High School Musical

Clinton High School will present the musical MAMMA MIA! on March 9, 10, and 11, 2023. ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!

All shows begin at 7:30pm. Doors open at 6:45pm, and Box office ticket sales begin in person at 5pm every night.

There will be public pre-sale tickets available one day only in person. 7am-3pm, and then again before the show at 5pm on March 9th. Contact the Box Office at (315) 557-2345.

VIRTUAL CONCESSION STAND
(Including flowers!)
Be sure to visit our virtual concession stand to support your cast/crew member and the CMP at the same time! Pre-orders are due by March 7.
https://mammamiavirtualconcession.cheddarup.com
All County/All State

Based on teacher recommendations, auditions, and last year’s NYSSMA solo evaluations, students were selected to take part in ensembles made up of the very best musicians in our area. Each festival weekend consists of rehearsals with guest conductors culminating in a concert to celebrate our students’ success. Congratulations to all of the students who will be participating!

Students going to Junior High All County
March 17-18 at CCS:

**ORCHESTRA**
Violin 1: Brindalin Filippo (7th)
Eliana Bentley (8th)
Jude Leising (8th)
Violin 2: Lydia Lee (7th)
Scarlett-Skye Stanton (7th)
Gavin Kapes-Vanslyke (9th)
Viola: Ella Kelly (8th)
Madelyn Gray (9th)
Cello: Mac Spadea (8th)
Alexandra Allen (7th)
Lydia Dreiwer (7th)
Bass: Jax Simons (7th)
Dominic Jackson (7th)

**BAND**
Flute: Brian Chang (9th)
Oboe: Emily Roy (8th)
Alto Sax: Claire Morford (9th)
Tenor Sax: Rowan Dawes (9th)
Trumpet: Daniel Gus (7th)
Grayson Bastian (8th)
Trombone: Ethan LaBuz (8th)
Jack Wratten (9th)
Ryan Squires (9th)
Baritone: Ben Morford (7th)
Percussion: Carter Speicher (7th)

**CHORUS**
Aubrionna Ballard (9th)
Nikolina Gleboff (9th)
Phoenix Townsend (9th)
Chloe DeNoon (9th)
Kera Kittleman (9th)
Alexis Chan (8th)
Nicholas Venero (7th)
Lizzie Moore (7th)
Andrew Bashant (8th)
Cooper Rorick (7th)
Hugh Brady (7th)
Claire MacPherson (8th)

Students going to Elementary All-County
March 31- April 1 in Rome:

**ORCHESTRA (6th)**
Violin 1: Aliyah Bentley (6th)
Yumeng Shi (6th)
Violin 2: Claire Chase (6th)
Viola: Molly Spadea (6th)
Bass: Gwen Westmorland (6th)
Alternates: Sierra Townsend (6th)
Leod Belfast (6th)

**BAND**
Flute: Angelo Gaetano (5th)
James Shelly (5th)
Trumpet: Logan Otto (5th)
Clarinet: Lauren Gus (5th)

**CHORUS**
Jesse Amuso (6th)
Caidence Boston (6th)
Claudia Hepler (6th)
Sierra Townsend (6th)
Braydon Atkinson (5th)
Beatrice Kelly (5th)
Hadley Jillings (5th)
Claire Banghardt (5th)

Students going to Area-All State December 2-3 in Little Falls:

**ORCHESTRA**
Violin 2: Chloe Filippo (11th)
Viola: John Musante (10th)
Cello: Hannah Williams (9th)

**BAND**
Flute: Isla McCullough (12th)
Trumpet: Alena Wratten (11th)
Percussion: Ollie Walters (12th)

**CHORUS**
Alison Wratten (12th)
Olivia Cofano (11th)
Alex Abraham (11th)
Eli Davis (10th)
Gideon Derier (10th)
Gracen Grimm (10th)
Clara Kelly (10th)
Elizabeth Bashant (10th)
**Honor Bands**

**Elementary:** Central Winds sponsored Allegro Honor Band in Liverpool in November.

James Shelly - Flute  
Ava Carney - Clarinet  
Claire Banghardt - Clarinet  
Lauren Gus - Clarinet  
Logan Otto - Trumpet  
Quentin Brady - Baritone  
Teddy Wileczka - Baritone

**Middle School/High School:** A number of MS and HS band students participated in the Greater Utica Area Honor Bands Concert on Saturday, January 21 hosted at Westmoreland High School. These outstanding students were accepted by nomination and rehearsed three Saturdays in January in preparation for the performance.

