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PENINSULA MUSIC FESTIVAL NAMES 2022 GEORGE VERHEYDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Ephraim, WI - The Peninsula Music Festival is proud to announce that Owen Foulds has been awarded the 2022 George Verheyden Memorial Scholarship.

Owen is a recent graduate of Sevastopol High School, where he was active in the theater and music programs. He was a member of the choir and played trombone in the band, pep band, and Jazz band. Throughout his time at Sevastopol, Owen participated in every single play and musical. Highlights include: The Trunchbull in Matilda; Linus in You're a Good man, Charlie Brown; Max Detweiler in The Sound of Music, Mr. Webb in Our Town; Jack in Ernest in Love; Jim in The Gift of the Magi; Leon in Fools; and (most recently), Shrek in the musical of the same name. Owen received four starred firsts in the WSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival in musical theater and as a tenor soloist. In addition to music and theater, Owen was on the Sevastopol football and track teams, and received varsity letters in both. He enjoys playing guitar, ukulele, and bass, and is excited about adding piano to his repertoire as he pursues a BFA in Musical Theater at the Peck School of the Arts at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, next fall. When not singing or on stage, Owen enjoys snowmobiling and playing underwater hockey.

Owen appreciates the work of Peninsula Music Festival and is very thankful for the concerts he has attended as well as the Festival's partnership with Door County Schools through their bake sale program. Owen sold many cookies in the lobby during intermissions of Peninsula Music Festival performances. The funds earned contributed to Sevastopol School's Music Department journey to New Orleans in 2019 where he saw the vibrant music loving community.

Like Mr. George Verheyden, Owen has been known to "break into fun songs anywhere and anytime," and is very proud to be the recipient of the scholarship that bears his name.

"The selection committee was impressed with Owen's achievements and his total commitment to pursuing a professional career in music and theatre," said PMF President & CEO Christoph Ptack. "Owen is an inspiring, focused young man who continues to challenge himself at every turn. I look forward to following his future success."

Each year, the Peninsula Music Festival awards a \$3,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who desires to further their studies in the performing arts. The recipient must be an outstanding music student who has demonstrated their ability as a performer, and has shown a sustained interest in music-related activities. To receive the funds, the recipient must successfully complete a major or minor in music at the conclusion of their undergraduate studies. Applicants submit academic transcripts, write an essay outlining their qualifications, accomplishments, scholastic record, future plans, and any other information they'd like the Committee to consider. Letters of recommendation must be submitted from a music professional, and from the student's High School Principal.

The Board of Director's Scholarship Committee along with PMF's President & CEO review the candidates and select the recipient. The George Verheyden Memorial Scholarship is awarded for three years, beginning with the sophomore year, and continuing through the senior year. The recipient is required to provide an annual report detailing their progress, activities, achievements and proof of their continuing education as a music major or minor for the upcoming school year.



Owen Foulds, Winner - 2022 George Verheyden Memorial Scholarship

<u>Venues</u>: Door Community Auditorium, Fish Creek, WI | The Kress Pavilion, Egg Harbor, WI <u>Single Ticket Prices</u>: \$75, \$50, \$45, \$40, \$35; Students/Children \$10 - any series, any seat, any time! <u>PMF Offices of Administration & Ticketing Services</u>: 10431 N Water Street, Ephraim, WI 54211 <u>To Purchase Tickets</u>: Call 920-854-4060 or visit <u>www.musicfestival.com</u>

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The Peninsula Music Festival is located along the shores of Wisconsin's famed Door Peninsula. The season features world-renowned conductors, guest artists, and the Festival Orchestra which boasts a roster of eighty musicians representing leading symphonic and operatic institutions from around the world including those of Montreal, Toronto, Houston, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Dallas, Boston, Omaha, Houston Grand Opera, The Dallas Opera and Lyric Opera of Chicago. The talent is staggering, the music is genius, and your experience won't soon be forgotten!