

# Samantha Yannarelli **Songwriter/Musician/Actor**

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## EDUCATION

**St. John Vianney High School** -Sep 2022-Jun 2023 **GRADE 12**

**New York University -Steinhardt** -Jun 2022-Jul 2022 **GRADE 12**

- **NYU Summer Songwriters Workshop**
- Audition based participant- 42 selected (Ages 15-32)

**Mater Dei Prep High School** -Sep 2019-Jun 2021 **GRADE 9, 10, 11**

- Independent Study: Musical Composition- With authors consent composed/produced a musical based on the novel "Hurricane Season" by Nicole Melleby -GRADE 11, 12
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## HONORS & AWARDS

**High Honor Roll** -Mater Dei Prep **GRADE 9, 10, 11** Saint John Vianney **12**

**National Honor Society** -Mater Dei Prep/Saint John Vianney **GRADE 11, 12**

**Performing Arts Highest Achievement Award** -Mater Dei Prep -Jun 2022 **GRADE 11**

**Seraph of the Month** -Mater Dei Prep -Mar 2022 **GRADE 11**

- Demonstrates Leadership, Scholarship, and Altruism

**Your Song! Your Voice! NJ Statewide Songwriting Contest Winner** -Shout Down Drugs, Drug-Free, NJ -May 2021 **GRADE 10**

- 1st place winner- \$5000 music contract, performed at 4 non-profit events

**Basie Award 2022 (Regional) -Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical** -Paulette-Legally Blonde -Count Basie Center for the Arts, Red Bank, NJ -May 2022 **GRADE 11**

**Best Featured Actor in a Musical** -Paulette-Legally Blonde -Bucks County Playhouse Theater Festival, New Hope, PA -Apr 2022 **GRADE 11**

**Basie Award 2021 (Regional) -Outstanding Female Actor in a Classical Monologue** -Queen Elizabeth's Monologue - Richard III -Count Basie Center for Arts, Red Bank, NJ -May 2021 **GRADE 10**

**Poetry Out Loud Regional Winner 2022- NJ** -Feb 2022 **GRADE 11**

**Semifinalist- ISC International Songwriting Competition 2021** -Feb 2022 & **Unsigned Only Music Competition 2022** -"Both Ways" - Original Song -Jul 2022 **GRADE 11**

**Semifinalist - UK Songwriting Contest 2021**, -"Repetition" - Original Song -Jan 2022 **GRADE 11**; **2022**, "Lifeguard" - Original Song -Jan 2023

**Songdoor 2022 - Honorable Mention** -"At Least Your Were Kind" - Original Song -Jan 2023

**Monmouth Arts Teen Virtual Stage Showcase -Performing Arts Winner** -Apr 2020 **GRADE 9**

**Chorus Student of the Year** -Mater Dei Prep **GRADE 9**

**Soccer -Coach's Award** -Jun 2022 **GRADE 11**, **Varsity Letter -Soccer, Track, Performing Arts** -Mater Dei Prep **GRADE 9, 10, 11**

## SELECT LEADERSHIP ROLES

**Two River Theater Howard Aronson Metro Scholars -Competitive Regional Theater Program** -Oct 2021-Jun 2022 **GRADE 11**, 42 hrs, 12 sessions

- 11 New Jersey High School Juniors selected by audition
- Engaged in professional theater-making process from sets, costumes, light/sound production, marketing, and audience services through workshops/shows

**Drama Club -Leader** -Mater Dei Prep/Saint John Vianney -Sep 2019-Nov 2022 **GRADE 9, 10, 11, 12**, Rehearsals 3 months, 12-35 hrs a week during tech week/shows

- Lead Actor- Plays, Musicals, Virtual Musicals, Cabarets
- Assisted Director with show management during lunch/flex

**Audio Engineer/Production Manager** -Mater Dei Prep -Sep 2020-Jun 2022 **GRADE 10, 11**, 3 hrs per show, 30 hrs Killer Party

- Produced music, sound effects, and video for virtual musicals, cabarets, & plays

