

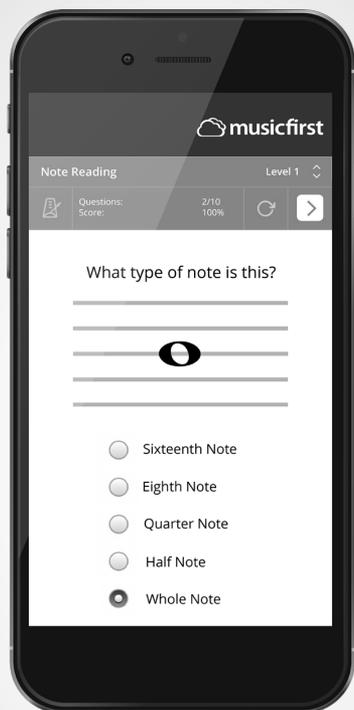
Opus 35



MUSIC-COMP

December 14, 2021
Elley-Long Music Center
Colchester, VT

**It's okay. You can give them
their phones back now.**



MusicFirst is the only comprehensive online classroom for K-12 music education.

It combines learning management software with engaging content and powerful integrated software to help you monitor your students' progress, make lesson plans, and create assignments.

Try MusicFirst free for 30 days at musicfirst.com

 **musicfirst**

OPUS 35

Desert Fantasy	Ethan Hall Mount Mansfield Union HS
Piece in C Minor	John Wallace Champlain Elementary School
Jungle Drums	William Price Edmunds Elementary School
Broken Branches	Aven Jorgensen Champlain Elementary School
Floyd	Lewin Kasser The Grammar School
Twill	Arlo Bolles Hunt School
Fanfare Euphoria	Jonah Sayler South Burlington High School
Samurai River	Sophia Perone Rutland Intermediate School
Rolling Waves	Julia Wulff Crossett Brook School
Sad Glories	Naomi Shpaner Colchester
Dunes of Sand	Callum Robeck Main Street Middle School

INTERMISSION

An Anorak's Waltz	Aiyana Baldasty Colchester High School
Chocolate Cake	Ella Wilson The Grammar School

OPUS 35

Passion Fruit	Jamie Maddox-White Main Street Middle School
Curiosity	Otis Starble-Murphy Independent
Wake Up Call	Miles Ellis Novotny Burlington High School
Tidal	Kai Williams Vergennes High School
Dances of the Desert	Drew Frankenberg West Rutland School
Hopeful Tides	Kyrsten Paroline Randolph Union High School
Coolest Camel in the Desert	Alex Wick Burlington High School

Opus 35 Performers

Jane Boxall - Percussion
Alison Cerutti - Piano
Bill Keck - Tuba
Evan Peltier - Percussion
Randal Pierce - Piano
Nate Reit - Trombone
Chris Rivers - Trumpet
Kyle Saulnier - Saxophone
Jason Whitcomb - Trumpet
Ron Wold - French Horn

Submissions are open for Opus 36!

April 26, 2022

St. Paul's Cathedral Burlington, VT

- Students in **grades 3-12** may participate
- **1-to-1 connection with a professional composer** for feedback and guidance
- Selected pieces will be performed by professional musicians across Vermont - members of the **Vermont Symphony Orchestra, TURNmusic** and more!
- The concert will be **broadcast on LCATV**, and a documentary with interviews from the students and concert footage will be produced
- Selected works will be broadcast on **Vermont Public Radio**

Instrumentation (any combination)

Strings (2 violins, viola, cello, bass)

Winds (flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon)

Piano

First Posting: Rolling Submission from December until the last day of January. Final postings will be due on March 30th.

Sign up now! And please share this amazing opportunity with any young musicians you know who may be interested in participating.

Questions? Email Matt at matt@music-comp.org

www.music-comp.org/opus36

Composer Mentors

Michael Close

Lee Heuermann

Travis Ramsey

Alistair Coleman

Rebecca Larkin

Justin Rito

Erik Nielsen, Senior Composer Mentor

Board of Directors

Erik Nielsen, President, Brookfield, Vermont

Michael Close, Worcester VT

Suzanne Garrity, Burlington VT

Cathleen Geiger, White River Junction VT

Hilary Goldblatt, Montpelier VT

Matt Podd, Brooklyn NY

Carol Weston, Williston VT

Elzy Wick, Burlington VT

Matt LaRocca, Executive Director

Stefanie Weigand, Director of Education

Sandi Macleod, Founder and Executive Director Emeritus

Anne Hamilton, Founder and Teacher Emeritus





Community

is where you build it.

**What can we help
you build?**

Community National Bank has
been helping to build Vermont
Communities since 1851.



