

# East Stroudsburg Area School District

## 2012 Music Hall of Fame Inductees

### Susan Moore Jordan

Mrs. Jordan attended The College-Conservatory of Music at The University of Cincinnati as a Vocal Performance Major, earning an Associate Degree in Voice and Sacred Music. She served as Administrative Assistant for The Edgecliff Academy of Fine Arts and The Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival while performing professionally as soloist at several Cincinnati area churches, and as a member of the prestigious Cincinnati May Festival Chorus. Sue then earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a Major in Music from Edison State College, Trenton, New Jersey, in 1986. She was a founding member of Pocono Lively Arts in 1977 and began directing musical productions for Pocono Lively Arts and Stroudsburg High School in 1984, directing musical theater productions at SHS from 1984 through 1990. Sue directed her first East Stroudsburg High School production in 1991 and has been on the staff of every musical at ESHS and ESHS South (with the exception of one year) since 1991. Among the eighteen shows that Sue has directed for ESHS and ESHS South have been: *"Oklahoma!"*, *"Carousel,"* *"Into the Woods,"* *"Brigadoon,"* *"Pippin,"* *"The Secret Garden"* and *"Les Miserables School Edition."*



Mrs. Jordan was a founding member of Black Sheep Players in 2008, and for Pocono Lively Arts, Black Sheep, ESHS and SHS, has directed more than eighty musical theater productions and numerous children's shows. She has also directed recordings of children's musicals for Shawnee Press, Inc., and since 1990 has been a co-director of the Children's Musical Theater Workshop. Sue has also performed with Pocono Lively Arts, Black Sheep Players and Center Stage Players and in 2009, was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Theatrical Alliance. She currently is the Owner/Operator of Jordan Music Engravers, having also established the Susan Jordan (Voice) Studio in 1979. Her students have been accepted by Ithaca College, Hartt School of Music, Oberlin College, Eastman School of Music, Penn State University, Peabody Conservatory, New England Conservatory, Manhattan School of Music, Temple University, Westminster Choir College, (her alma mater) the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and many other fine music programs. Former students, many of whom attended ESHS and ESHS South, have gone on to professional careers as performers and teachers, and to share their joy of music by performing in numerous church and community choirs, and as musical theater and opera performers in many venues. Susan feels she has been blessed that music has filled her life, and believes her favorite composer said it best: "Music is enough for a lifetime, but a lifetime is not enough for music." – Sergei Rachmaninoff

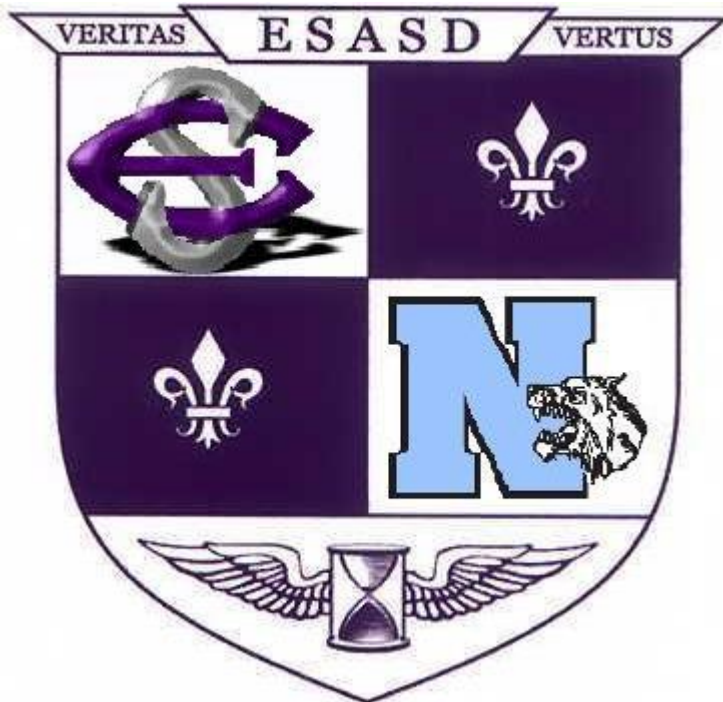


### Caryn Kerstetter

Caryn is a graduate of East Stroudsburg Area High School, Class of 1999. She began playing piano and French horn at age 8, and joined the band and chorus at Middle Smithfield Elementary School. At ESHS, Caryn was an active member of National Honor Society, Choraliers, Chorale, Chorus, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, and Marching Band. She performed in three high school musicals, including the role of the Stepmother in *"Into the Woods,"* the Narrator in *"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,"* and Hope Harcourt in *"Anything Goes."* Caryn was also involved in community theater, performing roles in a number of Pocono Lively Arts productions. Her ESHS honors included County Choir, PMEA District, Regional, and All-State Chorus, ACDA National Honors Choir, and PMEA District and Regional Band. After high school, Caryn went on to earn a Bachelor of Applied Music degree in Voice at the Eastman School of Music; a Graduate Diploma in Opera from the Royal College of Music in London; and a Master of Music in Voice from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, Bloomington. She has performed numerous operatic roles, of which her favorites include: Lauretta in *"Gianni Schicchi,"* Parasha in *"Mavra,"* Nicklausse in *"Les Contes d'Hoffmann,"* Giannetta in *"L'elisir d'amore,"* Noemie in *"Cendrillon,"* and the Dew Fairy in *"Hansel and Gretel."* Caryn is a winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions in the St. Louis district, and the Indianapolis Matinee Musicale competition. Having found her calling as an arts administrator, she now works in fundraising at the New York City Opera, and as a professional church musician in the city.

## Jennifer Kitchen

Jennifer graduated as the Valedictorian of the East Stroudsburg-South High School Class of 2003. At ESHS, she was the Principal clarinet in the Wind Ensemble, a member of the choir, the Choraliers, and the Chorale. Jen performed in the pit orchestra for various ESHS and Pocono Lively Arts musicals, participated in County Chorus festivals, and was a member of Pocono Youth Orchestra. She was selected to participate in District Band (3 years) featured as principal clarinet in 2003; District Orchestra (2 years); Region Band (3 years); and Region Orchestra. Jen also participated in the prestigious All-Eastern Band in 2003 in Providence, Rhode Island, and was the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships including the John Philip Sousa band award, Fred Waring choral award, the Mattioli scholarship, and the Semper Fidelis Award. After high school, Jen earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Clarinet Performance from Shenandoah University in 2007, graduating summa cum laude. She later earned a Master of Music degree in Music Theory from Michigan State University in 2009, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Music Theory at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Jen has performed as the Principal Clarinet of the Shenandoah University Wind Ensemble, with the ensemble at Chrysler Hall in Norfolk, VA and at Carnegie Hall. She received the Dean's Award for academic achievement from Shenandoah University and as a graduate student, taught various courses in music theory at Michigan State University and the University of Cincinnati. Jen has been a Visiting Instructor at Michigan State, teaching music theory and also served as an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Cincinnati, teaching courses in music psychology. She currently serves as a faculty member in the School of Music at Central Michigan University, and her research in music theory and the psychology of music has been presented at national conferences. Jen is a member of a number of professional organizations including the Society for Music Theory, the College Music Society, Music Theory Midwest, Kappa Kappa Psi band fraternity, and is on the editorial board for the Music Research Forum peer-reviewed journal.



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 Ferrebee, Jere Lantz, Stanley R. Schoonover, Michael Silvoy; (2005) Michael L. Ehrlich, Tasitha ("Tassy") Newcomb Gilbert, Steven R. Mathiesen, Larry Zaccaro Jr.; (2006) Jesse Green, 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.

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