

# North Georgia Homeschool Band & Choir

## NGHBC CONCERT CHOIR MAKES THE BIG SCREEN

BY JOSH GRAY

NGHBC is always giving us new opportunities, and this year was no exception. In March, a movie producer was looking for a choir and band to film their final scene in a movie that they've been filming for over a year. Since our name is North Georgia Homeschool Band and Choir, and they were looking for a choir and band in North Georgia, I think our name helped in the Google search!

Filming a movie requires a lot of standing and waiting, and it's hot under the lights. The movie crew gave us water and snacks, and I had come straight from a track meet that day, so I really appreciated that. The director was really nice to us – she didn't fit the stereotype of what I thought a director would be like.

We got to watch some of the other scenes being shot, and that was a lot of fun, especially the scene with the dog running across the stage. It was interesting watching how the dog's trainer worked with the dog. We had to come back another day for the recording of the music. The choir sang O Come All Ye Faithful, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, and Joy to the World, and Teresa Harrison sang O Holy Night. Several members of the band also played the hymns.

The film, Charlie's Christmas Wish, is supposed to have a premier at the Etowah Film Festival in Canton in May, so be on the lookout for that. I think I speak for the entire choir when I say that we have a great choir teacher who puts a lot of work into keeping us in line while giving us fun experiences.



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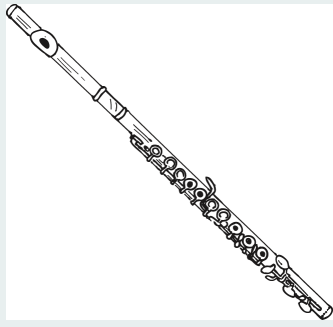
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## SPRING CONCERT 2019

BY JACKIE GRAY



North Georgia Homeschool Band and Choir finished their year by holding their 12th annual spring concert at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Friday, May 3. The concert opened with a lovely rendition of Viva La Musica with the Treble Choir entering from the back of the sanctuary. Once they were on the risers in the choir loft, the Concert Choir joined in singing with them from the balcony, giving the audience a truly beautiful surround sound. The Treble Choir then sang Let There Be Music, Alleluia from Exsultate jubilate, Red Dragonflies, and Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning. The Concert Choir then followed with Sori-da, How Great is Our God, Soon and Very Soon, and The Storm is Passing Over. The Chorale, an auditioned subset of the Concert Choir, performed As Torrents in Summer, Dorven Dalai: The Four Seas, and Bring Me a Little Water, Silvy. The individual choirs then joined the stage together for performances of Wonderful World, which was accompanied by students Emily Dubuc on piano, Danielle Hanenburg on trumpet, and Seth Hanenburg on drums; Zol Zain Sholem, which included the Preparatory students; and Irish Blessing, an annual tradition which includes inviting any alumni in the audience to join the choirs on stage. This is Mrs. McKenzi Fenn's sixth year directing NGHBC's choirs.

During intermission, musicians Bob Colley, Jackie Gray, Scott Myerscough, Troy Cossell, and Troy Elliott played several songs, including Gloryland Way, Long Black Train, Would You Go with Me, and You've Got a Friend in Me from the movie Toy Story, which featured Jordan Gray on the recorder. The band then invited the audience to join Ana Elliott, Jordan Gray, and Sadie Yount in singing a medley of I'll Fly Away,

Do Lord, and I Saw the Light to end the intermission. The second half of the concert included the recorder students from the Preparatory Program and the bands. The recorder students played My Paddle, Old Dan Tucker, Aura Lee, and Ode to Joy and were directed by Mrs. Jackie Gray. The Beginner Band played London Bridge, Mozart Melody, Aura Lee, and Fere Jacques, and the Intermediate Band performed Dragons in the Mist and Cool It! Both bands were directed by recent Reinhardt graduate Mr. Daniel Foster. Next, the Intermediate and Advanced Bands joined the stage together to play At Twilight and Alpha Squadron. Seth Hanenburg, a senior, then played Tambourin and was accompanied by his mother, Amy Hanenburg, on the piano. The Advanced Band, directed by Mr. Rolando Fernandez, finished the concert by performing Salvation is Created, A Festival of Hymns, Songs from the Second Suite, and God of Our Fathers.