**The Honors Middle School Concert Band:**

Emily Abraham  
Grayson Bastian  
Night DeMarche  
Delilah Forbes  
Veronica Gianonne  
Daniel Gus  
Everett Heintz (not pictured)

**The Honors Youth Wind Ensemble:**

Gracen Grimm  
Gretchen Grimm  
Mia Le  
Elise Pape  
Eva Stone  
Ryan Squires  
Jack Wratten

**Winter Concerts, 2022**

CCS Elementary, Middle and High School band, orchestra and chorus students performed beautifully in their winter concerts. Elementary School students performed in the theater on December 1, Middle School students on December 8, and High School students on December 15.
Holiday Special Events

The chamber singers, jazz band, and chamber orchestra performed at Preswick Glen and the New Hartford Square Senior Apartments on December 21 to spread holiday cheer to local seniors.

Tri-M Music Honor Society:

Members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society held a canned food drive for the Country Pantry in December. The response was overwhelming! We are so grateful to our students for organizing this project, and to our community for being incredibly supportive.

Clinton High School Chamber Singers:

Members of the Clinton High School Chamber Singers (Select Choir) volunteered their time this winter to sing for several events:
- The Veteran’s Day Ceremony at the Helmut Ingalls Post 232 (Pictured above)
- The Shopper’s Stroll in the Clinton Village
- The DAR wreath-laying ceremony at the old burying ground - Brookdale in Clinton

We are thankful that these students are willing to volunteer their time for important patriotic events and spread cheer among the community, especially those who don’t have the opportunity to get out.
2023 NYSSMA Information

The NYSSMA festival will be held at Central Valley High School on May 12 and 13. Please click HERE for general information including links for registration and payment.

Summer Music Scholarships Information

Clinton Music Parents is pleased to invite applications from CCS students currently in grades 5-11 for summer 2023 music scholarships.

Summer music scholarships provide opportunities for students to explore their musical aspirations and develop their musical skills. Over the course of the past several years, Clinton Music Parents has helped more than 60 students offset the cost of summer music study thanks to money generated from our membership fees and annual fundraising events.

All scholarship applicants must complete this form by May 11, 2023.

Memorial Day Parade

Band students in grades 7-12 will be participating at the Memorial Day Parade in Clinton on May 29th. A rehearsal schedule will be posted in April. If your student is interested in joining, please have them speak to Mr. Lavender.

For more information about becoming involved with the Clinton Music Parents please contact: musicparents@ccs.edu

EXCITING UPCOMING DATES

March 9, 10, 11, 7:30 PM - High School Musical, MAMMA MIA!
March 17-18 Junior High All County Festival at Clinton
March 22 - Ball in the House at CCS-more info to come!
March 31-April 1 - Elementary All County Music Festival in Rome
May 12-13 - NYSSMA festival at CVA
May 17, 7:00 PM - Elementary Spring Concert
May 11 - Summer Music Scholarship application deadline
May 24, 7:00 PM - High School Spring Concert
May 29 - Memorial Day Parade marching band
June 8, 7:00 PM - Middle School Spring Concert
June TBD - Nola’s Chicken Riggies Fundraiser
Musical Senior Surveys

We asked the Seniors in MAMMA MIA! to take a walk down memory lane and look back on their experiences in musicals (and a few other things) during their time at Clinton High School.

Ella Fay
What roles have you had in school musicals? *Ensemble: Suessical the Musical, High School Musical, Addams Family, Mamma Mia | Stage Crew: Godspell*

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? The friendships. You become very close with a lot of amazing people you may not have talked to outside of the show.

