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## **welcome**

Keri Shultz, President and  
Craig Hafer, RMF Vice Chair of Development and  
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## **berks shines program**

Dr. Willis M. Rapp, Host

Berks Shines Jazz Combo featuring  
Benjamin Muir, Saxophone; Maria Marmarou, Drum Set;  
Isaiah Nygard, Piano; and Bobby Miller, Bass

Marlin Thomas, Tuba  
accompanied by Jacob Leonowitz

Jocelyn Shank, Voice  
accompanied by Marie Anderson

## **intermission**

Madeline Caldera, Guitar

Lawrence Zeng, Piano

Conlan Kershner, Banjo

## **closing**

Craig Hafer, RMF Vice Chair of Development and Owner of  
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# meet our performers

## **Berks Shines Jazz Combo** ***In a Sentimental Mood by Duke Ellington*** ***Con Alma by Dizzy Gillespie***

Maria Marmarou, daughter of Zoe and Stavros Marmarou, is a senior at Kutztown High School. Maria studies with Dr. Will Rapp. Over the past two years, she has performed in the county, district, and region orchestra, band, and jazz ensemble programs. Last year she was also accepted as the drummer in the All-State vocal jazz group, performing at the PMEA Conference in Erie, PA. Maria is on the cross country and track team at Kutztown and enjoys playing ultimate Frisbee.

Bobby Miller has been playing bass for over seven years now. He has been studying with Gene Cullison and recently with Skip Moyer. In addition to playing bass, Bobby also sings and performs on stage. Bobby hopes to continue pursuing music after high school and is thankful to everyone's support along the way.

Benjamin Muir is a senior at Oley Valley High School. He is the son of Robert and Lynne Muir and studies the saxophone with Chris Heslop. At school he participates in the concert band, marching band and jazz band. Outside of school, he practices and performs with the Ringgold Band. Benjamin is also involved in varsity soccer and the music technology club.

Isaiah Nygard is a ninth grade homeschooler who is involved in the instrumental program at Kutztown High School, playing in the marching band, concert band, and jazz band. His main language is piano, but he is also fluent in tuba and can slide by as a trombone player. Last year, he performed in District Band on tuba and in District Jazz Band on piano. Isaiah studies jazz piano with Marty Mellinger, classical piano with Linda Ebersole, and tuba with Chuck Ebersole. In his spare time, Isaiah plays baseball, participates in Science Olympiad at Kutztown, and tells music jokes and makes bad puns.

## **Marlin Thomas, Tuba** ***Tuba Concerto, Movement 1, by Edward Gregson***

Marlin Thomas (aka Fish) is a senior at Governor Mifflin High School. Playing tuba passionately for six years he has enjoyed concert band, orchestra, jazz band, marching band, Reading Symphony Youth Orchestra, PMEA festivals, and many years of Reading Musical Foundation merit scholarships. He is the founding member of a brass quintet called The Governor's Horns. Starting this fall Marlin will be performing with the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, Bravo Brass, and the Phila Young Artists Orchestra. As a troop 241 Boy Scout his credits include 39 merit badges, World Conservation badge, OA, and a Sept. 11 Memorial Concert as his Eagle project. In school he is active in SGA, the golf team, French Honor Society, Future Educators of America, Reading-Berks Science Fair, GM concert choir, Ambassadors, and is the senior student representative on the GM School Board.

### **Jocelyn Shank, Voice**

***One Perfect Moment from the musical "Bring it On"***  
***Much More from the musical "The Fantasticks"***  
***I Can Cook, Too from the musical "On The Town"***

Jocelyn Shank is 16 years old and a junior at Daniel Boone High School. She is honored to be the 2017 Isabel W. Sondheim Memorial Scholarship of RMF recipient. Jocelyn was the 2016 Greater Philadelphia Chapter and 2017 Eastern Region NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) winner in High School Music Theater, and advanced to the National semi-finals this past summer in Colorado. Jocelyn has performed in numerous school and community musical theater productions as well as a soloist at various events. In school, Jocelyn is a member of concert choir, select chorus, drama club, student government, varsity club, key club, ecology club, cross country, and indoor/spring track. She is also a member of Berks Senior County Chorus. Jocelyn takes private voice lessons with Julie Eurillo.

