

ALUMNI NEWS

December 2023



PCS wishes you a warm, joyous, and happy holiday season!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PCS is celebrating 110 years!

What does it mean to be a part of the history of Professional Children's School? Since 1914, PCS has been the leader in hybrid learning, flexible study, and empowering young artists, athletes, and dreamers to make waves and move mountains. Visit our 110 webpage to learn how we are celebrating.

Celebrate 110 Years



Join the Gala Host Committee!

Save the date for the 110th Anniversary Gala on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at Edison Ballroom. The Host Committee underwrites the Gala's direct costs, enabling all additional ticket sales to support the Financial Aid Fund. PCS students will benefit from the support of the Host Committee.

Click here to join the Gala Host Committee

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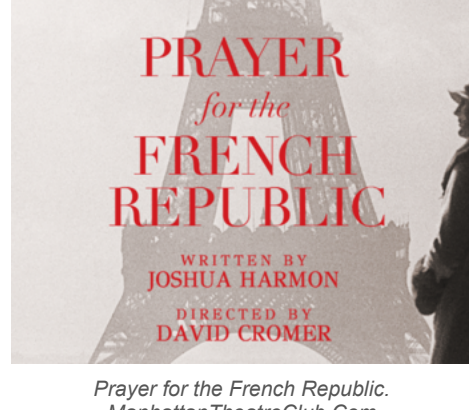
Do you have news to share? Email alumni@pcs-nyc.org to be included in the next edition of Alumni News.



Darby Lee Stack '23 is playing Elise in Alexander Payne's new holiday film *The Holdovers* starring Paul Giamatti. The film has been praised by *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*.

Maeve Press '21 recently wrote and performed a solo show called *Maeve a one maeve show* at Producers Club Theaters. Maeve describes the show as "unboxing yourself and figuring out who you are after reading a thousand pages about who people think you are." Learn more on her website: [Maeve Press](#)

Ethan Haberfield '17 is returning to Broadway in *Prayer For The French Republic* at Manhattan Theatre Club! "Winner of the 2022 Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best New Off-Broadway Play, Joshua Harmon's *Prayer for the French Republic* bursts onto Broadway after MTC's highly acclaimed extended, sold-out Off-Broadway run." Previews begin December 19th and the show opens on January 9th. Learn more [here](#).



Prayer for the French Republic
ManhattanTheatreClub.Com

Samia Finnerty '15 had her song "Charm You" featured in the *Rolling Stone* music list "The 100 Best Songs of 2023". *Rolling Stone* says of this song "The effervescent track is a standout on Samia's second album, *Honey*." Samia goes simply by her first name professionally and "Charm You" can be streamed or bought along with the rest of *Honey*. [Listen here](#).

Margaret Qualley '13 acts alongside Mark Ruffalo and Emma Stone in the new comedy fantasy *Poor Things*, now in theaters.

Leighton Meester '04 stars in *EXmas* alongside Robbie Amell! Watch now on Prime Video.



Honey by Samia Finnerty '15. RollingStone.com



EXmas starring Leighton Meester '04. IMDb.com



Poor Things with Margaret Qualley '13. IMDb.com

Jack Antonoff '02 was nominated for both Top Hot 100 Songwriter and Top Hot 100 Producer at the Billboard Music Awards 2023.

Caswell Weinbren '05 is currently fighting for transparency in the music industry by giants like Spotify, Tiktok and SoundCloud. Caswell believes artists are being under-compensated by streaming platforms that have become essential to the music industry for an artist's success and has become an ambassador for an AI program that could more accurately track music meta data. Learn more [here](#).



Macaulay Culkin's Hollywood Star ceremony.
Amy Sussman / Getty

Macaulay Culkin '98 was honored with his very own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on December 1st! He attended the ceremony with his fiancée Brenda Song and their son. His *Home Alone* mother, Catherine O'Hara, showed up to support her "son."

Culkin also appeared on *Celebrity Jeopardy*, delighted when the host revealed that Macaulay himself has been a clue on the show 42 times.