NGHBC also recognized seniors Jacob English, Seth Hanenburg, Addison Smith, and Raven Warren. Several exciting changes will be happening next year with NGHBC, including the addition of a strings program for students ages 8-18, and the welcoming of all students in our community to participate in our classes for children ages 0-4. To introduce new families of little ones to our program, NGHBC is offering a free music class taught by Mrs. McKenzi Fenn at the Pickens County Library on May 17. You can register for next year's classes by going to [nghbc.org](http://nghbc.org) or emailing [info@nghbc.org](mailto:info@nghbc.org) for additional information.





## AN INSIDE PERSPECTIVE ON THE HONOR BAND EXPERIENCE

PRESENTED BY JACK ENGLISH

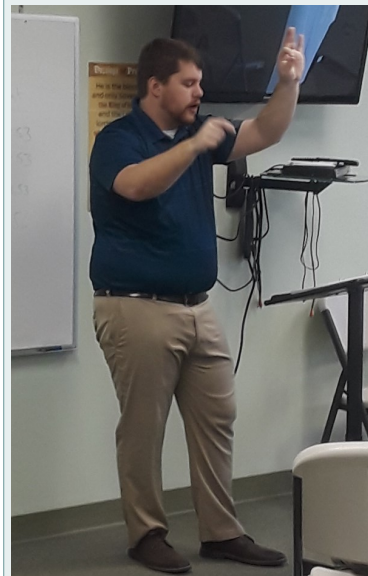
The life of a band student starts innocently enough. First you go to band once a week for an hour and a half, and then you're playing a tuba for five hours straight three days in a row, eating cookies given to you by semi-strangers, nearly crashing into dogs, and staying up far too late eating an excess of baby carrots. The next week you'll be back to going to regular band classes and home to your own house. Thus, the life of the band student swings from low to high and back again.

Our tale begins with the four NGHBC students who were able to participate in Reinhardt College's annual Honor Band Clinic: Julian Rosario, Josh Gray, Seth Hanenburg, and yours truly, Jack English. The four of us arrived at the band clinic on Thursday evening. After the five hours of practice we were dog tired and gathered our belongings and piled into the back of Seth's car. Seven minutes and the song "Juke Box Hero" later we arrived at the Hanenburg's who had graciously offered to host our crew through the clinic. I don't know about others, but my night ended with eating too many baby carrots and getting beaten by everyone else at Super Smash Bros. This was just the beginning.

Friday had approximately ten hours of practice in it with lunch and dinner breaks during which we drove back the Hanenburg's to eat. Throughout the day at the clinic I was getting to know the tuba players next to me. They said very little until they learned I was homeschooled. Seeing as I was one of four homeschoolers in 115 students, it was a topic of great curiosity and garnered some... interesting... comments. The hours of practicing ran together, and afforded little opportunity to talk, but we learned many things! During a special section with one of Reinhardt's teachers the tuba players learned to open their throats – an awesome new skill, which increases volume and makes your sound fuller. At the end of practice it was back to the Hanenburg's. I got beaten some more at Super Smash Bros, and there was morning and evening the second day.

Saturday dawned bright and early, and we were off for our final round of practicing before performing a concert for our friends, family, and generally whoever wanted to show up. We had a wonderful selection of pieces, my favorite was called *Chasing Sunlight*, but the most popular one was either *Zing* or *Mars* from *The Planets Suite* by Gustav Holts. Before the concert however, Jemima, a fellow tuba player, came up to me and said that she had bought the entire tuba section cookies. Sometimes it isn't bad to eat cookies from someone you barely know after all.... with one cookie and 20 hours of practice behind me the concert went amazingly well. You had to be there to really appreciate it, but for 115 students with three days of practice we sounded pretty good!

BEST WISHES AND  
THANK YOU!



Daniel Foster, who has blessed us with his leadership of Beginning and Intermediate Band since February, will be leaving to further his career in music education.

We wish him the absolute best, and thank him so much for his dedication, organization and love of music. You have truly impacted children!



## NEW UPCOMING CLASS OFFERINGS FOR 2019-2020

The new season brings with it a chance to provide even more variety in our class offerings. In addition to the current early learning and foundational classes that have been available, we are excited to announce a special class – Babies with Buddies.

Babies with Buddies is for parents (or other special adults) and their little ones aged newborn to two years old. Poems, songs, bounces, and wiggles will be taught in class that you can also do together at home. Teachers are certified First Steps in Music Program instructors, and thus will be using their curriculum and philosophy. It can be summarized as: “Educational play—Rhymes, songs, and games bring our heritage to the youngest generation by connecting them to a rich repertoire of folk music while building their musical sensibil-

ities, which can help in their appreciation and understanding of music later in life.”

