

Jamie A. Hulley

Arts Foundation

Summer 2015 Newsletter

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A letter from Jamie's family ...

This year's annual *Evening for the Arts* is one not to be missed ... a mix of irresistible hit tunes made famous by our favorite Jersey Boys and brought to life by the high-spirited cast of OH WHAT A NIGHT! A Musical Tribute to Frankie Valli & The



Four Seasons. The Las Vegas-based group comes with a pedigree of sold-out national and international tours. They are the #1 Valli-Four Seasons tribute band in the country that we are fortunate enough to have booked only because they are playing in Atlantic City the night before our Saturday, September 12, 2015 date. Be prepared to sing along to those instantly recognizable classic songs, *Sherry*, *Big*

Girls Don't Cry, *Walk Like A Man*, *Can't Take My Eyes Off You*, *My Eyes Adored You*, *Working My Way Back To You*, *Let's Hang On*, *Who Loves You*, and many more. The Gala also showcases the talents of our scholarship and program recipients. Masterminding the evening's festivities is Jared Brown the Artist Director of Square Foot Theatre in Wallingford as Masters of Ceremonies and, serving as co-host and auctioneers, the Directors of Amity Creative Theatre, Rob and Andrea Kennedy. As always, you can expect to find a wide variety of "must have" auction and raffle items to tickle your fancy.

It is hard to believe that it has been thirteen years since Jamie left this life. It is also hard to believe that this foundation that began with the humble goal of giving away "a few scholarships" at Jamie's alma maters has grown into an organization that has given away nearly \$700,000 in scholarships, grants, and educational programs that touch the lives of thousands of young people each year. Jamie always said, "What would I want with small dreams?" We would like to thank ALL of you for helping us to "dream big" and to create this very vibrant legacy for Jamie.

~ Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley

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



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New Theater Ventures

Jamie loved to perform and her foundation's funded program's goal is to use the performing arts as a vehicle for learning - learning academics, learning about human emotions, learning about who you are and who you want to become. This year, we sponsored three new theater programs and, true to our commitment to forming meaningful relationships, we plan to continue helping these programs to grow next year.



Bethany's Magic Storybook

to try something new." The program will be expanded next year to include more students.

We gave a start-up grant to Amity Middle School-Bethany for an after school theater club, the Spartan Players. Enlisting the expertise of Square Foot Theatre's Jared Brown & Patrick Laffin and AMS teachers,



The Spartan Players

Keith Smolinski & Rob Fragione, 40 students put on a production of *Xanadu, Jr.*, practicing new musical theater skills, gaining self-confidence, while learning a bit about Greek mythology along the way. Students are looking forward to next year's program and the foundation is committed to be a sponsor.



SMDPA's Godspell

Our most ambitious new program was a full-year after school theater program at St Martin de Porres Academy in New Haven. Square Foot Theatre's Patrick Laffin met with students weekly with the first half of the year focused on building basic theatre skills such as improvisation, voice projection, body language, as well as exploring the more personal realm of emotional expression and emotional self-regulation. The second half of the year involved applying those skills to produce the school's first musical theater production - *Godspell, Jr.* Many of the teachers in the audience were brought to tears, "You just can't imagine what a personal triumph it is for these kids to have dedicated so much positive energy into this project given the personal challenges some of them are dealing with in their daily lives."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jamie A Hulley Arts Foundation's
THIRTEENTH annual gala benefit ...

An Evening for the Arts

Saturday, September 12, 2015
Regina A. Quick Center at Fairfield University
featuring



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

\$45 in advance \$50 at the door

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FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday, November 7, 2015

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 292 Orange St., New Haven
Crafters & Venders – to reserve a space \$30
contact Sonja, email: sonjaemt@yahoo.com



... A Dream Coming True

When we first met Jared Brown and Patrick Laffin in 2006 their dream was to start their own community theater. Was this meeting a coincidence? We think not! Because what we learned after brief introductions was that Jared and Jamie had performed together in *Godspell* in 1997 at the Shubert Theatre in New Haven. Long story short, Square Foot Theatre has produced 40 shows since its inception in 2007 and Jamie's Foundation has been the proud Headlining Sponsor of each and every one. In October, SFT will be cutting the ribbon on its new cabaret-style theater space at 950 Yale Ave in Wallingford. You won't want to miss this exciting season featuring their adult, teen and children's companies: *Rocky Horror Picture Show* (Oct 3-31), *Fame Jr* (Dec 4-13), *Spring Awakening* (Jan 5-10), *The Vagina Monologues* (Feb 18-21), *The Full Monty* (Mar 11-19), *Seussical Jr* (Apr 29-May 8), *Aida* (Jun 3-19), & *Children of Eden* (Aug 9-14). Check www.squarefoottheatre.com for ticket and audition information. Jared & Patrick, Break a Leg!

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2015 Scholarships & Legacy Awards

This year three very talented individuals were chosen by the Amity High School teaching staff to receive our four-year partial scholarships in Studio Art and in Theater Arts. The recipient of the Studio Art Scholarship, Cynthia Celone,



Kevin Durkee as Sweeney Todd

is no stranger to us. Four years earlier as an 8th grader, Cynthia was selected by Amity Middle School to receive the Jamie Hulley Art Award. Cynthia will be attending Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts in the fall. Amity Creative Theater's Kevin Durkee and Addie Robbins were chosen for our theater scholarship. Kevin, who wowed the audience as a sophomore in the title role of *Sweeney Todd*, will be joining the theater

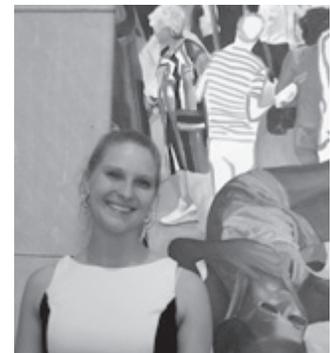


Addie Robbins as Tarzan's Jane

program at Western Connecticut State University and Addie, who charmed us all with her portrayal of Jane Porter in Amity's 2015 production of *Tarzan*, is off to James Madison University theater department in the fall. The foundation is currently working with Amity faculty to craft a college scholarship opportunity in film for 2016.

Our legacy awards were designed to celebrate the places and experiences that had a significant impact on Jamie's development. Each of these awards is accompanied by a gift certificate or a cash award. At Racebrook School, the Jamie Hulley Creative Arts Award was presented to Jaclyn Nordyk. Amity Middle School's Jamie Hulley Art Award went to Elaina Ferraro who just two years before took home the Racebrook School award. Shelby Acampora was chosen for the Creative Spirit Award at Amity High School. And at the Lee Lund Dance Studio in Milford CT, the Jamie Hulley Intro to Performing Workshop Award was shared by five talented young dancers, Stephanie Caron, Caroline Chen, Melissa Heiter, Mia Kiska & Alaina McCarvill.

At Wesleyan University \$500 stipends are awarded to help defray the costs of two activities that Jamie never seemed to have enough money for ... art supplies and travel. This year two Senior Art Thesis Stipends were awarded to Concord NH native Sarah Koppelkam & Joseph Stella



Sarah Koppelkam

from Bethesda MD. Sarah created a series of large-scale oil paintings cleverly depicting humans engaged in typical activities outside of their



Joseph Stella

logical, expected contexts. Joe's work was an eclectic collection work using multiple artistic mediums in clever juxtaposition. Three students, Jessica Katzen, Mizael Robledo & Abigail Schnyder received the \$500 Bologna Travel Stipend to help them to enjoy exploring Italy like Jamie did as a Wesleyan student.