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Hawthorne Valley School Open House on March 7

GHENT, NY - FEBRUARY 27, 2020: Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School (HVS) is pleased to welcome the public to an Open House on Saturday, March 7 from 9:30 am-2:30 pm. The day will feature information sessions about the Waldorf curriculum in both the Lower School (grades 1-8) and High School (grades 9-12), as well as activities for Kindergarten-aged children.

The day will begin at 9:30 am with a welcome tea. An overview session and tour of the Lower School will be held at 10 am, and an overview session and tour of the High School will be at noon.

The Kindergarten will offer puppet show presentations of "The Story of John Brown" at 10 am and 1 pm. There will also be hands-on artistic activities for children ages 4-6 at 11 am and noon.

At 2 pm, Solomon Berquist '20 will offer a preview presentation of his senior project, an adaption of "The Man from La Mancha" under his direction, which features fellow HVS students.

Attendees at the Open House will also have the opportunity to meet Meaghan McKenna, who will be the First Grade teacher in September 2020. Meaghan graduated cum laude from Harvard University with a Bachelor's degree in the Social Sciences. She has a Master's degree in Education (with a Waldorf focus) from Antioch University. She has been teaching in Waldorf schools since 2006, and she currently serves as the Class Teacher for Grade 5 at HVS.

"We emphasize a holistic approach to learning from early childhood through high school," says Karin Almquist, HVS Deputy Director. "We integrate intellectual instruction with artistic expression and hands-on activities to help all children connect with the topics and foster a sense of curiosity that drives their learning. We are excited to welcome the public to the Open House to experience this dynamic curriculum through the day's program."

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About Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School

Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School is a pre-K through grade 12 school situated on a 900-acre Biodynamic® farm in New York's scenic Columbia County. Hawthorne Valley's integrative Waldorf

curriculum is designed to create a healthy and balanced learning environment where children build living connections to the natural world while cultivating social responsibility, personal excellence, and the practical capacities to meet the challenges of the future. Visit hawthornevalleyschool.org to learn more.

The school is part of Hawthorne Valley Association, a diverse nonprofit dedicated to social and cultural renewal through the integration of education, agriculture, and the arts. Hawthorne Valley Association's campus includes the Waldorf school, a working Biodynamic farm, on-farm education programs, a full-line natural foods and grocery store, social, ecological, and cultural research groups, teacher training programs, and more. For additional information, please visit hawthornevalley.org.