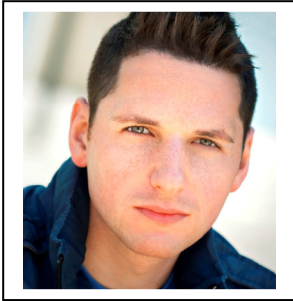


East Stroudsburg Area School District

2011 Music Hall of Fame Inductees



Michael Drolet

Mr. Drolet is a graduate of East Stroudsburg Area High School, Class of 1997. At ESHS, he was a member of the chorus, Choraliers, Chorale, wind ensemble and marching band. Michael was selected to participate in County Chorus, District Chorus, Regional Chorus and All-State Chorus and placed first among tenors at District Chorus (9th in PA) in 1997. He earned a talent scholarship to attend The University of the Arts in Philadelphia, graduating with a BFA degree in Musical Theater in 2002. After college graduation, Michael moved to New York City, earning the role of Vinnie in the National Tour of "Saturday Night Fever." After touring, he was hired by Disney and relocated to Los Angeles to premier "Snow White: An Enchanting New Musical" as Dopey. He continued to work across the country at such theaters as Opera Grand Rapids, Musical Theater West, The Palace Theater, Fulton Opera House and The Dorset Theater where he played the title role in "Peter Pan." Some of his proudest moments while residing in Los Angeles include his appearance on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," and joining the original Los Angeles cast of the Broadway smash hit "Wicked" (which has broken box office records around the world, while winning 3 Tony Awards, 6 Drama Desk Awards, 1 Grammy Award and 1 Laurence Olivier Award). As Boq in the Los Angeles company of "Wicked," Michael worked opposite Carol Kane, Jo Anne Worley, John Rubenstein, Adam Lambert, Megan Hilty, Eden Espinosa and Adam Wylie. He is featured in the 2009 "Wicked" calendar, the 2010 book "Wicked: Around the World in One Short Day" and the 2011 "Wicked Souvenir Book." He also appeared in the Broadway cast of "Wicked" and is currently performing all over North America in that show.

Brian McNulty

Mr. McNulty is an East Stroudsburg Area High School graduate, Class of 1998, having attended ESASD schools from grades K-12. He began playing percussion at Smithfield Elementary School in fourth grade under the tutelage of Melodie Shamp and Robert Fetterman. While at ESHS, he performed in the COTA Cats for five years, the PMEA All-State Orchestra for two years, the National Band Association Honors Band, Bands of America National Honors Band and numerous other District and Regional bands and orchestras. Brian earned a BA degree in Mathematics and a BMA degree in Percussion Performance from Penn State University in 2003 while being named Student Marshall of the School of Music and being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He also graduated from Penn State's Schreyer Honors College. Brian later earned an MM degree in Percussion Performance from The Ohio State University, while receiving a university fellowship and a graduate teaching associateship. Brian is currently an ABD Doctoral candidate in Percussion Performance at Indiana University—Bloomington. While at IU, he has served as an associate instructor in music theory and won the 2009 IU Concerto Competition. His percussion teachers have included Kevin Bobo, John Tafoya, Steve Houghton, Michael Spiro, Susan Powell, Joe Krygier, Dan Armstrong, Giff Howarth, Bob Nowak and Becky DeSanto Taylor. Brian serves as principal percussionist of the Columbus (IN) Philharmonic and has performed with the Baroque Band of Chicago, Terre Haute Symphony, Carmel (IN) Symphony, Reading (PA) and Altoona (PA) Symphony Orchestras. He also performed at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in 2010 and 2011. In addition, Brian serves as the organist for Fairview United Methodist Church in Bloomington, Indiana and is a piano accompanist for the Indiana University Children's Choir, and has taught percussion in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana.



