



*NIU Steelpan Professor, Liam Teague will perform with the Sycamore High School Orchestra as a guest artist on March 19, 2013*

SYCAMORE-Sycamore High School Orchestra is pleased to welcome Steelpan Professor, Liam Teague, as a guest artist for the upcoming Orchestra Concert on March 19. The concert will be held at the Sycamore High School Auditorium at 7:30pm, and admission is free.

The Concert Orchestra will perform Rimsky-Korsakov's *Russian Easter Overture*, *Rhosymedre* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and *Adelante! Adelante!* by Chuck Elledge. The Chamber Orchestra will perform three pieces with guest artist, Liam Teague, on Steelpan. *Tico Tico*, *Triplets* and *Pan in A Minor* are authentic pan compositions that have been arranged for orchestra.

Liam Teague currently serves as the Head of Steelpan Studies and Associate Professor of Music at Northern Illinois University, and co-directs the Northern Illinois University Steelband. His commitment to demonstrating the great musical possibilities of the steelpan has taken Teague to Europe, Asia, Australia, North and Central America, and the Caribbean. He has performed with many diverse ensembles, including St. Louis Symphony, Chicago Sinfonietta, Vermeer String Quartet, Dartmouth Wind Ensemble, University of Wisconsin-Madison Marching Band, Nexus, Starlift Steel Orchestra and others. He is steelband director at Birch Creek Music Performance Center in Door County, Wisconsin, and has taught and performed at the California State University Summer Arts Camp and at the Interlochen Academy for the Performing Arts. A strong advocate for original steelpan compositions, Teague has commissioned a number of significant composers to write for the instrument. Teague has served as musical arranger of the TCL Group Skiffle Bunch Steel Orchestra and Starlift Steel Orchestra for Panorama, the most prestigious steelband competition in the world.

Ken Tonaki, Sycamore High School Orchestras Director, comments, "This is a huge honor to have Liam Teague perform with us and the students are very excited about this opportunity!" The public is invited to this free concert on March 19, 7:30pm at the Sycamore High School Auditorium.

Sycamore Music Boosters now has a Facebook page! Be sure to "Like" us to get all the latest information on performances, events, awards and such by searching "Sycamore Music Boosters" or via this

link:<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sycamore-Music-Boosters/332357870195072?ref=hl>

You are welcome and encouraged to attend the next **Music Boosters meeting: Thursday, March 21 at 6:00 pm** in the H.S. library.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



**Wednesday, April 17**

is

**Family Fine Arts Night in the Sycamore Middle School Commons**

**6:30 pm**

**The Sycamore Music Boosters Blog Can Come to You!**

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<http://sycamoremusicboosters.com/>

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### Music Scholarship Information

Sycamore Music Boosters awards summer music camp scholarships each year to develop the growth of individual musicianship and to build the Sycamore music program. All Sycamore music students currently in grades 6-11 who are enrolled in the Sycamore music program and will continue to be enrolled for the 2013-2014 school year are eligible to apply. The deadline for applications is Fri., April 5. Questions? Please see your music teacher.

Additionally, Senior Scholarships for SHS graduating seniors who are pursuing a career in music are offered; and Continuing College Scholarships to SHS alums who are majoring in music in college are offered. For more information, application forms, and deadlines please visit the Booster website at:

<http://sycamoremusicboosters.com>.

### All-Conference Choir Festival

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in the 2013 Northern Illinois Big Twelve Conference Choir Festival:

#### FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE CHOIR

Sophia Andaloussi  
Mary Flaherty  
Sarah Houdek  
Colin Koneczky  
Drew Moulton  
Molly O'Neil  
Claire Schroeder

#### JUNIOR/SENIOR CHOIR

Travis Burns  
Emily Flower  
Britany Garcia  
Paige Harrington  
Dustin King  
Ian Lovell  
Victoria Smith  
Kayla Webb  
Shawn Wolf

### Upcoming Events

Band	Orchestra	Chorus
Saturday, March 16, Middle School Solo & Ensemble Contest, SMS	Saturday, March 16 Middle School Solo & Ensemble Contest, SMS	Thursday, March 14, HS Choir Concert, 7:30 pm, SHS Auditorium
Monday, March 18, 7:30 pm High School Band Concert SHS Auditorium	Tuesday, March 19 7:30 pm High School Orchestra Concert, SHS Auditorium	Saturday, March 16 Middle School Solo & Ensemble Contest, SMS
Friday, April 12 or Saturday, April 13, IHSA Organizational Fest, TBA	Friday, April 12 or Saturday, April 13 IHSA Organizational Fest, TBA	Friday, April 12 or Saturday, April 13 IHSA Organizational Fest, TBA
Thursday, April 25, 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert, SHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm	Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4, Middle School Musical SHS Auditorium	Monday, April 15, North Grove Spring Sing, SHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
Monday, April 29, High School Jazz Night, SHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm	Wednesday, May 8 NCJC Band/Choir/Orch Festival, Duke Ellington Ballroom, NIU 7:00 pm	Tuesday, April 16, South Prairie Spring Sing, SHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
Friday May 3 & Saturday, May 4, Middle School Musical SHS Auditorium	Saturday, May 11, Annual Trip to Chicago Symphony Orchestra & Dinner	Thursday, April 18, West Spring Sing, SHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 8, NCJC Band/Choir/Orch Festival, Duke Ellington Ballroom, NIU 7:00 pm	Monday, May 13, Elem/MS Orchestra Concert, SHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm	Monday, April 22, North Spring Sing, SHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
Thursday, May 16, HS Band Concert, SHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm	Tuesday, May 14, HS Orchestra Concert, SHS Auditorium, 7:30	Tuesday, April 23, Southeast Spring Sing, SHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
Monday, May 20, 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert, SHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm		Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4, Middle School Musical SHS Auditorium
Monday, May 27 Memorial Day Parade, 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Downtown Sycamore 10:30 am		Monday, May 6, Middle School Choir Concert, SHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm
		Tuesday, May 7, High School Choir Concert SHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm
		Wednesday, May 8, NCJC Band/Choir/Orch Festival, Duke Ellington Ballroom, NIU 7:00 pm

### All-Conference Choir Festival (*continued*)

The festival was to take place at DeKalb High School on Tuesday, March 5, but it was canceled due to inclement weather.

The festival bands and choirs are selected from director-submitted lists of students from all twelve conference schools.

The students rehearse all day with guest conductors and perform a concert in the evening. Both the band and choir festivals feature two performing groups: a freshman/sophomore ensemble and a junior/senior ensemble.