

Honorable Eugene Nesin Memorial Scholarship

MHS Alumni John Garry to Perform at Nesin Memorial Scholarship Recital

Monticello – On Friday, October 28, 2011, the “Honorable Eugene D. Nesin Memorial Scholarship” Committee will host its third annual special fundraising recital at 7:30 p.m. in the Eugene D. Nesin Theatre for the Performing Arts at St. John Street in Monticello. This recital will feature current and past faculty members, Monticello High School Alumni, special community guest artists from American Virtuosi and Weekend of Chamber Music and fellow music educators from Sullivan County.

Featured in this year’s recital will be John Garry, Monticello High School Alumni Class of 2006. He is proud to have studied with The Trombley Studio (Ann and David Trombley), Nancy Wegryzn and Lori Orestano-James during his formative years. Local audiences will recognize him from his memorable performances at The Forestburgh Playhouse from 1999-2007 where he also recently wrote and performed a cabaret titled, “I Sing” with fellow MHS alum Dave Marmanillo.

John graduated from Syracuse University with a BFA in Musical Theatre in 2010. He spent his summers performing in Texas and working for a non-profit classical theatre company (The Acting Company) in NYC. In addition, John performed in both university productions and at the Syracuse Regional Theatre, Syracuse Stage.

John recently concluded his engagement in the National Tour of Monty Python's Spamalot where he performed throughout North America from September 2010-June 2011 playing Not Dead Fred/Prince Herbert. He is currently living, and is ecstatic to say, as an actor in NYC!

John embodies what Eugene Nesin strongly believed. Eugene believed that arts education and the arts were important in a public school setting as well as the entire community. The music highlighted in this recital displays the diverse representation of the styles of music Eugene loved. Jazz, Classical, Contemporary and Broadway show tunes will be presented throughout this special event.

Proceeds from the recital will help provide funds for students pursuing continuing arts-based studies. Performers in the recital have volunteered their time and talents to assist in this worthy cause. Suggested donation/ticket price \$18.

For more information or reservations, please contact 845-794-6013 or nesin@verizon.net. All students under 18 are free. Tickets are also available at the door. Donations are welcome by sending your contribution check payable to the Eugene Nesin Memorial Scholarship to the “Honorable Eugene Nesin Memorial Scholarship,” c/o Ellen Nesin, 85 Rock Ridge Drive, Monticello, NY 12701. Your attendance at this recital as well as your donation and support will help to keep Eugene’s spirit of the arts alive for future generations.

Press Release from the Nesin Scholarship Committee