

# bergen PAC Performing Arts School

BEHIND THE SCENES  
NEWSLETTER



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Located at One Depot Square in downtown Englewood (NJ), formerly the Grammy® Award-winning Bennett Studios, bergenPAC Performing Arts School is northern New Jersey's premier arts education program.



## OUR STORY

bergenPAC's PAS is dedicated to providing exceptional arts education to a diverse range of students, spanning from 3 months old to adults, across Northern New Jersey.

With a wide array of classes offered in various performing arts disciplines, extensive community outreach programs throughout the state, and specialized programming for children with special needs, each donation contributes significantly to the creation of profoundly enriching opportunities for children and families alike.

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDUCATION & OUTREACH MANAGER

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter where I'll be sharing with you important information and a 'Behind the Scenes' look into what is happening here at the school.

This month's issue focuses on the holidays and the festive events surrounding them. Continue to read our newsletters throughout the year to learn more about the many accomplishments our students, faculty, and staff are making!

Hope you all have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

-Ashley Tobias (THATGIRLTOBI)

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# PAS NEWS & UPDATES



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FOR TICKETS

## BERGEN PAC'S HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

DECEMBER 16TH 2023 @ 7:00PM

Join us December 16th as we celebrate our PAS Community with our own holiday spectacular event; A Very Bergen Holiday. With performances from all disciplines, you will not want to miss this jam packed evening. Ticket prices begin at \$25 and all proceeds go directly towards our Arts Program for students with special needs, *Voices in Harmony*. Your generosity this season helps make it possible for our students to shine on the big stage at bergenPAC.

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

PROFESSIONAL CAROLING AMERICAN DREAM MALL	11/25
HOLIDAY BUBBLE SHOW AMERICAN DREAM MALL	12/02
PROFESSIONAL CAROLING AMERICAN DREAM MALL	12/02
DJ MEOW & THATGIRLTOBI AMERICAN DREAM MALL	12/02
PAS BROADWAY YOUTH AMERICAN DREAM MALL	12/03
BERGENROCKS! FACULTY AMERICAN DREAM MALL	12/10
PROFESSIONAL CAROLING AMERICAN DREAM MALL	12/16
A VERY BERGEN HOLIDAY BERGEN PAC THEATER	12/16
PAS BROADWAY YOUTH AMERICAN DREAM MALL	12/17
PAS BROADWAY YOUTH AMERICAN DREAM MALL	12/23

## FOR OUR YOUNGEST STARS

AGES 3 MONTHS - 4 YEARS

MUSIC  
SPEAKS...  
Come Sing Along!!



OPEN HOUSE  
12/14 @ 10:30AM  
TRIAL CLASS

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SIGN UP TODAY







# HOLIDAY SHOWS

AT BERGEN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

DEC 2 - 3, 2023

## NEW JERSEY BALLET'S NUTCRACKER

New Jersey Ballet's Nutcracker is the longest running original professional production in the state. This beloved annual tradition has enchanted youngsters and grown-ups alike in Englewood, NJ since 1986 and each year PAS students are featured!

DEC 4, 2023

## KENNY G: THE MIRACLES HOLIDAY AND HITS TOUR 2023

The sound of Kenny G's saxophone is as iconic as his curly coif; indeed, both are instantly recognizable. He'll return to bergenPAC to play his beloved holiday hits and other fan-favorites from his incredible catalogue.

DEC 5, 2023

## IL DIVO - A NEW DAY HOLIDAY TOUR

"A New Day Holiday Tour" will feature the group performing holiday classics that include "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas," "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," and more, in addition to songs from their vast catalog.

DEC 11, 2023

## THE MACCABEATS

The Maccabeats have entertained and inspired hundreds of audiences worldwide, from Alabama to (New) Zealand and everywhere in between. Using nothing more than the unadulterated human voice, a clean-cut presentation, and a little Jewish humor, this unique group of singers are able to connect with fans of all backgrounds and ages.



KC AND THE SUNSHINE BAND



HOLIDAY DOO WOP  
STARRING THE DUPREES



THE TEMPTATIONS & FOUR TOPS



KEVIN HART

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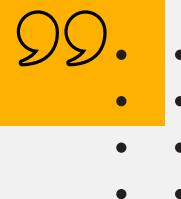
# A Very Bergen Holiday

SPREAD THE JOY & GIVE BACK!





# PAS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



## CHARLOTTE SYDNEY HARRINGTON...

is Annie Who in the national tour of *Dr. Seuss' The Grinch Who Stole Christmas!* Charlotte is 8 years old and currently a vocal student of Amelia DeMayo at bergenPAC.

Making the show extra-fun, is the fact that she gets to share the role with one of her best friends Azalea Wolfe, who she starred in an industry reading of *Beaches* with just a few weeks before leaving on tour.

Charlotte began her professional career at the age of 4 when she was cast as Lulu in the National Tour of *Waitress*. Charlotte then went on to play roles in *Matilda*, *Annie*, *Seussical* and most recently Gretl in *The Sound of Music* at Paper Mill Playhouse. Outside of performing Charlotte loves drawing, reading, and just started learning tennis.



