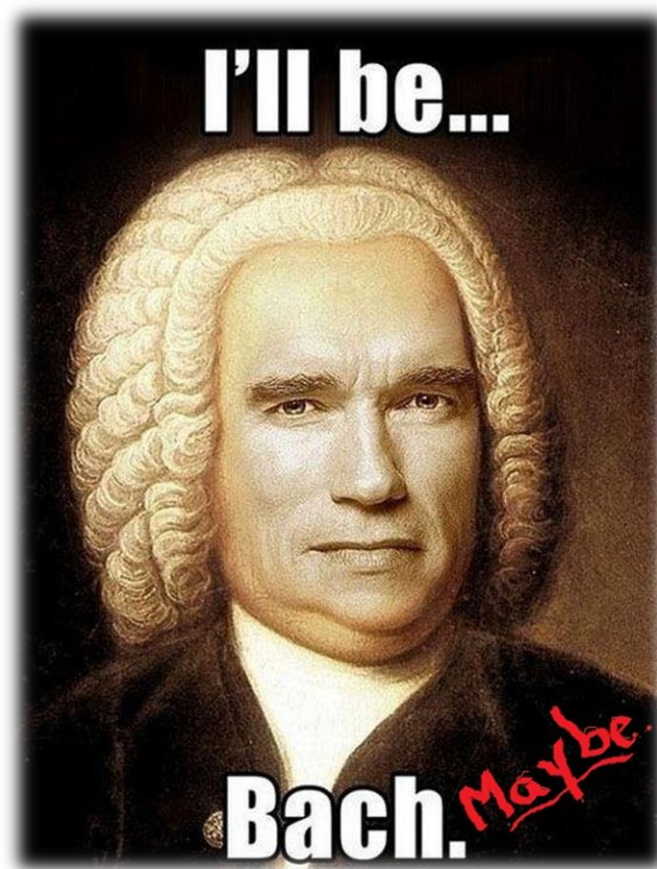




2012 **THE PENN BAND** SUNDAY, JULY 22TH TO
HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MUSIC CAMP SATURDAY, JULY 28TH, 2012
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A message from the Director

Once upon a time, Peter Pan forgot who Peter Pan was....

In the 1991 film, "Hook," a middle-aged banker discovers that he was once Peter Pan, having forgotten that he was formerly the mischievous flying boy who relished life, laughter, and adventure. The duration of the film is spent on this quest to rediscover this integral part of his identity, so that he may save his children from the nefarious Captain Hook. In a very similar way, today's high school musician can lose themselves amidst the rudiments, repetition, and the rigor of band competitions, auditions, & rehearsal. Over the past nine years, our summer camp for high school musicians has taken on this very issue, focusing on the fun, camaraderie, & spirit that comprise the core of the Penn Band Experience™. This past week, twenty students from across several different states, including NY, NJ, PA, MD, OH, & MI, converged upon the Penn campus for our 9th edition of this program. Aside from a gauntlet of gratifying music from a gamut of genres (*everything from Del Bargo and Bach to Katy Perry and Styx!*), the students had the opportunity to experience Philadelphia, the Penn campus, & life as a college student. They performed twice already before today, including the National Anthem at a Camden Riversharks baseball game & for a children's camp at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology. They not only embraced all of these challenges, *but also remembered to have Fun while doing it!* I am very fortunate to have had the privilege of working with these talented students, & I sincerely hope I get to do so again in the near future!

The students & I are indebted to a remarkable group of undergraduates & alumni clinicians that comprise the heart and soul of this program. **Joseph Becker, Ariana Bray, and Samantha Rehrig** were *outstanding* in their respective roles as counselors – the type of exceptional individuals any parent would want working with their sons & daughters. I'm very proud of what they accomplished this week. For several years now, my friends **Steve Birmingham, Brian Greenberg, & Jeff Porten** have donated their time to this program to share their wealth of experience & expertise with visiting students; their annual contributions to this program have been nothing less than invaluable. Current & past members of the Penn Band came out in droves to help visiting students learn about The Penn Band Experience™. **Tom Hensle & Chris Becker** were welcome help the entire week during rehearsals and performance. The energy & spirit of former counselors & Penn Band members **Joseph Coyne** and **Robin Acker** are always appreciated and never go unnoticed. Other contributors include: **Danielle Greenwald, Katherine Grunewald, Dylan Egan, Shannon Dailey, Victor Qi, Jake Tolan, F. Scott Stinner, Josh Cooper, & Kate Kutschera.**

Our thanks go out to **Harold Litt** for filling in on the elusive French horn. As always, Penn Band Directors **Greer Cheeseman & Adam Sherr** are steadfast sources of support for this endeavor. We thank **Brandie Plasket, Alketa Xhori, JaNese Brown-Hooker, Thomas MacDonald, Michelle Mack, & Karissa Justice** at Penn Hospitality Services, **Ty Furman** and **Laurie McCall** of the Platt Student Performing Arts House, The University Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology, **Scott Ward** at The Department of Athletics, The Vice Provost's Office for University Life, The Camden Riversharks, Joy Tsin Lau, Powelton Pizza, weather.com, **Katy Perry, Carly Rae Jepsen, & the number 3.**

My family is my pixie dust & happy thoughts: they give me the strength to fly like Peter Pan & to always remember who I am at heart (my wife **Meryl**, and my children **Chloe** and **Deven**). I say this every year – it ain't easy being stuck with me as a husband & father. My wife Meryl has supported my musical enterprises for the half of our lives that we've been together (*for better and worse!*); this has never gone unappreciated & for this she'll always have my love.

