



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - United Friends School Pianists Play for National Program

QUAKERTOWN, Pennsylvania, May 23, 2012 – Thirteen local piano pupils from the United Friends School (UFS) After-School music program performed in the National Piano-Playing Auditions at Moravian College to become candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians.

“We’re very proud of our young pianists,” said Nancy Donnelly, United Friends School Head of School. “We are thrilled that our musicians are part of a renowned national program and we look forward to continuing to shape their musical lives during their time at UFS,” Donnelly added.

Throughout the US and abroad, over 100,000 enthusiastic piano pupils participate in the National Piano-Playing Auditions which are held in over 880 centers.

The American College of Musicians evaluated the students’ performances. Each student performed in the presence of a professional adjudicator chosen by the national organization that examined their repertoire.

Participating children from the UFS After-School enrichment program included Hakeem Azfal, Chloe Bell, Anne Coby, Emma DeRosa, Charlotte Humphreys, John King, Jack Maketa, Christian Molettierre, Joseph Molettierre Jr., Aidan Reimels, Noah Tobin, Emily Williams, and Cameron Wine. Each entrant received a certificate, an embossed pin, a report card, and a year’s membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians.

The National Piano-Playing Auditions are sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers-Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians, of which their teacher is a member.

United Friends School (UFS) is a preschool through eighth grade coeducational, independent Quaker day school in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. Serving students in the Upper Bucks and Lehigh Valley regions, UFS has a progressive academic program, honoring students of all cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs. To apply, volunteer, or donate, visit www.UnitedFriendsSchool.org.

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