



NEWS RELEASE

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CORNING FREE ACADEMY'S SIXTH GRADERS DEMONSTRATE THEIR ABILITIES TO CURATE A CONCERT ENTITLED SERIOUSLY STRINGS Music Laboratory Returns!

On **March 27th at 10:00am**, you can come to Broadway Middle School auditorium to see the quartet of Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes Musicians. The students of the 6th grade happily invite you without an entrance fee. The performers will be Max Buckholtz, Gary Chollet, Eric Johnson and David Thurkins.

The Program:	<i>Concerto Grosso, Op. 3, No. 11</i>	Antonio Vivaldi
	<i>Eine Kleine Nachtmusik</i>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
	<i>Maple Leaf Rag</i>	Scott Joplin

Concert Tickets: Free Admission and Open to the Public

Why come to our Broadway Middle School Music Laboratory concert? The soothing music will cure you of all your stress. It is relaxing, interesting and good. If you ever just want to get away from it all, come to see this amazing concert! There are some interesting things about the musicians. If you come you may be able to meet their goofy side, serious side, content side and learn more about them. Come to this and you will feel great!

The students were involved by interviewing different musicians at Broadway Middle School. The staff and students planned the concert and will put on a great show for the wonderful musicians to play. The students are really excited for this and they want the show to be a success. The students and staff are putting on this great show for all of their guests from the school and community. The students and staff had a great time enjoying the people and hope that everyone will come to enjoy the fantastic show!

The Musicians

David Thurkins is a first violinist in the string quartet. He was born June 10, 1952 in Latrobe, PA. He completed his Masters degree at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. He also loves the Pittsburg Steelers.

Gary Chollet is one of two violinists. He was born in Port Washington, Long Island, NY. Gary started to play violin in fourth grade. Now Mr. Chollet plays with the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes. In his free time he likes to rock climb and wind-surf.

Max Buckholtz is a composer that plays viola and violin. He started playing violin at age 3, his 7year old daughter, Saraphina, also plays violin. He was born August 14, 1972. Max attended Ithaca College for three years.

Eric Johnson, a cellist, was born in 1955 in Painted Post, NY. He went all the way to England to get his PhD in acoustics. His dream job would be to pitch for the New York Yankees. He currently works in scientific research labs.

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The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes is the principal ensemble of Corning-Elmira Musical Arts, Inc. (CEMA). CEMA serves New York's Southern Tier communities through extraordinary musical programs and educational offerings. CEMA was established in 1996 through a merging of the Corning Philharmonic and the Elmira Symphony and Choral Society. The organization now consists of a Professional Orchestra, Chorus, Youth Orchestra, and an array of music education programs.

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