

Thirteen New Members Love Singing with Joyful Noise!

Since 2011 began, 13 new singers have joined Joyful Noise! Wow! Please meet our newest members:



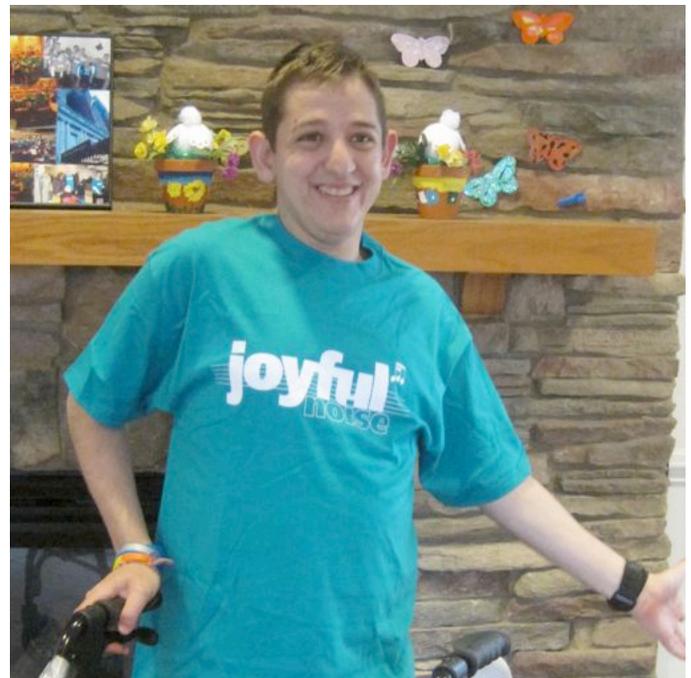
Andrew – Photo by Mary Ann Nolan

Andrew SANG his very first words, bursting into song with “Somewhere Out There” from Stephen Spielberg’s 1986 animated film, *An American Tail*. Since then, Andrew has developed a passion for music. He loves so many songs that he finds it impossible to pick a favorite. This zeal for singing led him first to the Potomac Community Resources Choir in Montgomery County, Maryland and then, when his family moved to Delaware, to Joyful Noise. When he isn’t singing or listening to music, Andrew works at Christiana Care Hospital Pharmacy and enjoys books, films, and surfing the World Wide Web.



Elizabeth – Photo by Cathy Sonnenberg

Brett’s family tree is full of music. Brett’s “Grandpop Harry” was in the record business, and Brett’s other grandfather’s songs filled the airwaves during WWII. His mom sang to him constantly and has taken him to see dozens of Broadway shows, where he has met Liza Minnelli, Bea Arthur, Bernadette Peters, Vicki Lawrence and Goldie Hawn. Surrounded by singing family members and Broadway actors, Brett began to make his own contributions to the performing world. From acting with the Possibility Players and in Summer Stage to singing with Joyful Noise, Brett has entertained numerous people with his musical and theatrical talents. Brett fondly quotes Liza, “ ‘Music tells a story.’ ” In addition to telling stories through song, Brett enjoys his job doing clerical work for Cherry Hill Public Schools.



Brett – Photo by Cathy Sonnenberg

Elizabeth, from Bancroft’s Marlton 1 program, adds a unique voice and personality to Joyful Noise. In a brief span of time, Elizabeth’s affinity for music has blossomed into an affinity for conductors, Allison, Cathy, and Alan Harler, who conducted the *Every Voice Choral Festival* finale. She explains, “They make me feel best when it comes to learning, and their pace is good for me. I like how they all make me feel important. I see that they really care!” When her harmonious voice isn’t gracing Joyful Noise’s rehearsals, Elizabeth cooks excellent chicken dishes and enjoys her volunteer positions at Boss Center and her church. She likes volunteering, though she looks forward to a paying job!