**Community
National Bank**

Equal Housing Lender  Member FDIC

Vermont's Community Bank



*Proud to support programs
that foster music composition
for students, contributing
to the creativity in our
many communities.*



DERBY • BARRE • BARTON • DERBY LINE • ENOSBURG FALLS • ISLAND POND
LYNDONVILLE • MONTPELIER • MORRISVILLE • NEWPORT • ST. JOHNSBURY • TROY

communitynationalbank.com

OPUS 35 COMPOSERS

Ethan Hall: I am currently a freshman at Temple University studying Music Education with a trombone concentration. I play in the Diamond Marching Band and sing with Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia in addition to playing in smaller ensembles. In my free time I enjoy songwriting and playing guitar, piano, and electric bass. I took a gap year last year, during which I worked as a substitute teacher and after school counselor and gained valuable experience towards a career in education.

John Wallace is an 11-year-old pianist-composer. He has composed 16 Opus', 6 albums, and has been playing piano on Church Street for the last 3 years. He is an accomplished programmer, game developer, and has recently graduated 8th grade in his homeschool curriculum. He enjoys writing soundtracks for the games he creates and is always up for some sound design. You can learn more about John at the website he maintains: tuyandbone.com.

William Price is a 6th grader at Edmunds Middle School. He plays piano and is learning how to play the alto saxophone. William is an artist and loves to draw. He is also an athlete and enjoys flag football, baseball, tennis and running cross country. William is one of five brothers.

Aven Jorgenson is a 6th grader at Edmunds Middle School. She enjoys running on the Cross Country team, enjoys rock climbing and playing music (violin, piano and guitar). When Aven isn't running or playing music, she loves drawing, creative writing and spending time outside (preferably without shoes). She wrote this piece Broken Branches in 5th grade based on a short story she wrote.

Lewin Kasser was born September 30 2008 in Brattleboro VT, he spent his life in the VT/NH area engaged with piano, all his beloved pets and skiing from an early age on while enjoying many wonderful years at the The Grammar School in Putney.

OPUS 35 COMPOSERS

Arlo Bolles is an avid skateboarder and baseball player who loves the outdoors, math and logic, cubing, and coding. He has been playing viola and composing since 4th grade, and also plays electric bass and drums. He plays viola in the Vermont Youth Strings.

Jonah Sayler is a violinist, pianist, and composer, who attends South Burlington High School. In addition to his participation in Opus, Jonah has been a participant at the Walden School's Young Musicians Program for three years, where he was recently honored with the Irving Berlin Foundation Summer Camp Scholarship through the ASCAP Foundation. Jonah's music takes inspiration from many genres, but he has most recently found influence in the nontraditional harmonies, textures, and instrumentations found in contemporary classical music by Philip Glass, Steve Reich, and Aaron Copland.

Sophia Perone is a seventh grade student at Rutland Intermediate School

Julia Wulff is a seventh grader at Crossett Brook Middle School. She lives with her mom, dad, siblings, and two cats. She likes to sing, act, dance and read. She is grateful to her parents for encouraging her to do what she loves and her music teachers for showing her how to write music and introducing her to composing.

Naomi Shpaner: I'm in 8th grade at Colchester Middle School. I play piano and french horn and I love listening to music.

PCC



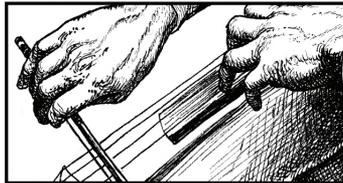
Pediatric
EHR Solutions

Hello, I'm **Callum Robeck**. I'm sophomore at Montpelier High School, and I've done composition for many years now. I play Piano, Viola, and Drums, and create both written and electronic music. I like to listen to composers like Rimsky-Korsokav, and more recently Joe Hisaishi, and recently I've been working on a symphony for the VPO to play next year

I'm **Aiyana Baldasty**, an aspiring cosmologist pursuing an education in theoretical astrophysics and quantum mechanics with subsidiary plans to become a freelance composer. I am the parent of three rats, and in addition to previously mentioned interests, a major enthusiast of the arts, literature, linguistics, and philosophy.

Jamie Maddox-White is a 10th grade student at Montpelier High School

Ella Wilson is an eighth-grader at The Grammar School in Putney. She has enjoyed studying piano and loves to read, dance, and draw. She has a special affinity for chocolate cake, hence the title.



