

CLASS NOTES

Spring 2012

Time for another Class Notes Alumni Newsletter! We have an incredibly busy semester ahead of us with some great accomplishments under our belt already.

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Feb. 4

After a very successful Spring Audition, we welcomed Jeff Schwartz A&S '14 in the group as a Tenor 1.

Feb. 18

We placed **FIRST** at the ICCA Mid-Atlantic Quarterfinal at Cornell, also winning awards for Best Soloist (Maya Gunasheharan for *Best Thing I Never Had*) and Best Vocal Percussion (Alex Martino.)



Alumni Newsletter



Feb. 24

We traveled to Rochester, NY to perform as a guest group for RIT's "Proof of Purchase." HD videos are up on our YouTube channel.

March 24

We reunite after spring break at Rutgers University to compete in the ICCA Semifinals against 7 other groups!

April 6-7

We're recording! Liquid 5th (the concert sound company) is coming up to lay down 4-5 tracks for an upcoming EP!

April 28

Concert Time! Cuttin' Class XXVIII will be 7:30pm in Call Auditorium. Email Alex Griffen (aeg92@cornell.edu) to tell us you're coming!

May 7-8

Spring tour! The Class Notes will be heading to the Tri-State area to perform and workshop with the Success Academy Charter Schools in NYC (where Grace Epstein '11 works!) and areas north such as Briarcliff Manor (hometown of Jessica Li '15, Tour Manager.) We will likely have an alumni dinner Monday night in the city, so come and join us!



What have the Notes been up to?

Spring 2012 Newbie!

The Class Notes welcome **Jeffery Schwartz** to the family this semester!

Jeff is a sophomore Philosophy and Religious Studies double major in the College of Arts and Sciences, hailing



from Philadelphia, PA. He greatly enjoys singing with the Cornell University Glee Club, being the “Supreme Musical Dictator” (a title he came up with himself) of the Jewish Reform group on campus: Keshet, playing guitar, and now he is sharing his musical talents as a tenor with us!

Over Winter Break...

- **Catherine Reiflin '15:** Spent copious amounts of time with family and friends in her home of sunny California.
- **Chris Donaldson '14:** Went on Glee Club Tour and started planning the summer 2012 Glee Club tour to Wales.
- **Jeff Schwartz '14:** Went home to Philadelphia to celebrate Hanukkah, his birthday, and New years with family and friends, then went on Glee Club tour.
- **Maya Gunaseharan '12:** Enjoyed the holiday season with friends and family in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston, and vacationed in Palm Beach with family. She also did a winter internship with PepsiCo.
- **Thomas Shepherd '12:** Enjoyed the holidays with friends and family, and went on Glee Club tour.
- **Supriya Kumar '13:** Spent time with friends and family in California, knitted, and spent time in hipster coffee shops while applying for internships.
- **Alex Griffen '14:** Spent time with family and friends in Saratoga, NYC, and Washington DC. She also vacationed in Puerto Rico with family.
- **Alex Martino '12:** Alex was happy to relax, spend time with family, and have free time to exercise. Sometimes, when lounging around in sweatpants, he would feign productivity by applying for jobs in the pharmaceutical industry. Graduation is happening? Whaatt??
- **Jessica Li '15:** Was named 2nd runner up at the Miss Teen USA pageant in Orlando, FL, and then enjoyed the rest of her time with her family.
- **Parker Moore '14:** Spent the first half of break with his family and friends in Rochester, NY, then embarked on tour to the Midwest with the Glee Club.
- **Luke Zhu '12:** Visited friends and family in New Jersey, Washington DC, and Boston, and then explored the midwestern US and Canada with his(second) favorite people on campus, the Glee Club.
- **Julian Ordman '13:** Enjoyed hibernating after getting back from his semester in Beijing.
- **Lindsey McDonald '12:** spent time with family in Jefferson City, Missouri, and then went down to Miami to stay with Mike Tang '06 for a few weeks.
- **Emma Thannhauser '13:** Stayed home in New York City, working at a commercial real estate firm and going to museums and shows with family and friends.
- **Mitch Davis '12:** Went home to Kansas City to celebrate the holidays with his friends and family before returning to Ithaca only to head right back to Kansas City for the Glee Club tour.

Who Is Graduating?



**Lindsay
McDonald**

- **Last semester in the Class Notes:** Have fun and make the very most of it!
- **Plans for next year:** I'm planning to spend next semester on the hunt for a post-grad job.
- **Favorite CN memory:** Meeting all the alumni at the 25th anniversary concert.



**Maya
Gunaseharan**

- **Last semester in the Class Notes:** I want to graduate and leave Ithaca with ZERO regrets.
- **Plans after graduation:** I will be working with The Nielsen Company beginning in July 2012, as a member of their HR Emerging Leaders Program.
- **Favorite CN memory:** Singing "Street Corner Symphony". Nothing compares to the feeling I have inside when I blend with the sopranos on this one.



Luke Zhu

- **Last semester in the Class Notes:** I would like to make the most of my last semester by putting out a kick ass arrangement that is befitting of a kick-ass concert.
- **Plans after graduation:** Getting a job in chemical or environmental engineering.
- **Favorite CN memory:** on tour in Maryland this fall when we were teaching our songs to the high school peeps. Specifically when I taught "Ndandi", and us and the kids all sang it together with cheer.



Alex Martino

- **Last semester in the Class Notes:** RECORDING!
- **Plans after graduation:** I have an offer for the position of Pizza Delivery Consultant at Pizza Hut & Co.
- **Favorite CN Memory:** Opening the second act with 25 Miles during Cuttin' Class 2011.

Support the Class Notes!

We rely on alumni support to maintain our status as one of Cornell's premier a cappella groups, and to expand our music into areas outside of the Ithaca Community.

Income generated from these mailings goes directly into funding group activities such as concert sound & lighting, recording, road trips to perform at other colleges. Thank you in advance for your support of The Class Notes' musical excellence and future goals!

Giving Levels

Director's Circle	\$500
<i>Finances hotel for ICCA Semifinals!</i>	
Benefactor	\$250
<i>Pays for group's travel expenses on our May 2012 tour to NYC & surrounding area.</i>	
Patron	\$100
<i>Pays for group's travel expenses to "guest group" performances.</i>	
Contributor	\$50
<i>Pays for one member's handheld microphone in Cuttin' Class this April.</i>	
Member	\$25
<i>Finances printing new and updated arrangements for the semester.</i>	

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Thanks so much to **Justine Johnson** and **Grace Epstein** for donating through time.

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Love, *The Class Notes*