**All-Shore Chorus NJ** -Soprano 1 -Nov 2019-Feb 2019 **GRADE 9**, 2 hrs, 3x a week

**Chorus** -Leader-Mater Dei Prep -Sep 2019-Jun 2022 **GRADE 9, 10, 11**, Daily if Semester Class, 1 hr 2x weekly

- Soloist, created harmonies & voice trained members

**Soccer** -Team Captain -Mater Dei Prep -Sept 2019-Nov 2021 **GRADE 9, 10, 11**, 2 hrs, 5-6 day/wk

**Chorus & Band Ambassador-Open House** -MDP/SJV-Sep 2019-Nov 2022 **GRADE 9, 10, 11, 12**, 6 hrs/year

**Drug-Free NJ** -Oct 2021- Apr 2022 **GRADE 10, 11**, 10 hrs

- **Peer Initiative Leader for Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day**
- Organized a proclamation to Knock Out Opioids, signed by Mater Dei Prep administration, and documented on school/social media. Interview with Two River Times for website/newspaper.
- Judge of the 2022 Your Song! Your Voice! NJ Contest -Shout Down Drugs

## ACTIVITIES

**Liturgical Choir** -Mater Dei Prep -Sep 2019-Jun 2022, **GRADE 9, 10, 11**, Mass

**Dance Club/Masterclasses** -Mater Dei Prep -Sep 2019-Jun 2022, **GRADE 9, 10, 11**, 3 hrs month

**Vocal Instruction/Showcases** -Natalie Weiss -Mar 2021-Present Lauren Brancato

-Aug 2017-Present **GRADE 9, 10, 11**, 45 min/week

**Guitar Instruction** -Eric Rudik -Sep 2015-Present, **Jazz Band** -HHRS -2017-2019

**GRADE 9, 10, 11**, 45 min/week

**Triple Threat Instruction** -David Meenan -Nov 2019-Mar 2021 **GRADE 9, 10**, 1 hr/week

- Acting, Tap, Voice

**Starbound Kidz Theater Company, NYC** -Hannah Cecille, Member-Soloist/Lead Actor

-Sep 17-Present **GRADE 9, 10, 11, 12**, 10-20 hrs/year

- Performances-54 Below, Times Square, Helen Mills Theater: NYC, Disney World, Virtual

**Monmouth Arts Teen Arts Festival, NJ** -Solo Vocalist, Duet **GRADE 10, 11**

**On-Camera/Acting Classes** -A Class Act NY-Lisa London -Jun 2021, Allen Fawcett -Mar 2021, 660 Studios NYC -Nov 2019, K.

Nichols Studio -Feb 2019 **GRADE 9, 10, 11**, Master Class - 3 hrs

**iTheatrics Summer Virtual Workshop- Dear Edwina** -Jul 2020 **GRADE 10**, 1 week, 6 hrs/day

**Broadway Artist Alliance, NYC** -Jul 2019 **GRADE 9**, 1 week/6 hrs/day

- Summer Workshop/Master Classes-Musical Theater

**Kick Dance Studio** -Sep 2017-Jun 2020 **GRADE 9, 10**, 1.5 hrs a week Sep-Jun/1 week/summer

- Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Musical Theater, Bi-Annual Cabarets -Soloist

**Band- Alto Saxophone** -Mater Dei Prep -Sep 2019-Jun 2020 **GRADE 4-8, 9**, 1 hr week

(Band was discontinued after grade 9)

## Music/Artistic Achievement

**Cinderella** -Jan 22-Mar 23 **GRADE 12** • Cinderella

**The Starbound Kidz- "Broadway Bliss"** -54 Below, NYC -soloist -Nov 2022

**Clue** -Sept 2022-Nov 2022 **GRADE 12** • Colonel Mustard

**Legally Blonde** -Dec 2021-Apr 2022 **GRADE 11** • Paulette

**Puffs** -Sep 2021-Nov 2021 **GRADE 11** • Sally Perks/Draco Malfoy/Rowena

**Newsies** -Dec 2019-Mar 2020, Jul 2020 **GRADE 9, 10** • Albert/Bowery Beauty

**A Killer Party-A Movie Musical** -Dec 2020-Feb 2021 **GRADE 10** • Joan

- Harmonies for all songs
- Shot, edited and produced my own scenes and music

**Mater Dei Prep Cabarets** -(Outdoor stage at MDP) Sep 2020-Jun 2022 **GRADE 10, 11** • Soloist

**Abbott and Castello**-10 minute plays -(Outdoor stage at MDP) Oct 2020 **GRADE 10** • Sam

**Quarantine & The Christmas Virtual Cabarets-Capital Productions** -Apr 2020 & Dec 2020 **GRADE 10** • Soloist- On the Steps Of the Palace-Into the Woods, Silver Bells