Kristen J. Smith

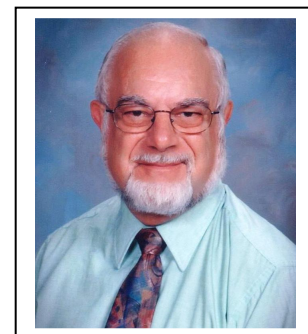


Ms. Smith is a graduate of East Stroudsburg Area High School, Class of 1997. While at ESHS, Kristen participated in concert choir, Choraliers, Chorale and all four years of high school musicals, including "Guys and Dolls," the role of Louise in "Carousel," Amaryllis in "The Music Man" and Cinderella in "Into the Woods." She also served as the choreographer of the Junior High Show Choir and completed two years of an advanced music theory and sightreading course (music fundamentals) with Mr. David Lantz. Kristen participated in County Choir, District Choir and Regional Choir, and had the honor of performing at Carnegie Hall with the 1997 District Choir. She also travelled throughout Europe with the Sound of America Choir during the summer of 1995. Since high school, Kristen has earned a living as an actress/singer/dancer in musical theatre. She spent a year and a half touring the United States and Canada with the Broadway National Tour of the Lincoln Center's revival of "South Pacific," under the direction of 2008 Tony Award winning director Bartlett

Sher. Other noteworthy performances have included the world premier of "An American in Paris" at the Alley Theatre in Houston; Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" at the Ordway Center (working with Director Walter Bobbie and Choreographer Randy Skinner); and "My One and Only" at Goodspeed Opera House. Favorite roles that Kristen has performed include Belle in "Beauty and the Beast;" Peggy Sawyer in "42nd Street;" Kathy Selden in "Singin' in the Rain;" Alice in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers;" Velma in "West Side Story;" Alice Sycamore in "You Can't Take It With You;" Kim MacAfee in "Bye Bye Birdie;" Ariel in "Footloose;" and Julie Jordan in "Carousel." In addition to performing, Kristen has taught musical theatre dance master classes to students across the country, and she continues to use the skills she learned from the music fundamentals courses at ESHS to transpose sheet music for performers and music directors.

William Stine

Mr. Stine graduated from East Stroudsburg Area High School in 1961. At ESHS, he was a member of the chorus, Choraliers, marching band, concert band and dance band, while also participating in District 10, Regional and State Band and Chorus Festivals, as well as the All-Eastern Chorus Festival. He earned a BS degree in Music Education from West Chester State College, 1965 and while at West Chester, he played bass with the "Criteria and Statesmen" Jazz Ensemble, played tuba in the Marching and Concert Bands and sang in the Concert Choir. Bill also attained an MA degree in Conducting from Trenton State College. Before and during college, Bill also directed the Blue Valley Youth Band. He began a career in education at Stroudsburg Junior High School, teaching 7th and 8th grade music and started a junior high choral group. Mr. Stine moved on to teach music, direct the chorus and conduct the band at Bangor High School for 17 years, also initiating student presentations of Broadway musical theatre. After leaving Bangor, he worked in the private sector for 20 years, yet continued to be an active musician while volunteering his talents and experience with the music program at Pius X High School in Roseto, PA. Following his retirement, he returned to education at Pius X, currently teaching 7th, 8th and 9th grade music classes and directing the choir. Bill was instrumental in the creation of a student/faculty/community pep band that performs at Pius X football games, and due to his efforts, Pius X students have become eligible to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District Band and Chorus programs, and currently he has a student who qualified to participate in the PMEA All-Eastern Choral Festival. Through his efforts in establishing a program in musical theatre at Pius X, one of his students last year won a Greater Lehigh Valley "Freddy Award," thus affording her the opportunity to experience a weeklong workshop conducted by personnel of the Nederlander Organization at the Minskoff Theatre on Broadway. Bill has played bass in various combo groups throughout the Lehigh Valley and Poconos for many years, and has served as the primary organist at the Portland Baptist Church and St. John's UCC in Bangor, PA while also singing with the "Jazz Mass Choir" at the Delaware Water Gap Celebration of the Arts Jazz Festival. He is a member of the Pocono Choral Society, having served on its Board of Directors, and he also serves as an auditioner for the PMEA and Allentown Diocesan music festivals. Bill resides in Mt. Bethel, PA with his wife Connie.



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 DeRenzi, Zachary Giffel, Cory D. Miller and Robert Posten; (2010) Cynthia (Cindi) Bowman Copeland, Daniel Gelber, James A. Martini and Jenny Wunder Galunic.

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