## AERINA PARK DEBOER...

is playing Cindy Lou Who for the second time in the Broadway National Tour of Dr. Seuss' *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas!* Aerina's first introduction to musical theater was at the age of 5 through the bergenPAC Musical Theater Camp. She trained in voice with Amelia DeMayo's professional vocal group and also in dance with Roberta Mathes' team. Through bergenPAC Aerina had opportunities to perform on the bergenPAC stage as the opening act for several of their productions, as well as numerous community performances. She is incredibly appreciative of the experiences and foundation that bergenPAC has given her which exposed her to the world of performing arts. Currently Aerina is actively involved in theater, film, TV, voiceover work and commercials. She placed as a finalist in the 2022 Hal Leonard Vocal Competition, and currently studies ballet at the School of American Ballet. In her free time, Aerina loves art, judo, anime, K-Pop and K-Dramas.

## AZALEA WOLFE...



is playing Annie Who in the national tour of Dr. Seuss' *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas!* Actor; Singer; Dancer; 5th Grader. Azalea is a member of the bergenPAC Choir and trains with Amelia DeMayo's vocal group. She performed Little Cee Cee in the industry reading of *Beaches: The Musical* with Charlotte Sydney Harrington and is excited to reunite with her for *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* tour. Azalea understudied and performed the role of Lucy in *Lucy* with the Audible Theater at the Minetta Lane Theater. She also enjoys gymnastics, reading, art and convincing her parents to try every dessert place within walking distance of bergenPAC. You can often see her walking into the BPAC school with a container of cookies from Bartolomeo's.





# PAS FACULTY UPDATES

## 2023-2024



**Sunday**

**12/10 @ 3-5:00pm**

American Dream, "Dream Stage Court A"

Experience the musical talents of bergenROCKS! a six-piece faculty band from bergenPAC's Performing Arts School rocking out with the crowd on traditional and popular holiday jazz and rock tunes.



Becky Serico, Director of Education at bPAC's Performing Arts School was recently nominated by the FBI Citizens Academy Board for her work in bringing education and outreach programs to partner schools and the local community. This prestigious program is by invitation/nomination only and is a chance for everyday citizens to get a rare in-depth glimpse into the FBI.

Through working with the FBI for the past six years, bPAC has partnered and created an assembly program, "Chasing The Dragon", addressing the current opioid epidemic.



Mario Giordano, is our house Sound Engineer and Guitar instructor here at PAS along with bandmate Luke Becker, our private drum instructor. Both are in the same original band, ECHO ROAD and play out around the tri-state. Most recently, they were last seen on 11/18/23 at the Claremont Distillery supporting the release of their latest EP, "The Plot Unfolds". You can also find Luke and Mario gigging around in the community with our very own Faculty House Band.

**Saturday, 12/2 @ 3:30-5:00pm**

Catch bergenPAC staff members by day, international pop singer and children's entertainers by night Ashley Tobias (THATGIRLTOBI) and Alap (DJ MeowMeow) spinning family-friendly holiday hits at the American Dream Mall this December!



# SIGN UP



# bergenROCKS

**UPCOMING GIGS**

THATGIRLTOBI  
MCCLOONES ASBURY

12/14

CURIOSITY SHOP  
ANNABELLA'S RESTAURANT  
FT. BERGENROCK'S FACULTY LEADER

12/22

THATGIRLTOBI  
GOGOL BORDELLO NYE  
SHOWS!

12/28-

12/31





# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO...

## Englewood...A Place For Everyone!

### ENGLEWOOD Benefiting Youth of Englewood 2023 TOY DRIVE

Monday November 27 to Wednesday December 13, 2023

As part of the 35rd Annual PBA Toy Drive courtesy of:

Englewood Police PBA Local 216, Englewood Fire Fighters Local 3260 & 3263



Greatest need is new unwrapped toys and books for children

Include batteries with any toy that requires them. Violence-related toys are not accepted.

#### Ages 0-6

Children's Books  
Building Blocks  
Multicultural Dolls  
Musical Toys  
Play Dough Kits  
Coloring Books and Crayons  
Toy Trucks  
Stuffed Animals  
Gift Cards

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#### Ages 3-7

Play Food or Other Pretend Sets  
Puzzles  
Board Games  
Building Blocks  
Books  
Legos  
Arts & Crafts Sets  
Train Sets  
Interactive Games  
Multicultural Dolls  
Musical Toys  
Puzzles  
Craft Kits  
Paint/Art Sets  
Play-Dough Kits  
Crayons with Coloring Books  
Toy Trucks and Cars  
Doll House Toys  
Stuffed Animals  
Theme Toys  
Littlest Pet Shop  
Gift Cards

#### Ages 7-12

Books  
Bath Products  
Science Kits  
Card Games  
Jewelry  
Model Kits  
Journal Sets  
Remote Controlled Cars  
Sports Equipment  
Skateboards  
Action Figures  
Transformers  
Puzzles  
Legos  
Arts & Crafts Materials  
Little Pet Shop  
Play Mats  
Drawing Supplies  
Board Games  
Gift Cards

#### Ages 12-17

Board Games  
Backpacks  
Sports Equipment  
Jewelry  
Strategy Games  
Sports Team Clothing  
Books  
Card Games  
Puzzles  
Art and School Supplies  
Craft Kits  
Remote Controlled Cars  
Legos  
Action Figures  
Transformers  
Bath Products

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