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? The music. Mamma Mia is all music by the band ABBA. ABBA makes amazing music and I think it’s all very fun songs that the audience will love.

Hailey Keiser
What roles have you had in school musicals? *Ensemble: Fiddler on the Roof, High School Musical, Godspell, Addams Family, Bugsy Malone (Jillie)*

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? Kicking my shoe off in Bugsy Malone and almost hitting Tallulah during the elementary previews.

Do you have a favorite genre of music? Indie Pop Rock
**Carson Hebbard**

What roles have you had in school musicals? *Ensemble: Fiddler on the Roof | Stage Crew: Mamma Mia, High School Musical, Bugsy Malone*

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? When the lights came on early so I had to hide behind a set of lockers during a scene so the crowd didn't see me.

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? Making memories with the stage crew.

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**Jacob Eschenbach**

What roles have you had in school musicals? *Sound Crew: Bugsy Malone | Stage Crew: High School Musical, Godspell, Mamma Mia, Addams Family*

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? The music is great and I enjoy the story.

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? I'm going to miss the experience and fun of being on crew.

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**Landon Stiltz**

What roles have you had in school musicals? *Knight 2 in Shrek Jr., Perchik in Fiddler of the Roof, Bugsy Malone in Bugsy Malone, Jr., JoJO in Seussical the Musical, Wadsworth in Clue, Chad Daneforth in High School Musical, Lucas Beineke in the Addams Family, Sam in Mamma Mia | Ensemble: Godspell*

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? Making the “game-winning” shot during the Saturday showing of High School Musical. I wasn’t supposed to be the one shooting it, but the lights were coming up so I took the jumpshot and absolutely drained it.

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? The music for the show. The music is super upbeat and fun.

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**Allison Wratten**

What roles have you had in school musicals? *Ensemble in all the shows, Blousey in Bugsy Malone Jr., Donna in Mamma Mia*

Do you have a favorite genre of music? Classic rock/rock

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? I love the music. Besides being an Abba fan, the music is just so upbeat, good. I also love being able to spend time with others that share the same interest/love for dancing, singing, acting, and everything else that comes with musical theater.
Matthew Geigel
What roles have you had in school musicals? Troy in High School Musical and Pepper in Mamma Mia, Ensemble: Addams Family

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? The dance numbers

Do you have a favorite genre of music? Alternative Pop, Dark Pop EDM

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? The song and dancing for “Does Your Mother Know”

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? I will miss the energy and thrill of performing in the CCS theater.

Ollie Walters
What roles have you had in school musicals? Guard #3 in Shrek, Jr., The Constable in Fiddler on the Roof Jr, Bronx Charlie in Bugsy Malone Jr, Wickersham Brother #3 in Seussical the Musical, Coach Bolton in High School Musical, Lamar in Godspell, Gomez in the Addams Family

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? Learning from and forming bonds with my cast mates who I normally wouldn’t talk to.

Do you have a favorite genre of music? Musicals

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? Being a part of a show that I grew up listening to and watching.

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? Working on the musical 24/7 during the week leading up to the show.

James Klein
What roles have you had in school musicals? Ensemble: Shrek, Jr. (Knight #4), Fiddler on the Roof Jr, (Lazar Wolf), Bugsy Malone Jr. (Dandy Dan), Godspell, High School Musical, The Addams Family (Uncle Fester), Mamma Mia (Bill)

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? I love ABBA’s music so much! The songs are so catchy and fun to dance to, especially with Patrick’s choreography.

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? I will miss joking with all of my friends and the feeling of performing on stage.
**Aubrey Schreppel**

What roles have you had in school musicals? *Ensemble:* Shrek Jr., (Bird), Fiddler on the Roof (Bottle Dancer); Bugsy Malone, Jr. (Tallulah girl), High School Musical (Cheerleader), Addams Family (Skeleton), Mamma Mia

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? Stage crew and learning the Tallulah girl dance during Bugsy Malone.

