

The **PERFORMER**

November 2018

Informing The French Woods Community

Happy Thanksgiving!



French Woods
Festival of the Performing Arts

The **Performer** is only as good as the contributions we receive from the French Woods community. Let us know what is going on in your life. Your camp friends love to hear what you are doing. Our email address is admin@frenchwoods.com. We love hearing from you.

The Hancock-French Woods Arts Alliance is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit public charity that was formed by the French Woods Festival family to provide encouragement for the arts through education and financial support for children and young adults from low income and culturally diverse areas.

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Dear French Woods Families,



Many of our campers will audition for college programs in the performing arts. Because so many of our staff sit on audition panels and teach in popular college programs including UCLA, Boston Conservatory, Boston University, Emerson and New World School of the Arts, we are uniquely positioned to help them prepare.

This Year Parents will be asked to register interested 15 to 17 year old campers via CampIn Touch for the college prep course that will take place in each three-week session. Space will be limited. Those registered for theater college prep will be asked to choose repertoire prior to the beginning of camp to work on while in class and will be contacted prior to the start of the summer. We know that college applications are looming in student's minds earlier than ever. Brian Kite, Theater Department Chair and Professor at UCLA, says that in his experience French Woods alumnus who audition at UCLA often stand out because they understand what to do in an audition room.

With the formal addition of the college prep course, teens will be able to leave a session at camp with college audition material ready without missing the opportunity to perform in shows and have a Frenchoods Camp experience at the same time.

Beth Johnson

A Note from Ron



Here we go again. 2019 is just around the corner and we've got big plans. 2019 will feature new bunks on both boys and girls campuses.

As far as the shows are concerned, I'll be doing *Next to Normal*, *Damn Yankees*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Something Rotten* and *The Drowsy Chaperone*. We'll wait and see if there are any changes but this is enough to keep me busy. Keep those emails and texts coming.

If any of you are going to be in Florida for Xmas, plan to stop by. We'd love to see you.

Right now we are planning for the Broadway trips for next summer. We tentatively have picked out *The Other Josh Cohen*, *The Prom* and *Be More Chill*. All three involve French Woods alum and we should have major talk backs from each. Check them out.

I am about to leave on a staff hiring trip to Ireland, England and Scotland. Beth travels most of the month of January. We'll keep you up to date.

Ron

Staff Needed!

Do you know someone that might make a great staff member at French Woods? We always welcome your recommendations. Especially needed are strong sports and tennis staff, musical directors, instrumental musicians, skilled artists, technical theater staff and doctors and nurses.

Please call us in the winter office at: (800) 634-1703 if you know of anyone, and we will be happy to direct them to the appropriate application information. With many of your favorite staff returning, we are hoping to make the staff of 2019 the best ever.

Visiting Days

In response to the many phone calls we have received, please mark these dates:

- Session 1: June 25th and 26th *
- Session 2: July 14th and 15th *
- Session 3: August 3rd and 4th *
- Session 4: August 23rd & 24th *
- Session 5: August 31st (10 am)

*Visiting on the first day begins immediately **after** lunch, at 1:30 PM. The second day of visiting begins at 10 AM. Visitors will **NOT** be allowed on the grounds before these times. **Parents/Visitors may NOT bring their pets to camp.** Parents may **NOT** bring picnic dinners or any other food to share with their children at camp. Parents and visitors are welcome to eat in our dining hall, but under no circumstances are campers permitted to leave the grounds.

Should you wish to attend **any other performance** during the summer, please call the camp so that we know you are coming. You must check-in at the main office at 5:45 pm for dinner in the dining hall. Picnics and other food items are **NOT** permitted during ANY visits.

If you are in need of accommodations please check your CampIn Touch dashboard under family forms and documents or visit our website at <http://frenchwoods.com/nearby-accommodations.php> for this info.

