

East Stroudsburg Area School District

2019 Music Hall of Fame Inductees



Michael Doherty

Michael is a 2006 graduate of East Stroudsburg Area High School-South...While at South, he performed in musical productions, including: Frederic in *The Pirates of Penzance* and Thomas Andrews in *Titanic the Musical*...He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Musical Theatre from the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA, in 2010...Michael has appeared "off-Broadway" in *Dublin by Lamplight* at 59E59 Theaters He starred in a critically-acclaimed production of *Every Brilliant Thing* at the Utah Shakespeare Festival, and had the honor of directing a touring production

of the play that will be brought to every public high school in the state of Utah to raise awareness for suicide prevention...Other regional theatre credits include *Hand to God*, Berkeley Repertory Theatre (receiving The Theatre Bay Area Award and The Bay Area Critic's Circle Award); *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (earning The Theatre Horizon and Barrymore Awards); *Peter and the Starcatcher*, Connecticut Repertory Theatre (earning a Connecticut Critic's Circle Nomination); *A Christmas Carol*, Denver Center for the Performing Arts; *The History Boys*, Arden Theatre Company; Larry Shue's *The Nerd* at Milwaukee Repertory Theatre (with his wife, Alex Keiper); and many more...His television pilot, *Los Jarochos*, won Best Writing at the 2013 Independent TV Festival...He conducting a scientific study on what makes actors different than other people through the University of Denver with friend, colleague, and fellow ESASD alum, Denis Dumas ('06).



Joel Lawrence

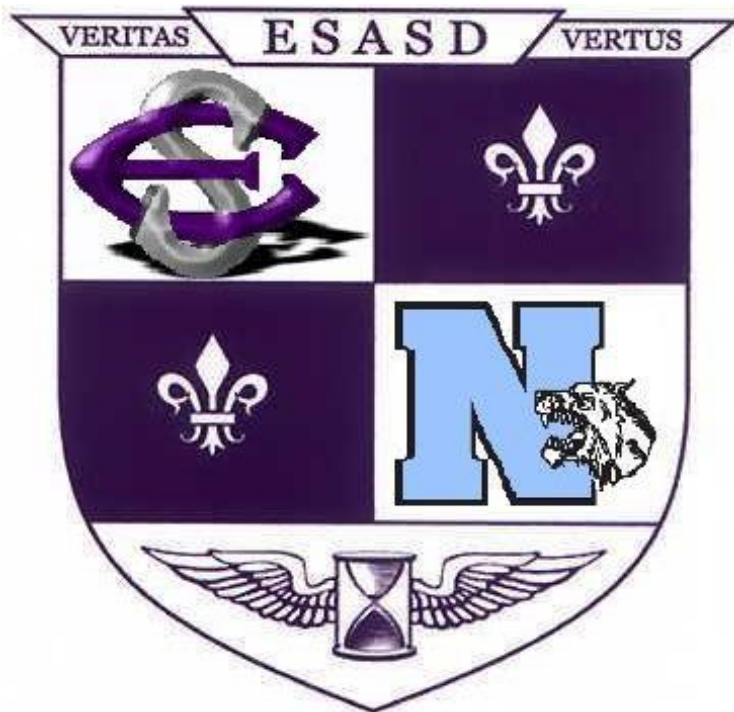
Joel is a graduate of East Stroudsburg Area High School, Class of 1997...He began playing saxophone at J.M. Hill Elementary School in 3rd grade...At ESHS, Joel participated in Chorus for 3 1/2 years, as well as Chorale and 4 years of high school musical productions...He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Visual and Media Arts from Emerson College in 2001...Joel has served as the Environmental Design Producer for the Crown Point Festival in New York City (2007); as a Music Educator and Site Director for the Arts and Literacy After School Program (New York City 2008-2016); as the Co-Host of Karaoke Killed the Cat (2007-present); as a DJ for weddings, events and clubs (2007-present); and as a Music Producer and MC on self-released projects (2010-

present)...He currently lives in New Jersey with his wife Liz and their daughter Charlotte.



