



## Ella Makechnie Falls in Love with European Lifestyle

### Proctor's European Art Classroom opens doors

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy is currently running four trimester-long off-campus programs this spring: European Art Classroom (Aix en Provence, France),

chnie '23 on European Art Classroom, and Maura Kelly '22 on Mountain Classroom. Ella shared the following reflections in a recent blog post:

"Our program director, Dave, proposed we knock on the door of the great estate and ask to picnic on their property. We were all a bit uneasy with the idea but soon caught on to the surprise as we made our way up the steep, grand driveway.

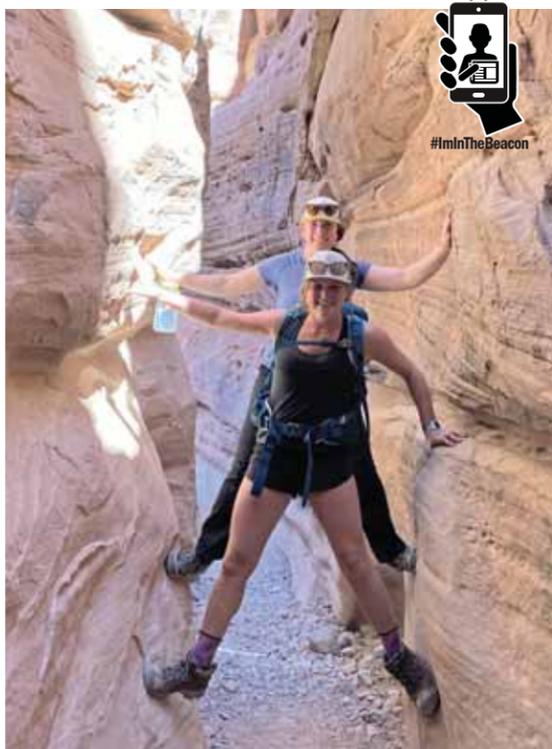
"Dave announced we would be spending the day at the home of his dear friend Monique, who later toured us around her property and studio. Monique started building the home in 1974 alongside her late husband and brother as the architect. The place was in shambles with the exception of the chapel, utilized by monks back in the day (11th century).

"Monique was smiley and welcomed us into her home with warm open arms. Her French rolled off her tongue and was soothing to listen to; Dave would translate for us, and we instantly fell in love with her.

"Her gallery had us in awe. It was magical, making a connection with someone regardless of a language barrier...

"After a long picnic, we parted ways to establish our own painting spots. Dave, Trin, Thomas, and I hiked down to a seemingly luscious field of green grass; a farmer driving by in a tractor would later enlighten us with the knowl-

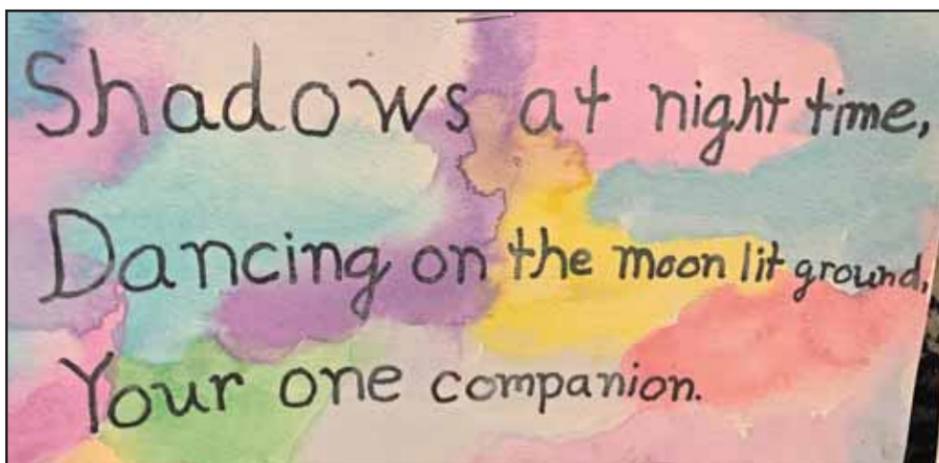
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Andover's Maura Kelly '22 (alongside Hayse Broom '23) on Proctor's Mountain Classroom off-campus study program in Nevada this April. Photo Jeffrey Prado

Proctor en Segovia (Segovia, Spain), Mountain Classroom (American Southwest), and Proctor en Monteverde (Monteverde Region, Costa Rica).

