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Award Winning Composer Morton Gould's Daughter Shares Insight with High School Symphonic Band

“Morton Gould is one of the most famous and prolific of American composers, and a multi-Grammy winner and Kennedy Center Honoree,” shared Garden City High School music teacher and Symphonic Band director, Daniel DellaMonica. “The students are performing one of his pieces, ‘Mini Suite,’ at their Spring Concert on May 25th, which was written for Gould’s daughters’ birthdays.” Mr. DellaMonica has performed with the Nassau Pops Symphony Orchestra and the American Music Abroad Wind Ensemble, where he met Abby G. Burton, Morton Gould’s daughter, when she presented as a guest speaker. “Whenever Mrs. Burton speaks, she always reminds everyone that the ‘G.’ as her middle initial stands for her father’s last name, ‘Gould.’”

During Mrs. Burton’s visit in early April, she provided insight on Gould’s “Mini Suite” while relaying the composer’s intentions. Mrs. Burton shared her father’s creative

process and his historical significance. “She was an inspirational speaker who motivates others to learn and to grow, whether it be through music or through other parts of life. Mrs. Burton’s love of music and passion for her father’s life work was surely passed on to our Symphonic Band students at Garden City High School!”

“Every time I’ve worked with Mrs. Burton, she consistently is able to ‘bring her father into the room’ with her anecdotes and joke-filled stories about him. She definitely inspired our students to continue to grow as individuals, through her passion for music and her love of life’s journey. I even heard one student say that she was one of the most down to earth visitors that he has ever met, and that she was an inspiration.”