**Seasons of Premier** -Premier Theatre -Sep 2019 **GRADE 9** • Soloist- Times are Hard for Dreamers-Amelie

**The Three Musketeers**-*Sep 2019-Oct 2019* **GRADE 9 • Elise/Mother/Mother Superior**  
**“Tunes in Times Square” Benefit Concert -Magical Music for Life Foundation -Performer**  
*-Jul 2019* **GRADE 9, 6 hrs • Starbound Kidz, NYC**

**Stephen Schwartz Tribute-Disney World, FL -Starbound Kidz, Jun 2019** **GRADE 9**

**Magical World of Broadway-Feinstein’s/54 Below, NYC** Dir. Hannah Cecille/Jennifer Kopelman • **Soloist- Stranger to the Rain-Children of Eden, Beautiful City-Godspell**

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Lead Singer/Guitar Acoustic Duo-Double A -Restaurants/Charity Events, NJ**

*-Aug 2022-Present* **GRADE 12, 4 hrs per event**

**Hostess- The Rum Runner, Sea Bright, NJ -Jun 2022-Present** **GRADE 12, 10-15 hrs week**

**Hostess- Harborside Grill, Atlantic Highlands, NJ -Jun 2021-Sep 2021** **GRADE 12, 6 hrs week**

**“Jammin’ with Sam”-Beginner Piano, Voice, Guitar Lessons -Jun 2019-Present** **GRADE 9, 10, 11, 12, 7 students total - 0.5 hr weekly or as needed for auditions**

### **VOLUNTEER**

**Double A-Acoustic Duo Performance -Light of Day Foundation, Ortleigh Beach & Stone Pony, Asbury Park, NJ** **GRADE 12, 9hrs**  
**180 Turning Lives Around - Office help, Hazlet, NJ -Oct 2021-Present** **GRADE 12, 6 hrs**

**Youth Choir Assistant -Tower Hill Church, Red Bank, NJ -Oct 2021-Present** **GRADE 11, 12, Weekly Sunday AM Sep-Jun when available, 6 hrs**

**Thompson Park Day -Performed vocals/guitar Middletown, NJ, GRADE 11, 3hrs**

**Chorus & Band Ambassador -Open House -MDP/SJV-Sep 2019-Nov 2022** **GRADE 9, 10, 11, 12, 6 hrs a year**

**Kerrienne Spellman Musical Theater Workshop Assistant -First Avenue Playhouse, Atlantic Highlands, NJ -Jul 2021** **GRADE 11, 10 hrs**

**6th Grade Spring Musical Assistant -Atlantic Highlands Elementary School, NJ -Mar 2022** **GRADE 11, 5 hrs**

**Beach Sweep Clean Ocean Action -Manasquan, NJ -Oct 2021** **GRADE 11, 3hrs**

**Surfrider Foundation -Jersey Shore Chapter Beach Clean Up -Popomora Beach, Highlands, NJ -Mar 2021 & Oct 2021** **GRADE 10, 11, 4 hrs**

**Blessing Bag Brigade -Packing Supplies Event -St. Catherine Laboure Middletown, NJ**  
*-Oct 2021* **GRADE 11, 2 hrs, GRADE 12, 3 hrs**

**Color A Smile- Artist- May 2021** **GRADE 10, 3 hrs**

**Applewood Senior Living Community -Performed music for residents -Freehold, NJ**  
*-Jun 2019-Jul 2019* **GRADE 9, 4 hrs**

### **Select Performances Before High School**

**Godspell, Starbound Kidz, Beautiful City, Feinstein’s/54 Below, NY & Junior Theater Festival, Atlanta, GA, 2018-19**

**Elf, Jovie, Henry Hudson Regional School**

**Once Upon A Mattress, Jazz guitar, Pit Band-High School Production, HHRS**

**Magical World of Broadway, Starbound Kidz, Soloist, Feinstein’s/54 Below, NY**

**Kid Kat Cabaret, Soloist, The Duplex, NY**

**Once on This Island, Storyteller 3, Helen Mills Theater- Dir. Hannah Cecille**

**Charlotte’s Web, Sheep, First Avenue Playhouse, NJ**

**Mission Possible, Carly, Henry Hudson Regional School**

**Sound of Music, Maria, AH Arts Council- Dir. Kerrienne Spellman**

**Suessical, Gertrude, AH Arts Council- Dir. Kerrienne Spellman**

**Wizard of Oz, Dorothy, AHES**

**The Little Mermaid, Sebastian, AHES**

**Jazz Band-Guitar, Acapella Choir, Honors Band-Alto Sax - HHRS/AHES**