

**GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMENDATION PRESENTED TO
ELISHA CLAUSE, MATTHEW CARO, GRACE McCULLOCH,
DEANDRA CATTERSON, ISABELLA TRUNCALE AND AVA HIGGINS
*In Honor Of Their Selection To The Honors Performance Series - 2020***

WHEREAS, Six students from Catskill High School were selected for the 2020 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall: Elisha Clause, Matthew Caro and Grace McCulloch performed with the Mixed Choir, while Deandra Catterson, Isabella Truncale and Ava Higgins performed with the Women's Choir; and

WHEREAS; participation in these Honors Ensembles is limited to the highest-rated high school performers from around the world; last summer all six students auditioned for this incredible opportunity and they were all accepted after a review by the Honors Selection Board; and

WHEREAS, all six are currently members of the Catskill High School Concert Chorus and each has participated and received high marks at the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Solo Festival; additionally, they all have participated in the Greene County Music Educators Association All-County Festivals; and

WHEREAS, The Honors Performance Series was created to showcase accomplished individual high school performers on an international level, by allowing them to study under master conductors and perform in the celebrated venue, Carnegie Hall; and

WHEREAS these six Catskill students spent five days in February in New York City, where they had the opportunity to learn from world-renowned conductors, work with other finalists, and get a taste of the Big Apple; two performances, a Honors Choral Performance and an Honors Instrumental Performance, took place on Sunday February, 2nd, 2020; and

WHEREAS, acceptance to this distinguished group is a direct result of the talent, dedication and achievements demonstrated in their applications and auditions; since they learned of their acceptance, all six students, in addition to their school and home responsibilities, have rehearsed and practiced so that their performances would be flawlessly precise; and

WHEREAS, world-famous Carnegie Hall, a venue that marks the pinnacle of musical achievement, is an acoustically beautiful and historic hall where many great artists and ensembles have performed; the opportunity for these students to perform on this stage before a panel of distinguished conductors is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that they will always treasure; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary program challenges elite students to perform at their best, rehearsing and performing under expert conductors and interacting with like-minded musicians from around the world; they were joined by other performers from 47 States, plus Guam, Canada, Bermuda, China, Hong Kong, Mexico, Qatar and South Korea; and

WHEREAS, these six students from Greene County have reached this point through sheer hard work and an unyielding commitment to excellence; they are to be commended for their sacrifices and their determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the members of the Greene County Legislature, on behalf of all the residents of Greene County, do hereby publicly recognize and proudly commend:

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And further, for reaching this level of excellence, we convey to them the respect, admiration and congratulations they so well deserve, along with our sincere good wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

DATED: February 19, 2020

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By: _____
Patrick S. Linger, Chairman