PAUL PERLEY CELLOS

*Sales, repair, restoration, appraisals, and rentals
of all violin family instruments*



Specializing in fine old cellos and double basses in all price ranges

452 Brookfield Road, Berlin, Vermont 05602 • 802.229.1501

www.paulperleycellos.com

Otis Starble-Murphy: I'm a 10th grade homeschooler who also takes classes at Burlington High School. I've been playing piano for 10 years, and I most enjoy playing classical music. I also play Volleyball, Hockey, and Ultimate Frisbee. In my free time I like reading and watching TV shows. This is my second composed song and it's a compliment to my first one performed at Opus 34. They both use the same key orientation and have the same feel.

Kai Williams is a Sophomore studying math and music at Swarthmore College. While not in class or in a practice room, he is on the club frisbee team and the Student Government Association.

Drew Frankenberg is a homeschooled senior taking advantage of the early college program at Castleton University. He plays Clarinet, Piano, Saxophone and Guitar. Drew started composing in sixth grade, and immediately fell in love with it. Since then, he has written many works performed at previous Music COMP opuses, festivals and other events, and hopes to continue his involvement with the program going forward.

Miles Ellis-Novotny is in 11th grade at Burlington High School.

Kyrsten Paroline: I am 18 years old from Randolph, Vermont. I love everything about music from playing saxophone or piano to writing my own pieces! I also love skiing and reading books and going for walks with my dog. I recently enlisted in the Army as a band musician and am excited to attend college soon!

Alex Wick graduated from Burlington High School in the spring of 2021 and is now in his first year at Brown University. Alex has participated in Music-COMP since he was in third grade. He plays alto saxophone and piano, but he enjoys composing for a variety of instruments, as well as electronically producing hip-hop beats.

OPUS 35 PERFORMERS

The Music-COMP Brass Quintet is comprised of:

Jason Whitcomb - Trumpet

Chris Rivers - Trumpet

Ron Wold - Horn

Nate Reit - Trombone

Bill Keck - Tuba

Jane Boxall is an adventurous percussionist, working across diverse musical genres. Jane is actively and consistently working as a soloist, collaborator and session player. She has performed in concert halls, art galleries, cafes, castles, kindergartens, hospitals, universities, forests and festivals from Cyprus to San Francisco, India to Quebec, and Manhattan to France. She is dedicated to new music, specializing in contemporary art music on marimba and vibes, and rock and hiphop drumkit for original artists. Born in England and raised in Scotland, Jane completed her BA and MA in Contemporary Music at the University of York (UK), and her Doctorate in Percussion Performance at the University of Illinois.

Alison Bruce Cerutti is a pianist based in Northfield, Vermont. She frequently performs as a soloist and chamber musician throughout Vermont and Canada and France. She studied with Louis Moysé for eight years and accompanied his flute master classes in Vermont and France. Cerutti has appeared as a soloist with the Norwich University Band Company, the Burlington Civic Symphony Orchestra, and numerous times with the Vermont Philharmonic in Barre, including with her brother, pianist Daniel Bruce. Since 2004 Cerutti has performed with her friend and colleague, violist Elizabeth Reid as the Cerutti-Reid Duo. This winter, Cerutti will record with Reid, viola and piano music for an upcoming album.



THE
Vermont
Community Foundation

Randal Pierce is a Burlington based performer, composer, teacher and music director. He has a degree in piano performance from McGill's Schulich School of Music and spent six years performing in Montreal's vibrant music and theater scenes. Randal has toured internationally with the Segal Centre for the Performing Arts and played at major music festivals throughout the US and Canada. He has been commissioned to write theater and film works for VT Stage Company, The Flynn Theater, Main Street Landing, The Green Mountain Film Festival, In Tandem Arts, BCA, Big Picture Theater and The Festival of Fools. He also music directs for the Flynn Theater, VT Stage Company, the UVM Theater Department and Full Circle Theater Collaborative.

Education That Moves You

Make music and dance at UVM

- **B.A. in music**

(classical performance, history & literature,
jazz studies, technology & business,
theory & composition)

- **B.S. in music education**

- **Music minor**

- **Music Technology minor**

- **Dance minor**

On-Campus audition
dates on our website

www.uvm.edu/music

Evan Peltier is a freelance percussionist and educator originally from Saratoga Springs, NY. He received a bachelor's degree in both Music Education and Performance at Ithaca College, under the tutelage of world-renowned marimbist and composer Gordon Stout, and a Master's degree in Music Education from Central Connecticut State University. Evan has had his hands in many different performing opportunities, including the first college-based fife and drum corps group in the nation, a gigging steel drum band, pit percussion for the Hangar Theatre in Ithaca, and more recently, performing with the Burlington Civic Symphony Orchestra. He has been the band director at Colchester High School for 8 years, and absolutely loves offering all kinds of musical opportunities for his students, whether its hosting the current Count Basie Orchestra or Glenn Miller Orchestra to perform at CHS, arranging Snarky Puppy tunes for his jazz band, or exposing students to great band literature throughout the year! Evan is happy to be back on stage for this year's Opus Concert, and looks forward to hear all of the student compositions tonight!

