**MLK PORTRAIT PROJECT**

In honor of Dr. King and to celebrate equality and working together, EEA presents the Portrait Project. This mosaic combines 16 different panels, created by multiple students, all expressing their own style and creativity. Ultimately creating one moving portrait with eclectic style of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Each panel was created by students from different Long Island high schools. Every student was given a section or two of the portrait to create on their individual panel, with 16 panels in total to complete one of the four portraits.

Participating high school's include: Rocky Point, Mount Sinai, Greenport, Shelter Island, Riverhead, Southampton, Center Moriches, Eastport-South Manor, & Bridgehampton.

Portraits will hang in each high school for one week. At the completion of the program, all portraits will be auctioned off to support EEA's scholarship fund for students in need.

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**PRIVATE MUSIC**

Private music lessons registration for the upcoming Winter/Spring semester is now open!

Spring Semester begins, Monday, January 25, 2021

Priority, current student registration begins January, 04, 2021

New student registration begins January 11, 2021

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Thanks to our generous donors EEA has multiple scholarship programs available for the 2021 year. If you would like to donate to EEA's scholarship program and give the gift of music or art to a child in need, you can click here.

If you are in need of a scholarship opportunity, [click here to apply](#).

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**HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Jamesport Meeting House Holiday Concert organized by George Moravek. Included EEA students: were, Asen Roussen, Sophia Zaleski, Lilah Caputo, Natalia Owadally and Yulianna Mendez-Yaxon! Last time Angelina Gust also participated! BOD President Richard Wines & Pat Cruso, EEA board member were gratified with the participation of EEA students.
NEW BI-WEEKLY PODCAST: "EEA TALKS"

Introducing “EEA Talks” a new program featuring biweekly podcasts, bringing the community conversations with artists, teachers, students and special guests, all introducing them to the wonders of creative arts and music. These programs will be hosted by Cindy Clifford.

Cindy Clifford is a professional voiceover artist, past co-host of the WALK Breakfast Club (where she interviewed dozens of famous musicians like Billy Joel and Michael Buble) and current host of the “It’s Me, Cindy” podcast (which also features plenty of fascinating interviews). Cindy is also a producer/performer of productions like Apron Strings Project, East End Fringe Festival and the annual “It’s a Wonderful Life; A Live Radio Play.”

We will announce our first guest via email. This is a new way to experience what is behind the art, how the students feel, professional advice and secrets and how EEA opens the door to endless opportunities. Podcasts will start Tuesday, January 19, 2021, and continue the first and third Tuesday of each month.

EEA’S RECORDING STUDIO

Professionally record your college submission, original song, poetry writings, or a storybook for your child or grandchild.

The East End Arts Jesse F. Sherman Recording Studio is a fully functional recording facility, consisting of a control room, isolation booth, and live room large enough for a small orchestra or rock band. East End Arts’ recording studio has a full range of quality microphones and outboard gear to suit any client’s needs. Our engineer will guide you through the process and you will walk away with a quality recording of your project. Contact 631.369.2171 for rates.

On-going FREE PROGRAMMING

- Meet the Masters Class with Artist Kenneth Jackson, All Ages, January 9, 2021 (Frida Kahlo) & February 6, 2021 (artist to be announced)

- Bi-Weekly Talent Shows - January 7 & 21, 2021, Ages 8-18, via Zoom

- Art with Kat, January 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2021, All Ages, Via East End Arts School Facebook

Have your next BIRTHDAY PARTY at East End Arts!

Celebrate your child’s next birthday with EEA! Parties include supplies for up to 12 children including the birthday child!

Want to book? kruscick@eastendarts.org or 631.369.2171
MEET THE TEACHER: JEANNIE WOELKER

JEANIE WOELKER has been working at East End Arts since 2002 teaching violin, viola, and cello to children and adults. As a certified Suzuki instructor, Ms. Woelker uses both the Suzuki and traditional methods of teaching. In 2014, she performed with and directed the East End Arts’ Cello Ensemble at Strong’s Marina; East End Arts’ Gala at the Hyatt; and the Annual Community Mosaic Festival in Riverhead. In 2015, she directed the East End Arts’ Chamber Ensemble with performances at Riverhead United Methodist Church. And in 2016 she performed with one of her advanced students for patients at Peconic Bay Medical Center paving the way for Music by the Bedside.