Aaron Boldur
Ainsley McNicol
Alexa Reznick
Alexa Wallace
Alexander Strulovic
Lord
Alexandra Lawler
Alexandra
Rohrbaugh
Alexandre Jaigu
Alina Mirman
Alyrie Silverman
Amanda Abbe
Amelia Sipkin
Amy Stark
Arelly Peckham
Asia Hope
Athena Zarcadoolas
Austin North
Ava Testa
Avani Desai
Benjamin Lawler
Blain Gelhaar
Blake Forbes
Brooke Forbes
Caleb Vaughn
Caroline Mignone

Casey Peckham
Charlotte Compo
Charlotte Novara
Chloe Bolognino
Chloe Finn
Claire Brown
Clara Salaverri
Colin Ference
Cyia Sabathia
Deven Rosenberg
Dorothea
Zarcadoolas
Dylan Marshall
Dylan Saunders
Eliana Singer
Elizabeth Epstein
Elizabeth Hill
Elizabeth Kamin
Ella Chapin
Ella Nitzani
Ella Stanley
Ella-Rose Levy
Emilia Cramer
Emily Gerstein
Emma Lincks
Emma Ramirez
Erica Molot

Just Registered! (October 8 - November 14)

Eva Wendel
Gemma Singer
Georgia Lupinacci
Georgii Bagdasarov
Grace Wolf
Hannah Cays
Har-El Shrem
Harel Friedlander
Harleigh Fried
Harrison Rohrbaugh
Henry Stafford
Ilana Stone
Isa Angelino
Jack McCarthy
Jackson Choran
Jacob Boldur
Jacob Myers
Jacqueline Zohar
Jaden Sabathia
Jake Friedman
Jake Lazar
Jillian Snyder
Joey Mekyten

Jonah Stone
Jordan Dallow
Jordan Model
Josephine Mignone
Julia Cohen
Julia Eglarsh
Julia Tannenbaum
Justin Talarico
Kara Achilles
Kathryn Sheehan
Kelly Proctor
Kimberly Norrell
Lauren Thomas
Leah Swithers
Leo Freynk
Leonid Bagdasarov
Lila Levy
Luisa Tripoli-
Krasnow
Luke Dobson
Luke Hill
Macallen Myers
Macy Quatrochi

Marina Greenberg
Marley Marshall
Mary Grahm
Michael Vermés
Michaela Scarano
Micheala Friedlander
Mikhail Malakhov
Misha Pervez
Mitchell Dubin
Molly St. Claire
Morgan Almeida
Gonzalez
Morgan Epstein-
O'Halloran
Mykhailo Shymkiv
Naomi Herthel
Natasha Ikhouane
Nicole Alper-Esko
Nina Dennis
Noah Abel
Nomi Livneh
Oleksii Shymkiv
Oliver Levitt
Olivia Dellangelo
Owen Eglarsh
Paulina Guerra
Petr Makagon

Phoebe Chaplin
Phoebe Macintosh
Presley Herthel
Quinn Epstein-
O'Halloran
Rayna Frantz
Rebecca Rosen
Ruby Farmer
Sage Saunders
Samantha Goldfarb
Sarah Fiely
Sofie Poliakov
Sophia Vermés
Stella Felix
Sydney Matlin
Sydney Minton
Talia Perlman
Talia Rosenberg
Talya Plush
Tanner Barr
Tess Wilson
Ty Caruso
Victoria Perez
Zach Greenhwt
Zoe Chapin
Zoe Joubert

November Birthdays

1 Ariel Ortiz
Cameron Hurwitz
Daniel Skvortsov
Elizabeth Epstein
Hunter Phay
Juno Jahn
Kiran Kamath
Kyamonie Holder
Trenton Rothbard
2 Blain Gelhaar
Devon Mendel-
Williams
Gabriela Perel
Luca O'Kane
Maya LaPlante
Sabina Rosenblum-
Solis
Spencer Udin
Stanley Bochar
3 Alec Kudler
Benjamin Lawler
Henry Brittan
Jordan Silver
Mikayla Pyke-Sharpe
Nicole Kirshy
4 Avery Whitacre
Dylan Smolla
Holden Goldberg
Jake Lippmann
MiaPerez-Agramonte
Sari Seldman
Taryn Kosslover
5 Daniella Budoff
Emma Lincks