NGHBC classes for students ages 0 to 4 years old are open to all kids in the community.

The next addition will be of great excitement and interest to you if you have a child who would like to learn how to play violin, viola, or cello. 2019-2020 is our inaugural year for string classes. Ms. Hannah Dubuc will be teaching Beginner Strings for ages 10 and up, as well as String Ensemble for students who have previous string experience and qualify for admission based on audition. These courses will concentrate on essential elements and instrument progression.

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### WELCOME!

The teachers and board of NGHBC are busily planning and preparing for the upcoming musical season which will include some changes to the current teaching staff.

Mrs. Mary Ada Kidd will be joining our team. She will be teaching Beginner and Intermediate Band, as well as the combined prep and recorder classes. Mrs. Kidd has been a successful leader and music educator for over thirty years, and we are profoundly excited and grateful to welcome her to the NGHBC family.



## FOUR STUDENTS SELECTED FOR REINHARDT UNIVERSITY HONOR BAND CLINIC

Congratulations to Jack English, Josh Gray, Seth Hanenburg, and Julian Rosario for being nominated for Reinhardt’s Honor Band Clinic. The clinician was Dr. David Vandewalker, Coordinator of Performing Arts for Fulton County schools. The band was comprised of over one hundred students from local area high schools. Special thanks to Dr. Daniel Kirk from Reinhardt for allowing our students to participate. Jackie Gray, executive director for NGHBC, sent a message of appreciation to Dr. Kirk, and he replied with these kind words: “It was our absolute pleasure! I want them to think of Reinhardt as their ‘home town’ university and count on us for great musical experiences that enrich that great work being done in their home ensemble!” A big thank you to Mr. Fernandez as well for organizing this wonderful opportunity.





## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JACOB ENGLISH



1. How long have you participated in NGHBC?  
I have participated in NGHBC for nine years.
2. In which classes have you participated?  
I have taken Beginning Recorder, Intermediate Recorder, Beginner Band, Intermediate Band, Advanced Band, Treble Choir and Concert Choir.
3. What are your future plans?  
I plan to seek a chemistry degree at Covenant College.
4. What is your favorite

NGHBC memory?  
When I think of my favorite NGHBC memories two things come to mind. The first is singing in Raccoon Caverns in Tennessee. The cave we were in created a unique sound that I've never heard replicated. The second is a song called Duct Tape. The song is in a serious and foreboding minor key, but lauds duct tape as cure- all to life's myriad of problems.

5. Do you have a quote you would like to share?  
My favorite quote would either be "When in doubt punt it off a cliff." - Seth Hanenburg, or "Don't underestimate me. I know more than I say, think more than I speak, and notice more than you realize." - Anonymous

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: SETH HANENBURG

1. How long have you participated in NGHBC?  
I have been a part of NGHBC for 9 years.
2. In which classes have you participated?  
I have been in beginner band, intermediate band, advanced band, jazz band, concert choir, and chorale.
3. What are your future plans?  
I am enlisted in the Air Force Reserves, and pursuing a career in hydraulics, piloting, and audio engineering.

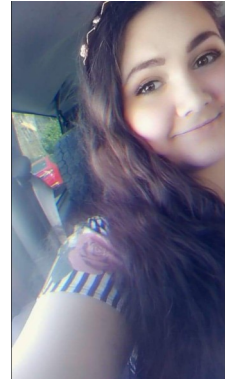


4. What is your favorite NGHBC memory?  
My favorite memory would probably have to be getting to play kazoo's at a concert with the men's chorus.
5. Do you have a quote you would like to share?  
One of my favorite quotes is "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." - Martin Luther

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: RAVEN WARREN

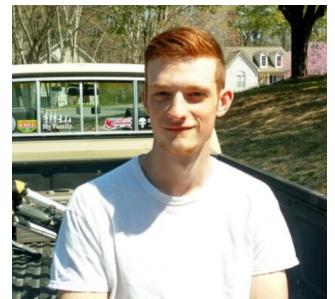
1. How long have you participated in NGHBC?  
I have participated for 4 years.
2. In which classes have you participated?  
When I was younger, I attended Mrs. Sea's piano class, and have been in Beginner and Intermediate band, Concert Choir, and Chorale since then.
3. What are your future plans?  
I plan to get a job, get a car, buy my own place, travel, and continue to listen to the Lord for his plans for me along my journey.
4. What is your favorite NGHBC memory?  
My favorite NGHBC memory would have to be between our Tennessee Choir trip, and our Choir night where we played laser tag.