Flora – Photo by Cathy Sonnenberg

Flora lives in Cinnaminson, NJ and volunteers at Head Start, where she reads, cuts out craft materials, and works with Burlington County children, ages 3-5. A dedicated craftswoman, she also creates jewelry and T-shirts at Jubilee Beads in Haddonfield and stays fit by swimming. Flora’s eclectic musical taste includes songs by U2, and she especially loves to sing in concert.



Kenny – Photo by Cathy Sonnenberg

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Kevin, one of Joyful Noise’s youngest members, completed 9th and 10th grades at Washington Township High School. He is excited to be transferring to HollyDELL School this year. Singing is one of Kevin’s favorite pastimes, along with computers and watching people sing on YouTube. Pleased with the opportunity to develop his singing skills, he reflects, “Joyful Noise is good for people who can and can’t sing. It makes all of them better and makes people who can sing better.” Kevin was delighted with his first Joyful Noise performance in the *Every Voice Choral Festival*, and exclaimed, “I liked Alan Harler. I liked the way he conducted. Singing together made the music powerful. I practiced my solo, and it came out PERFECT!”



Kevin – Photo by Cathy Sonnenberg

Kenny, a Special Olympics track competitor, arrives and leaves rehearsals with an athlete’s energy. During warm-ups, Kenny revs us up with his positive affirmations. “My voice feels great because I’m singing real well!” A twenty-year-old student at Kingsway Learning Center in Moorestown, NJ, Kenny’s musical tastes are eclectic – he loves all kinds of music! Whether it’s running, riding horses, visiting the beach, or singing with Joyful Noise, Kenny always seems to be doing something exciting.

Matthew, Joyful Noise’s newest Mullica Hill member, works at Bancroft vocational, where he loves woodworking, especially making plaques and small boats and planes. An avid basketball fan, Matthew also loves singing with Joyful Noise. “I like the choir because of the trips and the music.” He was proud of his first performance ever in the *Every Voice Choral Festival*, which was “fun!”



Lisa – Photo by Cathy Sonnenberg

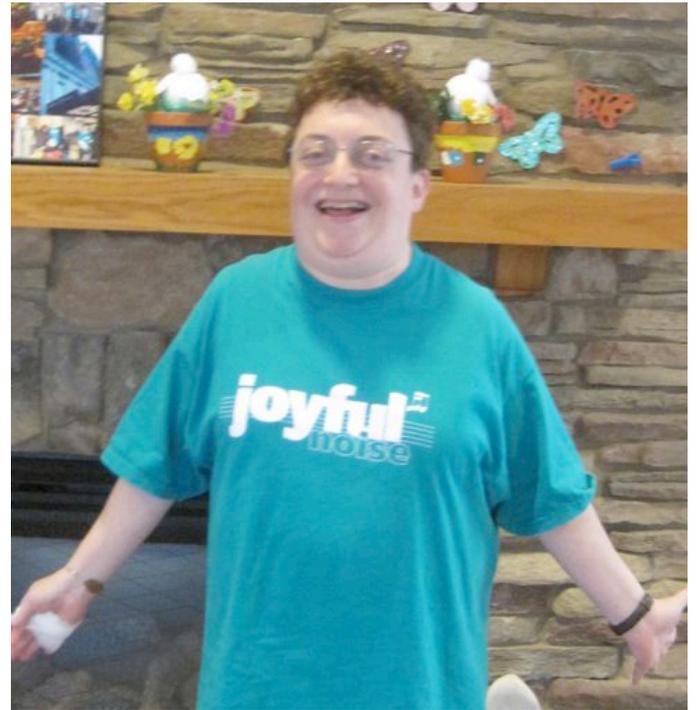
Maggie was born in St. Louis, MO, and has lived in Delaware for the past fifteen years. She and her bosom buddy, Elizabeth, a seasoned Joyful Noise member, have been gallivanting around Wilmington together since 1996. After graduating from St. Katherine Day School, Maggie and Elizabeth started making gourmet dog treats at their families’ non-profit dog treat company, [Waggies by Maggie and Friends](#), which employs many friends with disabilities. She also works for Easter Seals, where her favorite job is folding napkins for a hospital. Maggie, a Renaissance woman, plays basketball and tennis, runs track, bowls, rides horses, and somehow manages to squeeze singing with Joyful Noise and her dear pal Elizabeth into her busy schedule, for which we are very thankful.



