

Noteworthy News

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ATLANTA ACADEMY OF VOCAL ARTS



Welcome Letter

From the desk of Ms. Maria

Happy Fall Semester, Singers & Supporters!

First GOOD news: We've made this far into 2020 and AAVA is still here! We have so much to celebrate in this thriving vocal academy.

THANK YOU to all students, parents and supporters who have continued to be active in your vocal studies amidst numerous challenges. We went online and kept singing! Now it's time to keep growing as we move forward into a new singing season. I have many new offerings, plans and opportunities to announce in my re-envisioning of the future of AAVA.

Please enjoy this quarterly newsletter and stay connected! I always love hearing from you.

KEEP SINGING!

With love,
Ms. Maria

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"Teaching music is not my main purpose. I want to make good citizens. If children hear fine music from the day of their birth and learn to play it, they develop sensitivity, discipline and endurance. They get a beautiful heart."

**Shinichi
Suzuki**

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

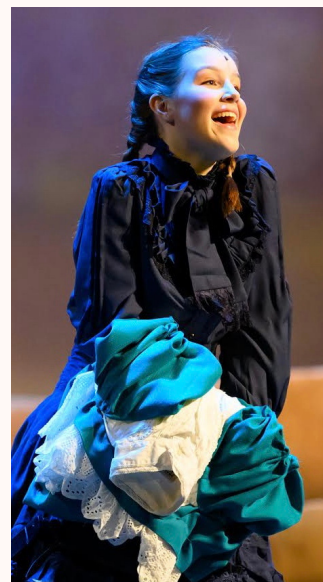
Congratulations to these AAVA members for their nominations at the 2020 Shuler Awards (the Georgia High School Musical Tony's)!



Adam Rogers
as Angus Tuck
TUCK EVERLASTING
Wesleyan School



Samantha Lane
as The Witch
BIG FISH
Johns Creek High School



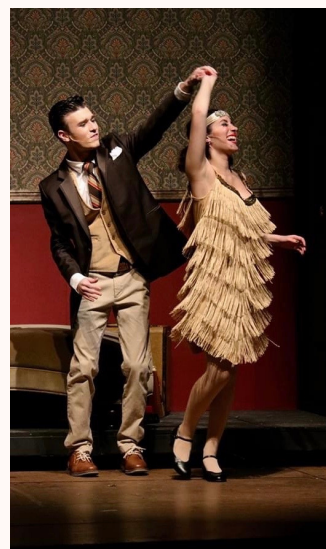
Brenna McConnell
as Winnie Foster
TUCK EVERLASTING
Wesleyan School



Summer Gomez
as Sally Bowles
CABARET
Chattahoochee High School



Allen Pan
as Herr Schultz
CABARET
Chattahoochee High School



Will Henderson
as Clifford Bradshaw
CABARET
Chattahoochee High School

COMPETITION SPOTLIGHT



Haidyn Bye

Congratulations to Haidyn Bye for her *Broadway Bound Award* at the Schmidt Vocal Competition at Florence Kopleff Recital Hall at Georgia State University!

Day long competition affords young singers the opportunity to perform live in front of an audience for the chance to win cash awards and scholarships while offering coaching and masterclass training with premiere artists as judges. All AAVA students received excellent feedback on their classical and musical theatre repertoire.

BRAVI to Belle Catanzaro, Samantha Beeson, Adam Rogers and Haidyn Bye for their amazing performances!



Bryson Brozovsky

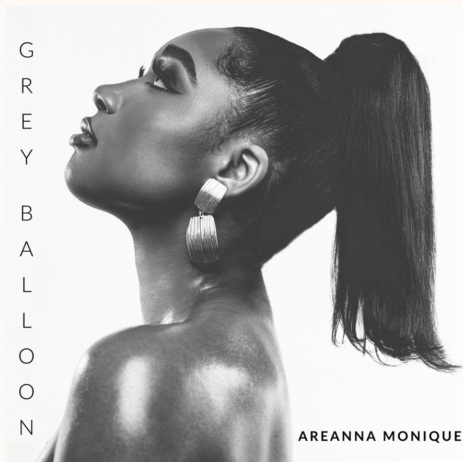
Congratulations to former student Bryson Brozovsky (2018) for his recent feature as an outstanding student in the School of Music at Kennesaw State University.

Bryson was featured for his outstanding academics, music history research and singing in their opera program under my colleague Dr. Nathan Muson. Bryson is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Voice with a Music Entertainment Business Minor and is also a professional actor, active church musician and budding composer as a singer/ songwriter.

Please check out his article [here](#).



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Areanna Haynes

Congratulations to AAVA student Areanna Haynes for releasing a fabulous new original single "Grey Balloon". Please go listen to her new song [here](#) on Youtube and support her by subscribing to her channel!

Areanna also recently completed an internship at Small Steps Music Therapy which is a program that serves individuals and encourages growth in developmental areas such as fine gross motor skills, social and emotional development, cognitive and academic skills and more.

Her next pursuit will be a Master of Music in Music Therapy Degree. The Black Music Therapy Network will also feature her new song as a future Music Therapist. Congratulations and best wishes, Areanna!

Website and Social Media Makeover

Please visit our academy website and connect with us on Facebook and Instagram

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[@aavasings](#)

Website: www.aavasings.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/aavasings

CLASS OF 2020

Best wishes for your new chapter and university adventures!



Didi Onwuanyi
New York University



Isabelle Catanzaro
University of Georgia



Samantha Beeson
Furman University



Annie Hankamer
University of Tennessee - Knoxville



Adam Rogers
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor



Braden Thorne
Georgia Institute of Technology



Allen Pan
Duke University

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Online Lessons

Virtual voice lessons have been offered for over four years. They will continue to be an option at anytime for all AAVA singers.

In-Person Lessons

We are back! All students may return to in person lessons with the following safety measures in effect:

1. Hand washing upon entrance
2. Social distancing while singing
3. Surfaces sanitized in between each student
4. No active symptoms (especially cough or fever) present for teacher, student or respective households.

NEW OFFERINGS

ZOOM Masterclass Series: October

"Audition Masterclass: Mock Auditions" with special guest clinician (and former AAVA student) soprano Stephanie Bacastow

Friday, October 16th

7:30-9:30PM

\$30.00 per attendee

Open to all AAVA singers (past/present/prospective),

Parents and Supporters welcome



Our AAVA Masterclass Series is now reimagined with online access via Zoom! We are excited to welcome Stephanie Bacastow back to AAVA as a guest clinician to provide mock audition feedback for six selected singers who are preparing for their upcoming auditions. Each singer will have a mini-coaching feedback session with Stephanie as they present classical and musical theater repertoire. Don't miss this great chance to learn by observation about online auditions and collect constructive ideas for your future auditions!

To register for this event please email me at mcdaniel.mezzo@gmail.com