Do you have a favorite genre of music? I don’t have a favorite genre, I will listen to anything playing.

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? Learning the partner dances and choreography

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? All of the joking around and fun we have at rehearsals.

**Jack DeNoon**

What roles have you had in school musicals? Sound crew, stage crew, lights crew

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? The final show and the after-performance party. It's nice to unwind and have fun after our final show.

Do you have a favorite genre of music? Not really, I like a lot of different ones.

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? How many different characters there are.

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? Probably the long rehearsals on Sundays. Even though they take a while it’s a lot of fun to run the show.

**Allie Barone**

What roles have you had in school musicals? *Ensemble:* Mamma Mia (Lisa), Addams Family, Godspell, High School Musical (Ripper) | Crew: Bugsy Malone, Jr.

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? One of our friends bought a sign from Five Below that said, “Fart zone” and put it on the girls dressing room.

Do you have a favorite genre of music? Not particularly. I just listen to one or two songs at a time until I get sick of them.

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? I love the choreography! It's very fun to learn/perform and I'm particularly excited for “Voulez Vous”.

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? I’ll miss going to rehearsals after school and hanging out with my musical friends.
**Brianna Howe**

What roles have you had in school musicals? *Ensemble: Shrek Jr., Fiddler on the Roof, Jr, Busgy Malone, Jr, High School Musical, Addams Family, and Mamma Mia*

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? My favorite thing about being a part of the musicals is that it gets you to talk to people you probably wouldn’t have before.

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? I will miss the dancing and taking pictures with my friends in costume. I will also miss the secret gift exchanges we do the week of the show.

**Margaret Mawilong**

What roles have you had in school musicals? *Ensemble: Mamma Mia, High School Musical | Crew: The Addams Family*

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? My favorite memory is during my first years of high school, when I tried out for High School Musical; being a part of the musical, making new friends, and learning more English.

Do you have a favorite genre of music? I like every kind of music.

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? My favorite part about Mamma Mia is the music because when I was young my older siblings were watching the movie and I remember this part of the movie; it is so amazing!

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? I will miss my friends and Mrs. Wratten. I will miss not being in the next show because I am not in school any more.

**Rosalee Dillon**

What roles have you had in school musicals? *Ensemble: Shrek, Jr., Fiddler on the Roof, Bugsy Malone, High School Musical, Addams Family, Mamma Mia | Crew: Alice in Wonderland, Annie, Matilda, and the Drama Club performances*

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? When I got to be dragged off stage as a dead body in Clue, freshman year.

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? The pre-musical cast parties where we all get to sing songs from previous musicals and get into costume.
Isla McCullough
What roles have you had in school musicals? Sound crew every year since 7th grade

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? My favorite thing is learning about all the sound equipment that makes the show go smoothly (or not).

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? I’ll miss getting to be in the middle of the action in March and watching the show from the best seats in the sound booth.

Salyscia Pristera
What roles have you had in school musicals? Ensemble: Mamma Mia

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? Partner dances

Do you have a favorite genre of music? Country

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? Getting close with everyone and building new bonds.

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? Being surrounded by the same people and getting close with new ones.

Izzy Marcus
What roles have you had in school musicals? Sound Crew: Fiddler on the Roof, Bugsy Malone Jr., High School Musical, Addams Family. Stage Crew: High School Musical | Stage Manager: Godspell | Ensemble: Mamma Mia (Eddie)

What is your favorite memory/thing about being a part of the musicals? Discovering so much about theater production and terminology behind the scenes

What is your favorite part about Mamma Mia? My favorite part is being able to see the other side of the musical (as a cast member) having done crew up until this point.

Callie Kozak
What roles have you had in school musicals? Ensemble: Shrek Jr., Fiddler on the Roof, Jr, Bugsy Malone, Jr, High School Musical, Mamma Mia

Do you have a favorite genre of music? Soft Pop

What will you miss most about not being in the musical next year? I think what I will miss the most about being in the musical next year is spending time dancing with my friends.