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Siena Student Selected to Sing at 2008 US Open

SILVER SPRING, MD, August 20, 2008 – Elijah Lawrence, a seventh grade student at The Siena School in Silver Spring, has been selected as one of twenty students age 12 and under to perform patriotic songs at the 2008 US Open. Elijah is the only representative selected from the Washington, DC area, and of the twenty chosen, he is one of only four students from outside the New York metropolitan area. Open auditions were held at Radio City Music Hall with winners chosen by three celebrity judges: former Top 10 American Idol contestant Constantine Maroulis, Broadway star Laura Bell Bundy and former MTV “Total Request Live” host Susie Castillo. The students will perform at the US Open's Arthur Ashe Stadium in front of sell-out crowds. The US Open website notes that the US Open is the highest-attended annual sporting event, with record crowds anticipated again this year, making this a great opportunity for the chosen performers.



Elijah Lawrence's Previous Stage Experience

Edmund in "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe", St. Mark's Players, DC

"The Wiz", St. Mark's Players, DC

"Seussical", St. Mark's Players, DC

"A Midsummer Night's Dream", St. Mark's Players, DC

Mad Hatter in "Alice in Wonderland", The Siena School

About The Siena School

The Siena School is an outstanding new private school in Silver Spring, Maryland serving bright, college-bound students with language-based learning differences, such as dyslexia. Siena's staff and board of advisors include distinguished national, state and local education leaders and professionals. The school was established in 2006 and currently serves students in grades 4-12. Siena's program is designed for students with mild to moderate learning needs who are experiencing a discrepancy between their academic achievement and intellectual abilities in one or more areas such as reading, writing, oral expression or math. Siena delivers an individualized educational program featuring small class sizes, research-based instructional methodologies, a highly trained staff and an educational environment specifically designed to meet the unique needs of our students. For further information, The Siena School can be contacted at (301) 592-0567 or on the web at www.thesienaschool.org.

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