Jake Heilbronn
Karly Kriegstein
Loulou Goldfarb
Lydia Ryan
Mila Levit
Samantha Semsel
Taylor Grant
6 Delilah Belmont
Jonah Weisberg
Sophia Thompson
Zachary Asnis
7 Caroline Funk
Charlotte Pontarelli
Eduardo Lamazares
Eleanor Ryan
Meaghan Wizeman
8 Alexandra Kaminsky
Annemarie Suarez
Audrey Yang
Elaine Baez
Grace Teng
Sofia Davis
9 Aviva Burch
Jason Rapillo
Noah Barr
Violet Villoch
Wyatt Weppler
Zack Ramsey
10 Amelia Bornmann
Charlotte Beede
Hugo Coleon
Joseph Morales
Max Cohen
Miranda Hausman

Rose Kotz
Rose Passalacqua
Sara Laduzinski
Sarah Fiely
11 Loren Sawyer
Natalie Solis
Nicholas Tantalean
Zoe Joubert
12 Elsa Levine
Kenza Addou
Kiara Kling
Nicole Alper-Esko
13 Amelie Wilday
Anastasia Brown
Christian Rawlinson
Elijah Gonzalez
Jackson Carney
Jacob Mitovich
Josef Komissar
Sarah Marcus
Serendipity DePauw
14 Analyse Armstrong
Annabella Potenza
Chloe Robinson
Eli Sandler
Gabrielle Bertrand
Nicholas Potenza
Zeke Hurlay
Zhadaya Marrain
15 Makenzie Williams
Sydney Matlin
16 Alexia Morakis
Jaden Shkolnikov
Khamarie D C

Wauchope
Luke Flannery
Patrick Kunzli
17 Jake Holt
Konrad Kebbel
Lindsay Goldstein
Luz Alvarez de
Estrada
18 Amanda Green
Brielle Schneider
Christian McLaughlin
Girardi
Matthew Laskow
Mela Sherman
Rachel Spencer
Sophie Santoriello
19 Anna Callender
Diana McEnroe
Jadyn Jacobson
Juliette McEnroe
Noah Scherzinger
20 Anna Zetelmeyer
Brandon Strug
Chiara Wormuth
Elias Gitterman
Jaden Moore
Joshua Chernin
Kate Persily
Megan Taylor
Michelle Tychalski
Riley McManus
Samaya Perez
Yoonsuh Kim
21 Anne-Marie Dougal

Ava Diamond
Ethan Lafazan
Gabriel Small
Imogen Notaro
Jackson Levine
Ludmilla Robillard
Michaela Scarano
Sean Vinas
Tanner Jansen
22 Ava Thompson
Brandon Stolz
Brooke Rubenstein
Elle Baylor
Gwendolyn Lee
Ian Ritter
Jonah Posner
Oriana Fifer
Palmer Kennedy
Ray Kao
Sofia Fernandez
Germani
Tanner Barr
23 Eliana Singer
Gabriel Prissert
Gemma Singer
Jayden Ellis
Kaia Ross
Madeleine Garcia
Mary Grahm
Noah Prissert
24 Cole Danzker
Epstein
Eilean Faltin
Ines Guillen Lopez

