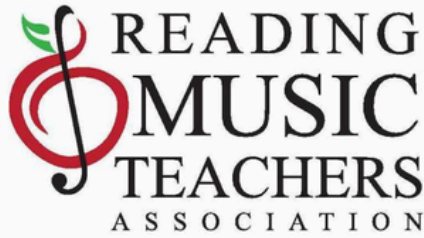


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meet our *berks shines* performers



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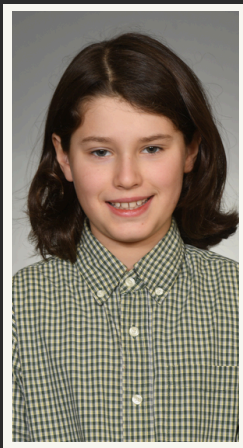
An Tran is a Wilson High School senior who has studied piano since he was seven years old. He first got into piano when he listened to Mozart's Piano Sonata No. 16 in C Major K. 545, "Facile," and has been entranced by classical music ever since. Besides music, An loves reading, swimming, and weightlifting in his spare time. He is taking AP Calculus, AP English Literature & Composition, AP Microeconomics, and Honors French V. He is currently applying to colleges for music as a co-major.



MARDOCHE JULES

Mardoche Jules is a senior at Reading High School. His hobbies include singing, dancing, playing instruments, and cheering. At school he is the Senior Class President and within music he participates in choir, band, vocal company, and School Show. This year he auditioned for MEBC County Chorus and PMEA District Chorus. After high school Mardoche wants to major in Musical Theatre and Music Education. He participated in shows like, *In the Heights*, *Pippin*, *Disaster*, *Shrek Jr.*, *Frozen Jr.*, and *The 25 Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, since the 6th grade. He hopes to make it big on Broadway.

meet our berk's shines performers



ALTAIR MARTÍNEZ-PARK

Altair Martínez-Park is 11 years old and lives in Oley, PA with his parents and older sister. He has been studying flute for two years under the tutelage of Dr. Virginia Schulze-Johnson. Altair plays flute in the Oley Valley Middle School band and jazz band. He also plays soprano and tenor recorder in a church ensemble. Altair likes reading, math, Pokémon, nature, and collecting minerals.



MUHLENBERG JAZZ COMBO

The Muhlenberg Jazz Combo is made up of students from the Muhlenberg School District. They auditioned for the RMF Chuck Loeb Scholarship last spring when they were all in Jr. High School together. Since then, four of the members have moved on to the high school. The group is made up of 10th graders Aidan Wilson on Guitar, Lucard Henly on Tenor Sax, Noah Djevharian on Trombone, Samantha Mirville on drums, Natalia Zaharia on bass, and 8th grader Victoria Tambo on piano. They enjoy rehearsing together at the Jr. High School and hope to find more performance opportunities this coming school year.

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ABOUT RMF *for the love of music*

RMF believes that every child in Berks should have access to high quality music programs, and events like Berks Shines allow us to make that possible. Not every student musician will become a professional musician, but the skills they've learned through choir and band room will play an important role in whatever direction they choose. Students who participate in music have a tangible advantage when it comes to developing a strong work ethic and positive attitude.

Over 95 years old, RMF is a public charity that provides financial support for music presenters in Berks County, music scholarships by audition and in response to financial need, and extensive music outreach, including programs in most of Berks County's public and parochial schools. RMF is governed by a self-perpetuating board of volunteer trustees and is administered by a staff of two full-time employees and two part-time employees. The Foundation depends upon the public's support each year.

RMF'S ANNUAL EFFORTS TO SUPPORT MUSIC EDUCATION AND APPRECIATION INCLUDE:



Investing more than \$250,000 in scholarships for Berks County student musicians, divided equally between audition-based awards and awards that respond to financial need.



Supporting local music organizations with \$200,000 in program grants that advance and advocate for music education and appreciation.



Advocating for Berks County's strong music network, from strengthening the capacity of school music programs to economic development found in the arts as well as community access to concerts and ensembles.

Ensuring quality instruments are available to students, regardless of their ability to afford them through Operation Replay, RMF's instrument recycling program sponsored by Zeswitz Music.

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