

# Press Clippings - 11/18/2022

## – LaJolla Booking Agency –

**Local high school string quartet to join internationally touring ABBA tribute show**

**Elgin HS youth musicians to join touring ABBA show at Hemmens Cultural Center on Tuesday, December 6**

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**By Andy Nagle - LaJolla Booking Agency**

**Press Release**



**ELGIN, IL (11/18/2022)** In Europe, South Africa and Australia, audiences went crazy for The FABBA Show, a tribute act with the slick pop sounds of Sweden's most famous export since Volvos, fish-shaped candies and Ikea. The FABBA Show is now spreading stateside, bringing their harmonies to the Hemmens Cultural Center on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30 pm. **The Elgin High School String Quartet** will join the professional musicians on stage to lend some local talent to this high energy homage to one of the world's most beloved pop groups of the '70s.

Here's the rundown:

The show: From "Dancing Queen" to "Mamma Mia," "SOS" and beyond, The FABBA Show brings something different to every infectious piece of pop perfection, replete with a live backing band, fabulous costume changes, and tightly choreographed dance routines. They'll even teach the audience a few simple dance moves so you can groove along too at this spectacular concert at the Hemmens Cultural Center.

The string quartet: **Elgin High seniors Philip Salvador, Kathleen Polli, Katherine Altergott and junior Hannah Stewart** will accompany the band on "Honey Honey" and "Slipping Through My Fingers."

The quartet's ABBA fans: Philip, Kathleen and Katherine are the quartet's ABBA fans.

"My parents play ABBA music and we love the "Mama Mia" film," said Philip. "My favorite ABBA song is "The Winner Takes it All.."

"My favorite ABBA song is "Dancing Queen," said Kathleen.

"I love 'Money, Money, Money,'" Katherine said.

How the "ABBA" connection was started: The producers of The FABBA Show approached **Elgin High Orchestra Director Allison Vickers** looking for a talented ensemble of high school students which could hold their own with a rock band in front of an audience. The show commonly reaches out to local high school orchestras, making donations to their school music programs in exchange for student participation.

The details: Brighten up your winter with some of the catchiest music ever written as The FABBA Show brings their lavish tribute to the Swedish pop icons to the Hemmens Cultural Center on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 - \$60 and may be purchased by phone at 847.931.5900, at the Theatre Box Office or online at [www.hemmens.org](http://www.hemmens.org). The Hemmens Cultural Center is located at 45 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120. The show is appropriate for all ages.

And here is some additional information about the quartet members:

Philip Salvador, 17, has been playing the violin for eight years. He also plays ukulele and piano. He is a member of the Elgin High Chamber Orchestra and has performed with pit orchestras for school musicals.

"With chamber orchestra, I enjoy playing the music of composers like Bach and Vivaldi and performing with people who share the same interests," said Philip.

The junior plans to enroll in a four year university after high school and pursue a degree in Pre-Medicine. He aspires to one day practice medicine.

Hannah Stewart, 16, has been playing the violin for six years. She is a member of the EHS chamber Orchestra and has played with school pit orchestras.

"I like playing with chamber because it is more challenging and it's easier to hear the different parts," said Hannah.

After high school, the junior hopes to embark on a career in the culinary arts.

Kathleen Polli, 17, has been playing the viola for eight years. She is a member of her school's chamber orchestra.

"I have always wanted to play in a concert orchestra," said Kathleen.

"Playing in chamber orchestra feels more professional and everyone brings their "A" game," she said.

The senior plans to pursue a degree in Business after high school and perform with her university's orchestra.

Katherine Altergott, 17, has been playing the cello for seven years. She also plays guitar. She is a member of the EHS Chamber Orchestra and takes private lessons.

"I love playing with chamber orchestra because people focus on what we're trying to do" said Katherine. "We had our concert last week and our hard work paid off. The concert was something we can all be proud of."

The senior plans to attend a four year university and seek a degree in Math or Engineering.

And here is some additional information about "The FABBA Show":

The official International ABBA Fan Club calls them the "best ABBA since ABBA," which is really all you need to know. But The FABBA Show is also famed for its flashy stage production, complete with costumes, choreography and plenty of audience interaction. They've also been known to stay after the show for selfies.

The cast of The FABBA Show are Marie-Claire Marshall ("Anni-Frid Lyngstad"), Julianne Ruck ("Agnetha Faltskog"), Andy Marshall ("Bjorn Ulvaeus"), Lars Midthun ("Benny Andersson") and Gustavo Perez ("Ola Brunkert").

Quartet photo tags: "EHS\_4tet\_kneeling" shows (left to right, top) Philip Salazar, Hannah Stewart; (bottom l-r) Kathleen Polli and Katherine Altergott: "EHS\_4tet\_wall" shows Katherine Altergott, Hannah Stewart, Philip Salvador and Katherine Polli.



## – Daily Herald –

### Girls basketball: Preseason Top 20

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Girls basketball

Team Comment

1. Benet (30-5) Indiana-recruit Beaumont leads the way

2. Stevenson (36-2) Defending 4A state champs have 4 of top 6 back
3. Barrington (30-6) Swanson, O'Riordan quite a 1-2 punch
4. Carmel (28-7) Wood returns for defending Class 3A champs
5. Hersey (27-6) Michigan-bound Eidle leads talented Huskies
6. Fremd (27-7) Vikings have an experienced core
7. Libertyville (23-11) Maryland recruit Fisher Wildcats' go-to player
8. Geneva (25-5) Vikings experienced, talented
9. Naperville N. (30-4) 30-0 in DVC in Colletti's 3 years as coach
10. Montini (25-9) Deep and talented roster
11. Prospect (22-8) Twelve multi-sport athletes on the roster
12. Lake Zurich (20-12) Another elite team in NSC with key players back
13. Huntley (23-7) Four starters return for defending FVC champs
14. Rolling Meadows (16-14) Plenty of potential for Mustangs
15. York (17-13) Four starters return
16. Downers North (24-8) Hard-nosed defensive squad
17. Glenbard W. (18-13) Five straight winning seasons
18. Willowbrook (22-6) Lost a lot of talent but still high hopes

19. **South Elgin** (27-6) Set school record for wins last year

20. Maine South (23-9) Two straight CSL championships

Others to watch: Round Lake 28-4, Batavia 19-15, Burlington Central 23-10, Neuqua Valley 15-13

## – Elgin Courier News –

### LOCAL SCOREBOARD

**Nov. 18, 2022**

**By From Staff Reports**

#### WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

##### HIGH SCHOOLS

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Glenbard South 55, Oswego 32

#### DUNDEE-CROWN TOURNAMENT

Dundee-Crown 46, **Streamwood** 12

Palatine 50, **South Elgin** 41

#### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

##### HIGH SCHOOLS

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Benet 56, La Lumiere (Ind.) 49

Benet (1-0): Lenee Beaumont 30 points. Samantha Trimberger 10 points.

Carmel 32, Hersey 31

Glenbard West 53, Naperville Central 45

Harlem 38, Grayslake Central 28

Plainfield North 53, East Aurora 44

#### MCINTOSH CLASSIC

At IMSA

**Elgin** 51, Rockford East 35

**Elgin** (2-0): Alyssa Wysuph 16 points. Jocelyn Barsdesi 11 points. Izzy Castro 10 points.

Earlville 55, Indian Creek 48

Indian Creek (0-2): Isabella Turner 24 points, 20 rebounds.

West Chicago 48, IMSA 20

#### SCHAUMBURG CLASSIC

Deerfield 41, Downers Grove North 34

Deerfield (1-0): Olivia Kerndt 18 points.

Maine West 56, **Bartlett** 30

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