Remi Mark
Sofia Guillen Lopez
Sunumono Miles
25 Chelsea Lenna
Sierra Dimartino
26 Ayala Chocron
Jacob Baker-Spitzer
Justine D'Hollander
Lavinia Capra
Logan Swerdloff
27 Chloe Lewis
Eleanor Schlenoff
Ismael Salcedo
27 Mary Ann Wright
28 Carter Solomon
Danielle Kobrick
Ethan Barrocas
Jaya Harper
29 Arden Wolfe
Ava Marie Trombino
Katerina Murphy
Max Kaplan
Peyton Riveiro
Zosia Sinton
30 Amelia Weldon
Andrea Sin
Ben Shar
Caroline Mignone
Chana Raphael
Fred Faulkner
Joey Verbaro
Julianne Magnus
Nina Diwan
Thomas Kunkel

Camper & Staff News

Levi Robinovitz is playing Alexander Graham Bell in the musical, *On the Shoulders of Giants* at St. Andrews School in Boca Raton and advanced to the intermediate Hip Hop class at Sean's Dance Factory in West Palm Beach.

Riley McManus will be playing the role of Annie in the KT production of *Annie* at the Shetler Theatre this December in NYC.

Charley Novara will be playing the role of Anne Frank in the *Diary of Anne Frank* at the Red Bank Regional High School in Little Silver, NJ.

Madeline Pace currently is an understudy for the role of Cathy in *The Hard Problem* at the Lincoln Center Theatre. **Madeleine** also read with Abby Cadabby, Cookie Monster, Nina and others on a *Sesame Street* prime time HBO special called, *When You Wish Upon A Pickle*.

Olivia Cornett recently played Katherine Plumber in TKA, West Palm Beach production of *Newsies*.

Addison Valentino is currently on tour with the 1st National Broadway Tour of *Anastasia*. She is the Little Anastasia understudy.

Ana Lillie sang the USA National Anthem at the Gonzaga University Men's (Zags) Basketball kickoff game for the 2018-2019 season in Spokane.

Wilhelmina Salomone was cast as Sebastian in her school's production of *The Little Mermaid*.

Veruka Salomone is playing Belinda Cratchit in The Dock Street Theater's production of *A Christmas Carol*.

Jayson Goldner is playing the Reverend in *Footloose* with his Theater class and Benny in *Guys and Dolls* at his Middle School.

Juliet Perel is performing in the roll of Rosenkrantz in *Hamlet* at North Carolina School of the Arts.

Peter Lopez recently performed as Usnavy in the Miami Childrens Theater production of *Les Miserables*.



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According to the nonprofit organization *Support Music*, children involved in the performing arts develop skills like critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and effective communication. They are less likely to drop out of school, have higher test scores on college entrance exams and have lower instances of using tobacco, alcohol, and drugs.

With many schools cutting performing arts programs, parents are finding the best creative outlet for their child is a place like French Woods.

For many campers French Woods is the only place they can go to pursue their passions, take risks, and have the time to actually learn the craft required to be creative and “make art.”

When you visit FWF, the differences are the first thing that hit you. There is the intense focus of the campers. Throughout the day, you see children in groups of two or three sitting at picnic tables or walking together. Some are with counselors, others are in peer groups, some may even seem to be alone. They hold books or instruments or paper, they are talking intensely, or declaiming the lines of a play; they're writing, or playing the saxophone. Everyone is trying to express themselves, everyone is trying to reach inside to create something: a piece of writing, a dance, the set for a play, a stand-up comedy routine or an animated computer character.

At French Woods we believe in self-expression and self-reflection. Here, the children's interests drive the agenda. Where some camps have a central program with “electives” on the side, everything at FWF is elective. There is no point in forcing musicians to try jewelry-making or hockey. It won't work. So, the mix of kids and their interests determines what is popular and what is offered.

If you allow children to work in small groups and you give them open-ended time to be together,

Isaac's Corner

something wonderfully unexpected will happen. When it comes to adolescents, that is exactly the thought that typically unnerves parents. Adults don't want the unexpected to happen, because they fear it will be “sex, drugs, and rock and roll.” So they — we — tend to keep students in defined classes and periods, like school. We trust children to engage in spontaneous cross-disciplinary activities that will result in a creative product. It may be that some children want art — You can see how committed they are — while others could use more structure, but the camp may not know that in advance. It is hard to separate the art from the freedom of choice. Parents must trust us (and they do) because we base our program on trusting children and their choices.