Maggie – Photo by Mary Ann Nolan

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Lisa, from Bancroft’s Milestone program, really enjoys her job at an after-school program. Lisa has also found a new home with Joyful Noise. “I used to sing in a church choir, but because it moved I can’t sing there anymore. Singing makes me happy and makes me feel good, especially if I’m having a day that’s not going my way. I knew Todd and some of my friends sang in Joyful Noise. I felt bad that I wasn’t singing anymore, and I thought I should come and sing with them. I love being a part of Joyful Noise! I can’t imagine life without music!” Lisa told us. We’re so happy to have Lisa singing with us!



Rachel – Photo by Cathy Sonnenberg

Rachel, a social butterfly from Haddonfield, enjoys hanging out with her roommates and watching TV. On weekends, she works at Woodcrest Country Club, where she takes care of golf shoes and makes coffee. She also volunteers at Boss and at Southwest Council in Glassboro, where her work includes preparing mailings about substance abuse services. Rachel loves singing in Joyful Noise with all her friends and especially loves performing in front of friends and family.

SAVE THE DATES IN 2011-12

- * **Sunday, August 21, 2011**, SUNDAY SONGS & SUNDAES followed by ANNUAL MEETING, *Highland Park Church of God, Gloucester City, New Jersey*
- * **Saturday, September 24**, BANCROFT DAY, *Challenge Grove, Cherry Hill, NJ*
- * **Sunday, October 1**, ONLINE APPLICATION DEADLINE, *Building Communities Festival Choir*
- * **Tuesday, December 13**, HOLIDAY CONCERT, *Voorhees Town Center, NJ*
- * **Friday & Saturday, February 17-18, 2012**, AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION’S BUILDING COMMUNITIES FESTIVAL CHOIR WITH ALICE PARKER & NICK PAGE, *Providence, RI*
- * **Saturday, March 10**, NATIONAL ANTHEM, HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS, *Sun National Bank Center, Trenton, NJ*



Michelle – Photo by Cathy Sonnenberg

Michelle, who lives in Laurel Springs, NJ, works in Pennsylvania, where she gets meals ready for delivery to the elderly. She also spends time in Philadelphia playing percussion instruments at Kardon Institute. “Over the Rainbow” is Michelle’s favorite song. She thinks that singing with Joyful Noise is, “exciting, fun and great!” Michelle enjoys meeting and new friends and notes, “I feel at home with Joyful Noise!”



Ray – Photo by Cathy Sonnenberg

Ray joined Joyful Noise in July, the very week that he moved in to Birch House at Flicker Residences! Ray plays piano, his favorite activity, at Highland Park Church of God. Ray loves Joyful Noise, especially when we sing his favorite song, “He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands.” He is moved by music!



Ross – Photo by Mary Ann Nolan

Ross’s sister, Kristen, was a nun, an accomplished singer who sang in many different venues. She would frequently bring her brother along to listen. Ross and Kristen were always singing in their parents’ home, and Ross soon became “spellbound” by music. He recently moved from northern New Jersey to a Bancroft group home in Newark, Delaware, because he wanted to be closer to family. Highly competitive at bowling and the game of Parcheesi, Ross enjoys tackling puzzles and more puzzles! When singing and puzzles are not intriguing him, he assembles hinges used in the boating industry at his job at OCI Vocational Services. Ross’s niece, Megan, writes, “Ross loves Joyful Noise! It is so nice to see him so happy and able to show his joy while singing!!”



SUNDAY SONGS & SUNDAES

Benefit Concert & Ice Cream Social

(Donations will be gratefully accepted!)

Sunday, August 21, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

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