Versatile and personal, multi-instrumentalist **Kyle Saulnier** brings a unique, rhythmically dynamic approach to a multitude of performance situations. As a bassist he can be found in a wide range of musical projects, from classical music ensembles such as TURNmusic and the Champlain Philharmonic Orchestra to jazz ensembles, pop trios and power rock groups. As a baritone saxophonist and woodwind doubler, he specializes in creative, composer-driven projects such as Moppa Elliott's *Acceleration Due to Gravity*, Brian Boyes' *Saturn People Sound Collective*, and Russ Kaplan's *Broadway Jazz Session*, and has appeared with local artists Kat Wright, Francesca Blanchard, Cricket Blue, and Hallowell. He is a sought-after studio conductor, specializing in jazz and crossover orchestras, and he also holds producer and/or assistant producer credits on a number of dynamic projects, collaborating with artists such as the Awakening Orchestra, Magda Giannikou, the Metropole Orkest, Felipe Salles, and Patrick Cornelius.

A black and white photograph of a stack of books, likely law books, with their spines visible. The books are slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth and tradition.

W&M

Wick & Maddocks
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Serving generations of Vermonters since 1980

**WILLS, TRUSTS
& ESTATE PLANNING**

REAL ESTATE LAW

BUSINESS LAW

For a free consultation, please contact

Jeff Wick
(802) 658-3037

jeff@wickandmaddocks.com

Offices in Burlington and Essex Junction
www.wickandmaddocks.com

Grant and Foundation Support

Vermont Community Foundation
Vermont Arts Council

A special acknowledgement to our sustaining members. Your year-round commitment and support is so important to our young composers.

Music-COMP Sustaining Members

Suzanne Garrity
Hilary Goldblatt
Patrick and Juliette Halladay
Steve Kim
Rama Kocherlakota
Erik Nielsen
Cara and Donald Robechek
Ellen Sklar
Carol Weston
Elzy and Jeff Wick
Doug Maddox and Shawn White

SUPPORTERS

Richard W. Alen
Tom Allen
Benjamin Cadwallader
Rachael Elliott
James and Alison Frankel
Suzanne Garrity
Hilary Goldblatt
Juliette and Patrick Halladay
Anne Hamilton
Carol Weston
Patrick Herbert
Robin Hodson
Molly Joyce
Steve Kim
Kathleen Kocherlakota
Rama Kocherlakota
Peter Lee
Carolyn & Larry Liebling
Steven Light
Eleanor Long

Sarah MacLeod
Martie Mutz
Erik Nielsen
Suzanne Owen
Glory Reinstein
Patricia Riley
Alexis Scangas
Christopher Sellers
Zach Sheets
Ellen Sklar
Karola Troidl
Elzy and Jeff Wick
Nancy C Wick
Barbara Russ & Dean Williams
Dana Wilson
Jody Woos
Jennifer Fredereck and Mitch
Frankenberg
Hans Mueller and Cathy Geiger



National Life
Group®

***A very special thank you to all the music
teachers of our young composers!***

Clayton Hamilton, Burlington High School
Emily Desautels, Colchester Middle School
Bridgette Tozzi, Colchester Middle School
Molly Dubois, Crossett Brook Middle School
Dan Liptak, Crossett Brook Middle School
Graham Lambert, Edmunds Middle School
Catherine Ott, Edmunds Middle School
Michael Hakim, Edmunds Middle School
Hilary Goldblatt, Main Street Middle School
Ray Cole, Randolph Union High School
Betsy Greene, Champlain Elementary School
Andrea Nardone, Hartford High School
Britta Fenniman Tonn, Private Instructor
Karola Troidl, Tuttle Middle School
Alli Lubin, The Grammar School
Caleb Pillsbury, Mount Mansfield Union High School
Mary Bauer, Mount Mansfield Union High School
Sue O'Daniel, Vergennes Union High School
Chris Rivers, Harwood Union High School
Zachary Hampton, West Rutland School
Phillip Henry, West Rutland School



MUSIC-COMP

If you believe in the power of music and the creativity of young people, please become a supporter of Music-COMP. Take a picture of the QR code below with your mobile phone to be taken directly to our secure donation platform. Your contribution will help create a moment that our young composers will always remember.



www.music-comp.org/support