French Woodites are very proud of how nonconformist and how noncompetitive they are. Many of them went to other camps before coming to us and where they felt bored, became unhappy, or felt out of place. If you asked the kids - the best thing about French Woods is that they are accepted here.

At FWF one can perform in a Broadway show with full orchestra, play another camp in sports including basketball, baseball, and soccer, participate in a swim meet, fly on the high trapeze, produce your own movie, record original music, make a stained glass window, ride a horse, dance in a ballet, play in the symphony orchestra, water ski, play tennis or jam with a rock band and so much more. The enthusiasm for what they love and their willingness to take artistic risks pours out of our campers in this safe and supportive environment.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss our program, just call the office.

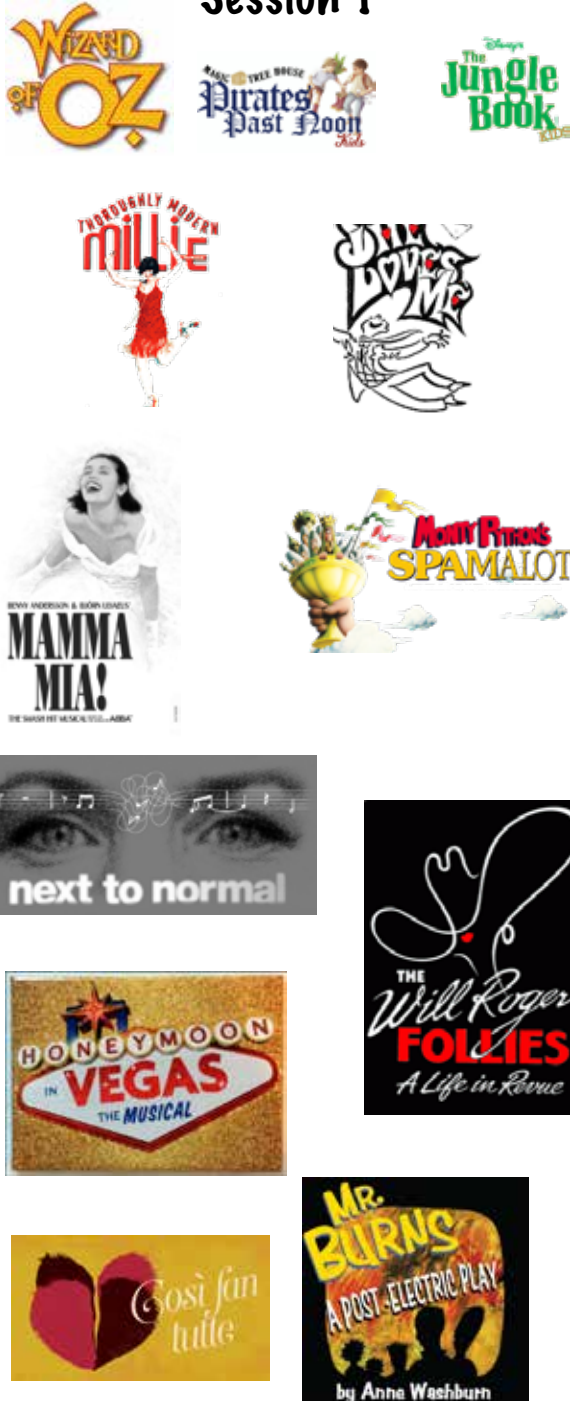
By the way, there are only 205 days left until session 1, and 224 days until session 2, 2019.

See you all soon.

Isaac

French Woods 2019 Proposed Shows*

Session 1



Session 2



Session 3



Session 4



* all shows are subject to change