Nancy Joy Koch

Began her music journey at the age of 6, singing in the choirs of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where she later studied piano and organ with Fredrick A. Snell...At Williamsport High School, was involved in band, jazz band, orchestra and choir, while also performing in District Band, District Orchestra, The Williamsport Symphony Orchestra, District Chorus and 3 years of All State Chorus...She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education as a Voice Major from Mansfield State College...At MSC, was involved in band, orchestra, choir, opera workshop and in performances of The Music Man, La Boheme, Guys and Dolls, The King and I and Hansel and Gretel...Was the lead performer in Suor Angelica, Amahl and the Night Visitors and sang the soprano solos in The Messiah...Went on to earn a Master of Arts Degree as a Voice Major with emphasis on opera and oratorio performance from Trenton State College, New Jersey where she sang the soprano solos in Verdi's Requiem...Continued voice study with Emile Renan, the former Director of the Manhattan School of Music and the former Director of the Julliard School of Music's departments of opera, theater and voice in New York City...Has sung solo performances under the direction of Margaret Hillis, Robert Fountain, Dr. Charles B. Fowler, Dr. Ruthann Harrison, Blain Shover, Susan L. Frickert and other fine musicians...Performed soprano solos in Elijah, Brahms's Requiem, Vivaldi Gloria and Schubert Mass in G...Has also performed with various churches and organizations in New Jersey and the counties of Bucks, Northampton and Monroe...Most recently performed with PLA, the Black Sheep productions, the Pocono Community Chorus of Churches, Pocono Summer Chorus, Pocono Community Chorale, Pocono Vocal Locals, Project One Step, Chambersburg Towne Singers, Shippensburg University Festival Chorus and St. John's Sacred Singers...Post graduate studies at Penn State University, Michigan University, Berkshire Choral Festival and Oberlin Conservatory...Taught vocal music for 37 years, 6 years with the ESASD and 31 years with the Centennial School District...Directed East Stroudsburg Area Jr.-Sr. High School's first musical production, Babes In Toyland...At Centennial School District served as a music teacher, choral director, bell choir and musical theater director...Accomplishments include: founder of Log College Vocal Ensemble and New Beginning Youth Ensemble, recipient of a Rockefeller Foundation Grant, 5 nominations to Who's Who Among America's Teachers, YMCA Community Service award, Log College Jr. High Yearbook dedication, seventeen 1st place championship choirs, 7 Overall Outstanding Choral Trophies, One Judges Choice Award for the school year 1988-1989, Centennial School District Achievement Award 1992 and Governor's Citation (Tom Ridge) for excellence in teaching 1999...Also served as Choir Director for Warminster Presbyterian Church, Bell Choir Director at Tannersville St. Paul Lutheran Church and Associate Director of Music at Zion United Lutheran Church in Brodheadsville...Recently was responsible for raising funds to make more than 140,000 meals for Kids Against Hunger for local and global food pantries...Nancy Joy treated her students as family and is very grateful and feels blessed for the musical journey God has granted her.



Past inductees into the East Stroudsburg Area School District Music Hall of Fame have included: (2002) Doreen Derr Bondy, Marguerite Cramer, John Eaton, Bernice Nauman, Dr. Kenneth Raessler, Clement Wiedinmyer, Robert Zellner; (2003) John E. Casagrande, Judith Farmer, Stuart Jones, David Lantz Jr., Melissa Mary Lengua, Louis Millard; (2004) Suzanne Anderson, Sallie Ferree, Jere Lantz, Stanley R. Schoonover, Michael Silvoy; (2005) Michael L. Ehrlich, Tasitha ("Tassy") Newcomb Gilbert, Steven R. Mathiesen, Larry Zaccaro Jr.; (2006) Jennifer Schoonover, Vincent Yanovitch; (2007) Dr. Katharine ("Katchie") Cartwright, Patrick C. Dorian and Rebecca

DeSanto Taylor; (2008) Robert C. Hartman, Susan Farmer Talley, David Springfield and Ly Wilder Tartell; (2009) Samuel DeRenzis, Zachary Giffel, Cory D. Miller and Robert Posten; (2010) Cynthia (Cindi) Bowman Copeland, Daniel Gelber, James A. Martini and Jenny Wunder Galunic; (2011) Michael Drolet, Brian McNulty, Kristen J. Smith and William Stine; (2012) Susan Moore Jordan, Caryn Kerstetter and Jennifer Kitchen; (2013) Christina Caiazzo-Pritchard, Jeremiah Downes, Kathaleen Joffe, Gordon L. Fung and Daniel Omelio; (2014) Robert E. Fetterman, Jr., Peter F. Maaser and Gail Stettler Napoliello; (2015) Kimberly Sisson Conklin, Debbie Myers, Judy Myers and Linda M. Schaller; (2016) Anthony DeAngelis, Robert L. Hickey Jr., and Najwa Parkins; (2017) Erica Hanrahan Ball, Amanda (Sibley) Cunard, and Nicole (Snyder) Rideout; (2018) Deborah Gasdek Booth and Paul Hubbell.