

# Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation



Summer 2013 Newsletter

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

The 2013 *Evening for the Arts* benefit committee is busy preparing another amazing night of song and celebration for all. Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday September 7, 2013. This year our goal is to fill every seat in the house so we are asking all of the foundation's loyal supporters to bring a friend and introduce them to the work that we do. The Broadway Boys will be back this year with a new list of your favorite show tunes. As always, the evening will begin with a reception and silent auction preview. We have some amazing one-of-a-kind items that you won't want to miss as well as our usual array of gorgeous jewelry, artwork, sports and Hollywood memorabilia, theatre tickets, and baskets filled with themed treasures. The performance part of the evening will kick off with a showcase of talented youth who have participated in one of the foundation's sponsored programs. But the big question is, with David Raffauf "on leave" from his decade-long stint as Master of Ceremonies, who will run the show? Our lips are sealed. You will have to come and see.

There is very exciting news to report from Jamie's alma mater Wesleyan University. While Jamie's classmates traveled to Middletown CT for their 10th reunion, we received a request for permission to have a portrait of Jamie commissioned to hang in the Usdan Center. The portrait is being painted by our 2011 art thesis stipend recipient Olivia Parkes and will hang in meeting room #108 alongside a framed print of Jamie's 35x38 oil painting, *Captured Beauty*, which the foundation donated to Wesleyan five years ago to commemorate the class of 2003's fifth reunion.

We agree with the Beatles that we get by with a little help from our friends. A special shout out to Melissa Mulligan (mymmvs.com) and her vocal students for the fundraiser held in March to benefit Jamie's Foundation. Thanks also to the students and staff of Fairfield Prep for their MITE Box donation and to Peter Landecker for choosing Jamie's foundation to receive the preview night profits from *Long Time Gone: Words & Music by Bob Dylan* performed in January at Lyric Hall in New Haven. And kudos to Square Foot Theatre & Amity Creative Theatre for their unwavering support of our *Evening for the Arts* auction efforts.

~ Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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## Scholarships and Awards 2013

More scholarship and award recipients are being added to our foundation family. The recipient of our four-year partial college scholarship in theater is Peter Charney and Hannah Medovnikov was awarded our studio art scholarship. These students were chosen by the faculty at Amity High School for their exceptional talent, dedication to their craft, and contributions to the larger school community. Peter will be attending Hofstra University blending his love of theater and film. This year Peter gave an emotionally riveting performance as Ken Harrison in Amity's dramatic production of *Whose Life is It Anyway?* His brilliant portrayal of Toby in



Peter Charney

Amity's spring musical *Sweeney Todd* won him top honors as the Best Supporting Actor at the Connecticut High School Musical Theater Awards. Hannah will be studying art and art history at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Hannah served as the co-president of Amity's National Art Honor Society and was the driving force behind the Empty Bowls Project. This past year, Hannah showed her work in three exhibits and her AP Studio Art project explored the theme of the human figure and its expressive qualities in classical sculpture reinterpreted into a 2-dimensional mixed media format. The Jamie Hulley Creative Spirit Award is given to a senior who consistently brings enthusiasm, commitment, and joy to Amity's art program. This year the faculty's unanimous choice was Julia Marciano who will be studying at Smith College next year.



Hannah Medovnikov

Amity's 9th annual Film Festival featured the work many outstanding young film makers. The foundation sponsored \$1,600 in cash prizes. Jake White's *Wilted* took the honors for Best Long Film. The most enthusiastic audience response went to Steffie Sandoval's



Amity Film Festival

Best Music Video, *Smile*. Other winners were Josh Hess (Best Documentary); Josh Shaperow, Josh Timpko & Eric Goodman-Strycula (Best Short Film); Lindsay Wiener, Tricia Thompson & Peter Charney

(Best Music Video). Awards at the 9th grade level were given for Best "20 Shots" film (Christina Genovese, Alexandra Morgan, Kayla Metzger), Best Public Service Announcement Ryan Metzger, Ryan Chizmadia, John Szoke, Mike Hart), and Best Story Set to Music (Grayson Arndt, Noah Simon, Kerry Wolff, Wendy Zahn).

## UPCOMING EVENT

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

*An Evening for the Arts*

Saturday, September 7, 2013  
Regina A. Quick Center at Fairfield University  
featuring

*the*  
**broadwayboys**

back by popular demand with a new set of show tunes  
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, jamieart@snet.net

## Learning through Dance

Dance was a featured art form in several of our foundation programs this year. We are excited to announce we have evidence-based outcomes to document our success. For the past two years, the Bridgeport preschoolers enrolled in our 20-week *School Readiness through Dance* program exhibited significantly greater gains in cognitive, language, and social emotional skills compared to a group of matched peers. This program is a collaborative project with Action for Bridgeport Community Development and the New England Ballet Company. Learning through the arts is not only fun, it unleashes the learning potential of all children.



*Ready for school*



*Racebrook Stars*

For a fourth year, fifth graders at Racebrook School in Orange CT enjoyed a six week program in Ballroom Dancing led by Kristie Entwistle ([www.ballroomexp.com](http://www.ballroomexp.com)). They learned the rumba, tango, merengue and swing as well as the cultural background associated with each dance. At the annual *Dancing with the Racebrook Stars* showcase for families, classic ballroom steps were executed to the modern beat of popular Michael Jackson hits. A special treat was a performance by the "Orange All-Stars." These children were so inspired by the

Racebrook program last year that they formed a their own group and continued to study ballroom dancing with Ms Entwistle. Taking a risk at trying something new and becoming inspired by the arts is certainly what Jamie's Foundation strives for!

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

## Grants for the Good

The primary mission of the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation is to provide educational opportunities in the arts. Our school grants program focuses on using the visual & performing arts as a means of breathing a little creative life into the test-focused traditional curriculum. Also key to our mission is to encourage young artists to use their talents for the well-being of the larger community. This spirit is embodied in two of our grant-sponsored projects this year. These two projects are particularly special because they were organized and run by groups of caring and community-minded high school students.



*Grace Academy at Hartford Stage*

Students from East Catholic High School in Manchester CT used our funding to create a year-long after-school arts program at Grace Academy, an independent school providing tuition-free education to girls from low-income families residing in Hartford's inner city neighborhoods. Every week, six women student leaders from ECHS provided

instruction to 30 Grace Academy students, grades 6-8, in dance, drawing, painting, voice, music, digital photography, and theater. The study of each art medium culminated with some type of special event including master classes with ECHS teachers, attending a performance of the *Nutcracker*; and being introduced to Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* at the Hartford Stage. The ECHS program seeks to inspire Grace Academy women to "dream big" and to become successful life-long learners. The arts are a perfect vehicle to achieve those goals. This is the second year Jamie's Foundation has sponsored this inspiring program.

This spring, Amity High School's National Honors Arts Society held an "Empty Bowls" event to benefit the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen in New Haven, CT. The basic idea of an Empty Bowls event is that artists use their talent to help those in need. Ceramic bowls were created and people from the local community were invited to purchase a bowl and enjoy a modest meal of soup and bread. Art students worked for five months making and glazing bowls. Advanced culinary students created a choice of three delicious soups. Jamie's Foundation funded the cost of the materials needed to make both bowls and soup. The event's \$1,300 profit was donated to the Soup Kitchen. Empty Bowls was so successful that another is being planned for fall 2013.



*Empty Bowls at Amity HS*

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