

YingHua Music Teacher has Great Success at All-State Orchestra



Arthur Stephano, local bass instructor & music faculty at YingHua International School in Kingston.

May 17, 2017, Kingston, NJ. – The newest addition to the YingHua International School music program, Arthur Stephano of Hamilton, has great success with students. Of the 2017 New Jersey Music Educators Association Intermediate Orchestra for string students in 6th through 8th grades, Mr. Stephano teaches 20 percent of the double bass section.

On May 13, 2017, Sruti Bapatla of Plainsboro and Madeline Epstein of West Windsor, performed with the All-State Intermediate Orchestra performing Mendelsohn, Tchaikovsky Vaughn Williams, and Dvorak. Students

who are invited to perform with the All-State orchestra undergo two rounds of rigorous auditions – first for the Regional Orchestras, then for the All-State Orchestra. Only the students of the higher chairs in the Regional Orchestras are permitted to audition of the All-State level. Auditions include playing scales, a prepared piece, and sight-reading.

Mr. Stephano’s 28 years of professional playing and teaching experience including a world-wide professional tour with the original rock band “Daria” has helped to make him one of the area’s most sought after teachers. His own jazz quartet, The Sixth Street Quaternion performs regularly in such world class venue as Chris’ Jazz cafe in Philadelphia, The Philadelphia International Airport, and local restaurants such as The Blue Point Grill. He is also doing two local projects with professional rock & roll bands. Mr. Stephano has completed his 20th season with The Imacullatta Symphony. Art has studied with such masters as: Peter Paulsen, (Principal, Allentown Symphony, West Chester University professor), Paul Klienfelter, (Harrisburg Symphony), Heather Miller, (Philadelphia Orchestra), Brian Glassman (Princeton University), and Rufus Reid (world class jazz bassist, teacher, and author). Mr. Stephano studied music theory at West Chester University and Princeton University.

Even with all this, Stephano’s major strength is teaching. Says

Kristin Epstein, Executive Director of YingHua International School, “Mr. Stephano has a way of motivating kids to learn about music. He brings an exciting, and refreshing way of teaching that inspires his students. We are delighted to have him as part of our professional faculty.” For more information about YingHua International School: English-Chinese Immersion School of Princeton, including its Summer Camp, Parent & Me classes, afterschool enrichment classes, pre-school, elementary school, and middle school, please call (609) 375-8015 or email info@yhis.org.



Madeline Epstein of YingHua International School (right) at the All-State Orchestra Concert on May 13.