### **Madelyn Caldera, Guitar**

***Fuego, written by Madelyn Caldera***

Madelyn Caldera is a senior at Reading High School. She is a member of RMF's Guitar Club at Olivet Boys and Girls Club, where she studies with Josh Taylor. Madelyn has performed as part of Berks Country Fest's Guitar-a-Rama, as well as other community music events. She plans to attend music school after graduation this year.

### **Lawrence Zeng**

***Nocturne in C Minor by Frederic Chopin***  
***Sonata in G Major Op. 49, No 2. by Beethoven***

Lawrence Zeng is in fifth grade at Green Valley Elementary School in the Wilson School District. The son of Qi Zeng & Ming Jin, he has been playing piano and violin since the age of five. His current music teachers are Mrs. Maria Asteriadou (piano), and Mrs. Crystal Kowalski (violin), who he admires a lot. Lawrence performs with the Reading Symphony Junior Strings Orchestra (RSJSO), the chamber orchestra in RSJSO, and his school orchestra. He loves math and reading, and enjoys swimming, playing tennis and table tennis.

### **Conlan Kershner**

***Grandfathers Clock by Henry Clay Work***  
***Whistling Blues by Conlan Kershner***  
***Alabama Jubilee by George L. Cobb and Jack Yellen***

Conlan Kershner, age 17, of Adamstown, was first introduced to the sound of the banjo by his grandfather, Randy Steffy, who played bluegrass music on the radio in his garage. Conlan was a part of the Mountain Folk Youth Bluegrass Jam Band, which was funded through the David L. Kline Family Mountain Folk Fund of RMF. Since the Summer of 2008, Conlan has been taking banjo lessons at Kupp-Tone Music Studios in Adamstown. He was first taught by Cookie Texter and then advanced to become a student of Keith Kupp. He has played for school events, community groups, weddings, senior living communities and participated at bluegrass festivals up and down the East Coast. Conlan also shares his music as a hospice volunteer. One of Conlan's greatest honors in both 2016 & 2015 was being selected as one of just seven kids under the age of 17 to play on the Cabin Stage at the 2016 & 2015 MerleFest in North Carolina as an Acoustic Kids "Ambassador."



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## meet our host

### Dr. Willis M. Rapp

Willis M. Rapp holds the B.S. and M.M. degrees in Music Education from West Chester University, the Diploma of Fine Arts in Conducting from the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada, and the Doctor of Musical Arts in Instrumental Conducting from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Dr. Rapp has served on the faculty of Millersville University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Iowa State University, and Kutztown University, where he retired in 2013 with the distinction of Professor Emeritus. In 2007 he was the recipient of the Kutztown University Faculty Research Award, and in Fall 2009 he was honored with the Arthur and Isabel Wiesenberger Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, making him the first faculty member in the history of the university to be honored with both awards. He has served as conductor of the Reading Pops Orchestra since 2000, and since 2014 has been the leader/emcee for RMF's Music in the Schools assembly programs. Dr. Rapp has guest conducted, performed as a recitalist, and appeared as a clinician in twenty-eight states and three provinces in Canada.



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RMF believes that every child in Berks should have access to high quality music programs, and events like Berks Shines allow us to make that possible. Not every student musician will become a professional musician, but the skills they've learned through choir and band room will play an important role in whatever direction they choose. Students who participate in music have a tangible advantage when it comes to developing a strong work ethic and positive attitude.

Over 80 years old, RMF is a public charity that provides financial support for music presenters in Berks County, music scholarships by audition and in response to financial need, and extensive music outreach, including programs in most of Berks County's public and parochial schools. RMF is governed by a self-perpetuating board of volunteer trustees and is administered by two full-time employees. The Foundation depends upon the public's support each year.

RMF's annual efforts to support music education and appreciation include:

- Investing more than \$165,000 in scholarships for Berks County student musicians, divided equally between audition-based awards and awards that respond to financial need.
- Support local music organizations (including all organizations in this brochure) with \$200,000 in program grants for music performance and education projects.
- Advocating for Berks County's strong music network, from strengthening the capacity of school music programs to economic development found in the arts as well as community access to concerts and ensembles.
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**RMF's mission is to advance and advocate for music education and appreciation in Berks County**

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