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## **New Hope Solebury Students Get Up Close and Personal with Professional Musicians.**

In the spirit of giving guest musicians of the Riverside Symphonia treated students at the New Hope Solebury School District to several master classes.

String students of the High School and Middle School were given a private recital by cellist Mark Kosower. Kosower played excerpts from various pieces for the audience of approximately 50 students which packed the music room at the High School. Kosower's playing demonstrated the wide range of a cello and impressed his young audience. After the performance there was a question answer session and students were able to learn more about the life of a professional musician. Kosower then gave graciously of his time and held a one on one master class with Graham Albachten the principal violinist for the New Hope-Solebury High School Orchestra. His rapport with Albachten was wonderful as he gave him pointers on how to improve his solo. Kosower was also able to give Albachten insight into instructors at the collegiate level as Graham wishes to pursue a career in music.

When violinist Malwina Sosnowksi was in town she held a master class with five string students from the New Hope-Solebury High School. The violinists were selected for the opportunity because they were preparing solos for district competition. In the hour Malwina spent with them one could detect a significant change in their playing style from the pointers she was able to give. The students listened and watched attentively as she demonstrated slight changes in how to hold the bow and how to find the right pitch on more difficult notes. They were impressed with her easygoing nature and soaked up her knowledge as she tweaked their playing in the few minutes allotted to each player

one on one. After working with the students Malwina wrapped up her session by performing a short solo. She was awarded a heartfelt round of applause and clearly impressed them with her obvious command of the instrument. The students were grateful to have a performer as young and talented as Malwina spend time with them. She was a perfect role model and slipped into the role of mentor with ease.

Malwina Sosnowski was the winner of the Riverside Symphonia's Caprio Young Artists competition. She is currently studying at The Curtis Institute in Philadelphia.

Violinist Graham Albachten went on to District Auditions and was awarded a spot with the area wide District 11 Orchestra for his solo performance. The orchestra includes the top musicians from Bucks and Montgomery Counties. The Orchestra Festival will be held at Upper Moreland High School from Feb. 5-7, 2009.

Riverside Symphonia is proud to be able to reach out to the young performers in our area and provide them with the rare opportunity of being able to work with professional musicians in such intimate settings.

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