



The Kate Scholarship Recipients Announced



Margaret Maselli



Timothy Thomas

OLD SAYBROOK, CT - The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, “the Kate”, is pleased to announce the recipients of the inaugural Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center Scholarship are Margaret (Maggie) Maselli and Timothy Thomas. Created in honor of the Kate's 10th anniversary, the scholarship recognizes a high school senior residing in Old Saybrook who demonstrates a passion for and participation in the arts.

Maggie Maselli has been involved in the arts since the age of two when she began dancing. She has studied several styles of dance, including two ballet techniques, and performed in countless productions. Maggie plays the French horn in the Old Saybrook High School band and the Shoreline Youth Symphony and attended the Southern Region and New England Music Festivals. She has also participated in the Gold Chorus, Treble Choir, and Chamber Singers.

All of Maggie’s talents have converged with her participation in the Drama Club where she is Vice President. In addition to performing in several productions, Maggie has also choreographed numbers for “Beauty and the Beast,” for which she won a HALO Award for Best Student Choreographer, “On the Town” and “Thoroughly Modern Millie.” Maggie also lent her talents as stage manager for the fall production of “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.” Maggie will be attending Hamilton College as a general music major.

Timothy Thomas realized his passion for the arts when, as a toddler, he would try to play his siblings’ violins. He studied ballet and tap dance but found his true love was singing while still in elementary school. Timothy even performed as part of the Goodwin Elementary School special choir at the opening of the Kate. In 7th grade, he was accepted for a half year of study with the American Boychoir School in Princeton, NJ. His singing career continued with the large choir ensembles at Old Saybrook High School, including Men’s Chorus and Chamber Singers.



While still in middle school, Timothy was selected to perform in two of the high school's musicals. In his high school career, he performed in productions but also took on roles as stage manager and supported set production. In his senior year, Timothy had a rewarding internship with Mrs. Geer at Goodwin Elementary where he developed a lesson plan that incorporated technology into music classes. For four years, he attended Csehy Summer School of Music in Pennsylvania where he has played in the advance bell choir and sung in the select choir. He also plays the piano, recorder, guitar, and accordion and has composed original music. Timothy will be attending Cairn University as a music education major.

The scholarship review committee, comprised of Tara Winch (Chair, the Kate's Education Committee), Margaret Samela, John Torrenti, and John Gage had the most difficult task of assessing seven strong and highly qualified applicants for this year's scholarship. After careful review of written applications and Zoom interviews with each student, the committee found it increasingly difficult to identify just one recipient. Thanks to additional fundraising by the Kate's Board of Trustees, a second award was made possible. The Kate looks forward to continually recognizing accomplished and creative Old Saybrook students with this scholarship for years to come.

For more information, please visit www.thekate.org or call 860-510-0473.

About the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center

The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, which celebrated its 10th year in September 2019, is a non-profit performing arts organization located in an historic theatre/town hall on Main Street in Old Saybrook. Originally opened in 1911 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Center has been renovated with public funds from the Town of Old Saybrook and donations raised by the Trustees of the Center. It includes a 250-seat theatre and a small museum honoring Katharine Hepburn, Old Saybrook's most celebrated resident.

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