Until next year!



Dr. G.

Shout-outs

Call me maybe? ~ Emily Smith

Shout-out to the shout-outs for the sake of having a shout-out ~ Tom Hensle

How do I get this popsicle out of my coffee? ~ Evan May

What the heck am I supposed to do with a billion dollars? ~ Sean Loftus

Get me Gupta! ~ Brian Greenberg

A true friend is one soul in two bodies. ~ Doug Levine



Camper Biographies

Matthew Buchberg is a rising junior at Cherry Hill East HS. He has been playing trombone for 8 years. He enjoys this experience.

Jack Higgins is a rising junior at Eastern HS & has been playing the trumpet since 4th grade. He enjoys video games & cheesesteaks.

Douglas Levine is a rising senior at Daniel Hand HS. He has been playing tuba for 3 years & intends to continue playing in college.

Owen Pollock is a rising sophomore at Haverford HS. He has been playing the trombone for seven years & plays in numerous ensembles.

Davis Kurdyla is a rising sophomore at Haverford HS who enjoys running, reading, & playing the piano and saxophone. This is his first experience with the Penn Band & he can't wait to do it again.

Alex Ringlein is a junior at Lancaster Catholic HS who plays clarinet & alto/tenor saxophone. He enjoys playing music & writing about himself in the 3rd person.

Luis Campos is a rising freshman at Indian Hill HS. He has been playing drums for 4 years.

Kirsten Manley goes to Friends Select & is in the eleventh grade. She plays the flute in her school's ensemble. This is her 1st time at band camp.

Evan May goes to school at the Potomac School. This is his 7th year playing trumpet in both the concert and jazz bands.

Jessica Wisniewski goes to Villa Joseph Marie HS. She will be a senior. She plays saxophone and bass.

Ruth Pluymers is a rising sophomore at Somerville HS. She has been playing the flute since 5th grade. Last year she was in marching band, pit orchestra, & concert band.

Sean Loftus is a rising junior. He has been playing saxophone since 4th grade. He plays in his school band and loves music.

Griffin Anderson is a rising 8th grader at Holy Child Academy. He has been playing trumpet for 4 years. He plays in the band, jazz band, and the wind ensemble.

Ben Hendler is a rising senior at Marshal HS. He has been playing sax since 5th grade. He enjoys marching band, playing soccer, & spending time with friends.

Emily Smith is a rising freshman at Friends Select. She fell in love with the alto sax in 5th grade. This is her 2nd year in the PBC & every morning she looks forward to playing in the band room & making jokes with friends.

Amy Kaiser-Jones is a rising senior at Hammond High School. She plays the trombone in symphonic band & marching band.

So.. What did you do at band camp?

An opportunity to read what your child did this year at camp without having to ask them...

By Jessica Wisniewski, Kirsten Manley, and Ruth Pluymers

Sunday: Icebreakers and getting to know people (Yay!)

Monday: On Monday, the overnight campers joined with the commuters to sight read music. After two rehearsals, all of the campers went on a walking tour of Philadelphia. We took the subway to Chinatown and ate at a restaurant called Joy Tsin Lau. During dinner it rained and the walking tour was shortened. We saw the Liberty Bell and the original sight of the University of Pennsylvania.

Tuesday: We practiced in the day and at night we went to see the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra at the Mann Center. The music was very classical and relaxing.

Wednesday: We went to a baseball game and had an extremely intense practice and that's pretty much it. Oh we played the national anthem at the game too. Yay!

Thursday: Thursday was a busy day for us. In the morning we rehearsed and in the afternoon we performed a concert for children at the university museum. Later that night we went to Franklin Field and wrote scramble marching band shows. Just when we were going to practice and perform it, it stormed. We waited out the storm and made an awesome show.

Friday: We rehearsed for the concert on Saturday. At night we chilled and watched movies and the opening ceremonies of the Olympics.

Saturday: Rehearsal and the concert. Yay!

Music Selections

Kushol Gupta, Ph. D., conductor

Sea Songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams
Arr. Robert Longfield

The Typewriter by Leroy Anderson
Arr. Floyd E. Werle

The Music of the Night by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Arr. Michael Brown

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest by Hans Zimmer
Arr. Paul Murtha

Come Sail Away by Styx
Arr. Paul Murtha

INTERMISSION

If Thou Be Near by J.S. Bach
Arr. Ruth Pluymers

Russian Sailor's Dance by Reinhold Gliere
Arr. Johnnie Vinson

Call Me Maybe by Carly Rae Jepsen

Sesame Street Theme by Joe Raposo
Solo: Ben Hendler Arr. Richard Saucedo

Firework by Katy Perry
Conducted by Ruth Pluymers Arr. Michael Brown

Midway March by John Williams
Arr. John Moss

Performers

Flute/Piccolo
Kirsten Manley
Ruth Pluymers
Samantha Rehrig *

Clarinet
Alex Ringlein
Ariana Bray * +

Alto Saxophone
Davis Kurdyla
Sean Loftus
Emily Smith **

Tenor Saxophone
Ben Hendler **
Jessica Wisniewski

Bari Saxophone
Jessica Wisniewski

* = *counselor*

** = *multi-year attendee*

+ = *Penn Band member/alumnus*

Trumpets
Griffin Anderson
Jack Higgins
Evan May
Steven Birmingham +
Brian Greenberg +

French Horn
Harold Litt +

Trombone
Matthew Buchberg **
Amy Kaiser-Jones
Owen Pollock

Tuba
Douglas Levine
Joe Becker * +
F. Scott Stinner +

Percussion
Luis Campos
Chris Becker +