Ms. Woelker has been the Program Coordinator for the East End Arts/Perlman Music Program collaboration since 2014 overseeing all phases of the project. As liaison, she communicates with all contacts: parents, students, and the Perlman Music Program. After submitting several pieces, Mr. Perlman approves one piece for our EEA orchestra to rehearse. Ms. Woelker arranges the music for both the EEA orchestra and an advanced version for the Perlman orchestra and then conducts all rehearsals prior to the final “open rehearsal” where Mr. Perlman directs both orchestras for a performance open to the public. We look forward to continuing this wonderful program in 2021.

Jeannie offers lessons both in-person and virtually. She will be teaching virtually until April and then back to teaching on the back porch of the EEA school once the weather warms up. Lately, she has been practicing with Nicholas Orifici for a virtual concert at the EEA school.

To sign up to take private music lessons with Jeannie Woelker, please contact the East End Arts’ School Registrar at 631.369.2171 or email education@eastendarts.org

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ANDRE & MIKYLE POLCARI

Mikyle has studied violin with Ms. Jeannie Woelker at EEA for over 10 years. Starting as a little tot of 4 years old when he would sleep on his mother’s lap while his brother Andre took his lessons. With Ms. Jeannie’s special talent and ability to bring out the magical and musical voice of every student, Mikyle has advanced nicely, his accomplishments include playing the flute and advancing to the middle-level high school band. He is grateful to have Ms. Jeannie guide him through his music development.

Andre has studied cello with Ms. Jeannie Woelker for 10 years. He began lessons at the age of four. Andre had an interest in many instruments back then. Starting with violin, he also experimented with guitar, piano, and clarinet over the years. Andre decided the cello was his best fit and it has served him well. Since those early days, Andre’s spirit and musical voice have shined through his playing. Thanks to Ms. Jeannie’s ease of teaching technique and touching on the needs of each student, Andre’s musical abilities have grown and matured through EEA concerts, NYSSMA and musical events.
WINTER WONDERLAND CAMP
WITH MELISSA HAUPT
SIGN UP NOW FOR FEBRUARY 15 - 19

This winter break camp is a one-week camp over our February President’s Week holiday. Campers will be introduced to a broad range of artistic and creative experiences through a camp-wide theme. In this imaginative winter arts program campers will immerse themselves in art, theater, music, and dance while being inspired by this winter’s theme: Winter and the books that brought this beautiful season to life. A look through award winning children’s literature. Each day at camp includes the visual arts (painting, drawing, sculpting, and craft activities), with a splash of music (singing, dancing, and exploring different instruments), and theater (stories, puppetry, role playing, and other dramatic activities). The East End Arts School offers a home-like setting with comfortable large ventilated studio and fenced-in, park-like grounds for outdoor play - yes they will play outside in the cold. Keeping the group small will enable our staff to provide a safe and socially distanced atmosphere for a supportive camp experience with a ton of personal attention.

NEW ART TEACHER: MELISSA HAUPT
Local Riverhead Art Teacher is joining East End Arts.

Melissa Haupt has been teaching art at the Riley Avenue Elementary School in Riverhead for years and was the recipient of the 2016 Educator of the Year.

Melissa loves to bring art programs and learning opportunities to students. She will now be sharing her joy of teaching with East End Arts School, teaching After School Art on Mondays at 4:15 and running our Winter Camp February 15 - 19, 2021. Along with her love of teaching, she is also very active in the community - founding Riley Avenue’s student council, running food drives, hosting fundraisers, and coaching a Police Athletic League cheerleading team.

“She goes above and beyond the call of duty by not only teaching art, but teaching the value of good character through art,” Ms. Raimondo said. “I don’t even know how she does it all.”

REMINDER: WINTER RECITALS VIA ZOOM
Winter Recitals will be held on Saturdays, January 16 and 23, 2021, over Zoom. Please check with your teachers and let them know if you would like to participate. Schedules, Zoom links, and programs will be going out shortly.