5. Do you have a quote you would like to share?  
"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined". - Henry David Thoreau



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ADDISON SMITH

1. How long have you participated in NGHBC?  
I have been in NGHBC since fall of 2015. I started here in ninth grade, after not playing since the beginning of eighth grade.
2. In which classes have you participated?  
I have only ever been in the band class, I did intermediate for only one semester, as I had played trombone before.
3. What are your future plans?  
My plans now are to sub-contract for my Dad's fence and deck company, and buy my own house within two and a half years. I'd like to buy property mostly, the house doesn't matter all that much, I would be happy to build my own house to get the property I want.
4. What is your favorite NGHBC memory?  
My favorite memory from NGHBC was the Christmas parade we used to do in Ball Ground.



## NGHBC

Our Mission: Working together to provide a quality, well-rounded music education for homeschooled students and their families in our community.

Our Vision: Creating a community of musicians that spans generations.

Visit us on the web at [NGHBC.org](http://NGHBC.org)

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**We are a 501(C)3 organization, accepting tax deductible donations. For more information, email treasurer@nghbc.org.**

## SUPPORT POURS IN FOR NGHBC

Thank you to all students, families and friends for their efforts in supporting the financial needs of North Georgia Homeschool Band and Choir. Whether you donated yourself, sent letters to friends and family members, or sold candles, all these contributions add up to make this amazing group of students and teachers a huge success.

We would also like to extend special appreciation to Georgia Rustic Candle Company, a local veteran owned and operated company.

They generously offered one hundred percent of the profit to benefit our group. Check out their website at

[www.georgiarustics.com](http://www.georgiarustics.com).

## THANK YOU, MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

As we wrap up another wonderful year of making music and memories, we sincerely thank Mt. Zion Baptist Church for giving us a place to call home.

As our enrollment increased tremendously over the past few years, a spacious facility was needed to accommodate our growing numbers and continue our musical missions.

Thank you to Pastor Ben Mock and the Mt. Zion board members for opening your doors to us. Also, to youth director Tony Ramirez- the chicken tender lunch was above and beyond, and we appreciate the love and opportunity for fellowship. We look forward to another great year!

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## MESSAGES

To Emily Dubuc: Keep up the good work, Emily! We love you!  
Nanny and Papa Lee

To Jacob, Jack, & Anna English: I am so proud of all 3 of you,  
Aunt Linda Cwiekalo

To Jake, Jack, and Anna English: Great work! Love music. Always.  
Rachel & Jimmy Jones-Sybor

To Jake, Jack, & Anna English: Happy Singing & Playing! Wonderful!  
Ken Jones

To Davis: *"I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music."* - Johann Sebastian Bach. Play the notes as they are written, play them well. Trust God to make the music.  
Gramps & Grandma Mason

To Davis Fenn: We are proud of you, Davis. Keep up the good work.  
Stan, Claudetta, and Tara Mason

To Josh Gray: Love you, Josh. Love you playing your horn.  
Grandma

To Stella Jean Grimm: Keep on singing, Stella! Love you!  
Grandma

To Seth, Danielle, and Mackenzie Hanenburg: Keep up the good work.  
Lee and Harriet Hanenburg

To Seth, Danielle, and MacKenzie: We love you Hanenburgs very much. Keep serving God in your music!  
Love, Grandpa & Grandma R.

To: Catherine and Stephen Harrison: Keep doing your best at it! Love y'all!  
Teresa Harrison

To Teresa, Catherine, and Stephen Harrison: Work hard and keep up the good work, all three of y'all sound great.  
Killian Harrison

To Walker Hayes: Love you and anxiously anticipate hearing you perform!  
Granddad & Grandmom Hayes

To Matthew, Phineas, & Zoe Morton: So proud of you all! Keep playing and singing!! Love you, Da & Granna Morton

To Audrianna Pagan: Keep on singing. We love you!  
Cheryl & Jennifer Hall

To Chelsie Reed: To my little angel. I am so proud of you. Keep up the good work! Mawmaw Reed

To Julian, Lina, & Micah Rosario: We're so happy for you and so proud of how well you're doing in band! Hope to see you performing in the spring!  
Uncle Sam and Aunt Jill