

# Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation



Summer 2012 Newsletter

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## A letter from Jamie's family ...

They say the neon lights are bright on Broadway; They say there's always magic in the air... You don't have to travel to New York City to feel the magic – come and celebrate the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation's 10th anniversary on September 8, 2012 and enjoy the perfect harmonies and witty rapport of The Broadway Boys. Their set list is a combination of old favorites and contemporary show stoppers brought to life by an infusion of Pop, Funk, Gospel, Jazz and Folk.



Our *Evening for the Arts* will also showcase some of many talented young people who have become a part of our foundation family through our scholarship and grant programs. Master of Ceremonies extraordinaire, David Raffauf, will be on hand to add his own

brand of magic to the evening. Our silent auction with more than 150 items is sure to have something for everyone. And just when you thought it couldn't get any better, there will be a 3-D cake by Carlos Bakery-TLC's Cake Boss and *Jamie ARTinis* on our bar menu as a special toast to our tenth.

We have exciting news to share. The foundation received a \$1,000 grant from Yale University's Philanthropy in Action seminar. Yale professor Maxim Thorne led a class of undergraduates through the difficult decision process involved in socially responsible and effective philanthropic giving. Proposals from 124 international, national & local non-profit organizations were considered and the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation was one of only 10 organizations chosen for funding. The \$1,000 will be dedicated to a school grant for a New Haven school. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Maxim, our tenacious student advocate, Marios Falaris, and the Yale PIA seminar students for this honor.

~ Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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## Our Talented Foundation Family

Each year a very talented group of up and coming artists and performers join our foundation family through our many scholarship programs. We are very proud to announce Amity seniors Rachel Skalka and Allie Stack, both from Woodbridge CT, are the 2012 recipients of the Jamie A.



Rachel Skalka

Hulley Theatre Arts Scholarship and the Jamie A. Hulley Studio Arts Scholarship. A veteran of many Amity Creative Theatre productions, Rachel was last seen in *Legally Blonde* in the role of Elle Woods' preppy arch-rival Vivienne Kensington. Rachel will be pursuing a degree in theatre at Muhlenberg College. Among her many accomplishments,



Allie Stack

Allie's artist talent can be seen in the National Art Honors Society's community service mural projects at the Amity Teen Center and Surreybrook Preschool. Allie will be attending the Maine College of Art this fall.

The 2012 recipient of the Jamie A. Hulley Senior Art Thesis Stipend at Wesleyan University was Jamaican-born Kamar Thomas. Kamar created a vibrant 7-painting thesis series entitled "me myself & i" – each painting was a 6' x 6' facial self portrait. To create the paintings, Kamar covered his face in paint, took a photograph which he edited in photoshop, and then used that image as the basis of the painting. According to Kamar, these large-head self portraits reflect a search for identity – staying

connected to his Jamaican past while navigating his present life in the United States. He describes the work as an exploration of the flexibility what identity really is, "my skin is dark ... but if you paint it, then what is it?" Kamar's artwork is unique, breathtaking, and any other superlative you can think of (see [www.kamarthomas.com](http://www.kamarthomas.com)). The amazing part of his story is that Kamar had little formal training in art until coming to the U.S. four years ago to attend Wesleyan. We are honored that Kamar agreed to design the Jamie A. Hulley Art Foundation's 10th anniversary commemorative *ART IS LIFE* tee shirt.



Kamar Thomas - me myself & i

"The first time her laughter unfurled its wings in the wind, we knew that the world would never be the same."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Jamie A Hulley Arts Foundation's TENTH anniversary gala benefit ...

*An Evening for the Arts*

Saturday, September 8, 2012

Regina A. Quick Center at Fairfield University

*featuring*

### **The Broadway Boys** Masters of Ceremonies David Raffauf

6 p.m. pre-show reception & silent auction; 7:30 p.m. performance

\$40 in advance \$45 at the door

For information: 203-891-8869, [jamicart@snet.net](mailto:jamicart@snet.net)

### Square Foot Theatre presents:

*Annie, Jr*

(children's company)

August 9 - 11, 2012

*The Little Mermaid, Jr*

(youth & adult companies)

August 23 - 26, 2012

For tickets & information: 203-464-8212

## Community Collaboration



5, 6, 7, 8 ... ready for school

Children learn the skills they need for school success such as paying attention, listening skills, following rules, turn taking, motor control, and cooperative play. The children begin to appreciate rhyming, letter sounds, colors and numbers as they move to the music and mark their places on the dance floor. Understanding concepts such as up-down, fast-slow, under-over, etc. unfolds naturally as the children move to the beat. Little boys learn that dancing is something they can do and that they can enjoy. Best of all, the children gain a sense of self-confidence and pride as they learn to plie, tendu, curtsy and bow. Educational research tells us that as many as 50% of children living in low-income urban areas enter kindergarten without the skills necessary to succeed. The children at Bulls Head Hollow got ready for school and had fun doing it!

One of the most rewarding collaborations we have is with the New England Ballet Company (Orange CT). For the past two years, we have granted NEBC the funding to provide a 20-week *School Readiness through Dance* program to preschoolers attending Action for Bridgeport Community Development's Bulls Head Hollow Head Start program. The



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## School Grants Update

The impact of the foundation's school grants program can be seen throughout the state with projects funded in 14 towns and 23 different schools in the past five years. These teacher-initiated projects all seek to enhance the curriculum through the arts by providing students with an opportunity to work alongside a professional studio artist, musician, author, dancer, actor, etc.



Seth Haley School

Seth Haley School's (West Haven) grant involved a two-day art experience with cartoonist Ernie Conte. The event marked the culmination of several weeks of art exercises using different mediums. Ernie shared stories from his career as an illustrator and guided the children as they created simple cartoons of their own. Day 2 highlights included a school-wide art exhibit, hands-on art projects, and performances by Music Haven's children's orchestra, Irish singer John Whelan, the Mulkerin School of Irish Dance, and West Haven High School's Bel Canto a cappella choir.

St Mary-St Michael School (Derby) joined forces with the Valley Arts Council to provide a 6-week after school arts enrichment program. The program began with a trip to the Yale Art Gallery to expose the children to the painting styles of the Masters and it culminated with a student art exhibit at Gallery 37 in Derby.



St Mary-St Michael

Spearheaded by Turkey Hill School all three Orange elementary schools were able to bring the 6th grade social studies curriculum to life with two sessions with martial arts instructor

Master Jack and his students from Wu Dang Kung Fu Academy. This program was part of a multidisciplinary study of East Asia including an exploration of brush painting in Art classes and Haiku poetry in Language Arts classes.



Turkey Hill School

Third graders at St Francis-St Rose of Lima School (New Haven) learned about the art of story writing as they worked with two visiting artists/authors over a 6 month period to write and illustrate their own chapter book. Themes varied from encounters with aliens from outer space to more serious topics such as the feeling of not belonging and bullying. Each book was dedicated to a young woman the children had never met but who clearly had touched their lives – Jamie Alaine Hulley.

There is only one problem with our grant programs – the number of outstanding requests received from schools and community groups exceeds our funding capabilities. Our 10th anniversary "I'm in for 10" giving campaign goal is to raise \$20,000 for our grant programs. Many thanks to all who have donated – we've reached 30% of our goal. For every grant that goes unfunded hundreds of students and young people miss out on enriching learning experiences in the arts. Help us reach our goal & support the arts with a tax-deductible contribution of \$10 (or some multiple thereof).



St Francis-St Rose of Lima