Three Andover students are studying off-campus this spring, as Elliot Norris '23 studies in Spain, Ella Make-



Audrey Leith, a sixth-grader at AE/MS, wrote this haiku (a three-line Japanese poem of 17 syllables) in Ms. Bent's class. Photo: Jen Bent



Proctor Academy's Johnson Family Sugar House was in full swing this spring, producing more than 45 gallons of syrup. Here Proctor students and Woodlands Manager and Forest Science Teacher Laura Ostrowsky draw finished syrup during Project Period in March. Photo Lindsey Allenby

## Proctor's Johnson Family Sugarhouse Boils About 45 Gallons

For sale in the bookstore in Maxwell Savage Hall

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's Johnson Family Sugar House was in full swing throughout March and into early April, bottling about 45 gallons of syrup over the course of the season, while also giving away quite a few samples and maple candy.

Woodlands Manager and Forestry Teacher Laura Ostrowsky led the operation with significant help from Chris Jones '04 and Jim Cox. The group hung 100 buckets around campus and 125 taps on tubing in the sugarbush by the Proctor Ski Area this year. As always, more than two dozen students were involved in the sugaring operation this year through Project Period, Woods Team, and Forest Science class.

Overall, it was a fantastic season! Proctor syrup is for sale in the Proctor Bookstore in Maxwell Savage Hall.

## Andover's Oliver Andrews Performs at All-State Music Festival

KRHS sophomore qualified sixth in state

Press release

Violinist Oliver Andrews of Andover, a Kearsarge Regional High School (KRHS) sophomore, was selected to perform at the New Hampshire All-State Music Festival. Oliver auditioned for the Festival in November and qualified for the All-State Orchestra, scoring sixth in the state. The Orchestra performed at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord on April 9 during Festival Weekend.

This is the second year in a row that Oliver has qualified for the Festival.

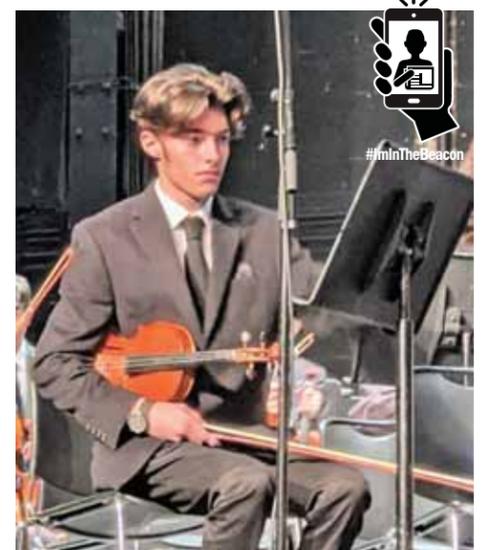
Oliver began studying violin when he was three years old. He is immersed in the arts, both in KRHS and the region. He regularly performs in music competitions and plays and was KRHS Poetry Out Loud champion in 2021.

At age 12, he performed in a string ensemble from the Upper Valley Music Center that played at the inauguration of Governor Chris Sununu.

The Festival is organized by the New Hampshire Music Educators Association, a state association of the National Association for Music Education. NHMEA promotes the development of

music educators and the advancement of all forms of music creation, performance, and literacy.

"The All-State Music Festival showcases the best high school musicians in



KRHS sophomore Oliver Andrews of Andover Photo: Kearsarge Regional School District

New Hampshire, and performing in it as a freshman and sophomore is a special accomplishment," Kearsarge Regional School District Superintendent Winfried Feneberg said. "Congratulations to Oliver and to all in our Music Department who have worked so hard to support our students in the performing arts."

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