Terrence Wilson '94 will be going on 3 classical piano tours this year. Read his [interview](#) where he talks about his 25 year relationship to Four Seasons Art, his personal relationship with the Szymanowski Etudes, and the importance of bringing marginalized composer's work to audiences.

Christian Slater '87 participated in *The 24 Hour Plays On Broadway* in late October. This epic event sees stars from television and film come together, to fully write, rehearse, and perform a piece of theatre in 24 hours. He was joined by other talents like Jesse Eisenberg, Patrick Wilson, and Kenneth Lonergan.

Yo-Yo Ma '71 released pop song "Won't Give Up" alongside drag queen Pattie Gonia and trans musician Quinn Christopherson about standing strong in the face of the Climate Crisis. The song was originally in remembrance of an Alaskan glacier that once stood a hundred feet tall. The [music video](#) was shot at the sight of the melted glacier.



Music video for "Won't Give Up"
William Woodward / NPR

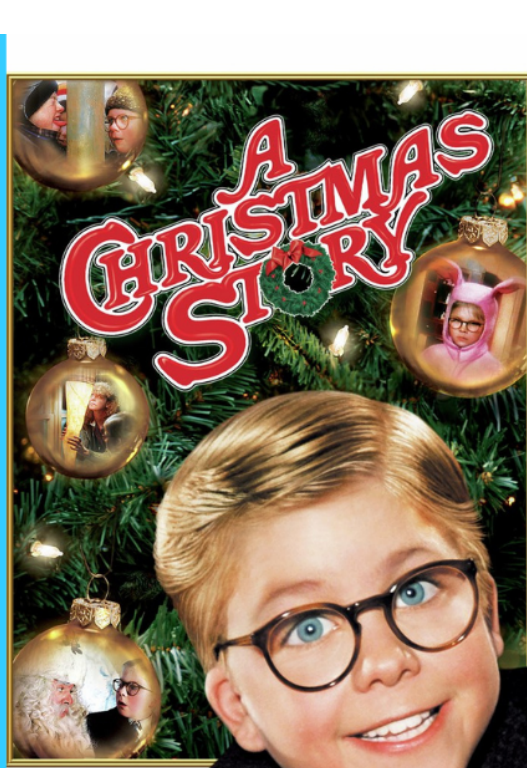
Ida Kavafian '70 played violin alongside 12 year old prodigy HIMARI in the Santa Fe Symphony Orchestra and Chorus' performance of "The Planets."

Laraine Brennan '63 worked on the documentary "Leaving an Impression" about the life of artist Edward Dufner. Laraine helped to restore two 100-year old paintings by the artist. See what else she is up to by [visiting her blog!](#)

Did we miss your news? Share it with us at [alumni@pcs-nyc.org!](#)

PCS ALUMNI IN SEASONAL FAVORITES

*This is not a comprehensive list of the amazing work our alumni do during the holiday season and beyond.



Top Row: A Christmas Carol (Jane Krakowski '87), A Christmas Story (Scott Schwartz '86), Even Stevens - "Heck of a Hanukkah" (Christy Romano '02)

Middle Row: New Year's Eve (Nat Wolff '13), The Noel Diary (Barrett Doss '07), The Santa Clause (David Krumholtz '96)

Bottom Row: Home Alone (Macaulay Culkin '98), When Harry Met Sally (Carrie Fisher '74), The Family Stone (Sarah Jessica Parker '83)

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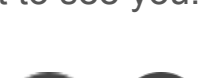
Rae Herrion, Former PCS Faculty

Beloved PCS biology and chemistry teacher, Rae Tisdell-Herrion, passed away at the age of 87 years. Rae taught at PCS from 1970 through 1997 and was known for her warmth, compassion, and her dedication to supporting her students. Rae touched many lives in her 27 years at Professional Children's School, and we will continue to remember her fondly as a remarkable member of our community.

Do you have news to share with the Alumni community?

Click here!

Planning a visit to PCS? Make sure to schedule an appointment so that we can plan accordingly! Email [alumni@pcs-nyc.org](#) to schedule a time to stop by, tour the building, and walk down memory lane. We cannot wait to see you!



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