

Jamie A. Hulley

Arts Foundation

Summer 2014 Newsletter

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A letter from Jamie's family ...

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to sing! Our annual *Evening for the Arts* gala benefit features an unforgettable journey back to the Motown era led by the most amazing array of seasoned musicians and singers you ever want to experience - Dr. K's Motown Revue. The evening will be filled with songs etched into our hearts by Motown greats, Diana Ross, Marvin Gaye, the Four Tops, the Temptations, Martha Reeves, and more. The evening begins with our traditional silent auction preview with complimentary beverages and light hors d'oeuvres. The auction features something for everyone - a vacation getaway, a sunrise hot air balloon ride, sports, theatre and concert tickets including coveted Tom Petty & the Heartbreaker tix, sports & Hollywood memorabilia, works of art, jewelry, baskets of goodies, and anything you need for a party - a band, a magician, boxed lunch for 20, and more! The evening also features a showcase of the talents of our scholarship and program recipients. Orchestrating the event is Square Foot Theatre's Artistic Director & Master of Ceremonies, Jared Andrew Brown, and our Auctioneering Duet, the Directors of Amity Creative Theatre, Rob & Andrea Kennedy.

September marks our twelfth year of operation. In that time we have provided over one-half million dollars in scholarships, educational programs, and grants to community groups and early career professionals. We have accomplished more than we ever could have dreamed. However, we now find ourselves at a point where the opportunities for expanding our work in interesting and important directions exceed our current resources. We need your help to make our vision for expansion come true. There are many ways to help: monetary donations are an obvious choice but you can also support us by including us in your estate planning or by giving a donation in someone's name as a birthday gift, a wedding gift, a memorial gift, etc. Take advantage of your employer's matching funds. Donate a portion of your eBay sales to us through eBay's PayPal Giving Fund or a portion of your Amazon.com purchases through the AmazonSmile program. For local Connecticut residents, clean out your homes and bring your unwanted new or gently used items to Helping Hands Community Thrift Store in Orange or North Haven (www.helpinghandsctfb.com). All of the above are tax deductible ways to support the arts through the work of the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation.

~ Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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Scholarship Awards for 2014

We are so proud of our foundation family's scholarship students. Connor Deane graduated from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Connor played RF Simpson in *Singing in the Rain* and made his directorial debut as Associate Director of CCM's production of *Les Miserables*. Connor has signed with an agent and is busy auditioning in NYC. Currently he is producing a musical theater training program for teens called Broadway Method Academy. Rachel Skalka transferred to Boston University and performed as a member of the student run theater group *On Broadway* and the a cappella group *The Allegrettos*. At Hofstra University, Peter Charney spent the year honing his skills as a sound designer, stage manager, writing & directing plays as well as landing a featured role in the musical *Bare: A Pop Opera*. Most recently, Peter was the Assistant Director for playwright Chip Deffaa's *Irving Berlin's America* at NYC's 13th Street Repertory. Isabelle Sanchez had a successful junior year at Rhode Island School of Design showing her paintings in an exhibit called *Subliminal Spaces*. Maine College of Art rising junior Allie Stack has happily settled into a ceramics major and exhibited her work in three different shows on the campus. After a successful first year in Asheville, NC, Hannah Medovnikov transferred to Southern Connecticut State University to continue her art major. Welcome back to Connecticut Hannah!



Jeremy Wolin

Our 2014 college scholarship recipients are Jeremy Wolin and Shaylen Harger. Jeremy was accepted into the dual program at Brown University & Rhode Island School of Design. A talented artist of many mediums (although sculpture is his favorite), Jeremy received three prestigious high school portfolio awards at the regional, state and national levels.

Shaylen will be studying Musical Theater at Western Connecticut State University. Shaylen's portrayal of Nina Rosario in Amity High School's production of *In the Heights* won her a Connecticut High School Musical Theater Awards' nomination for Best Actress. Her pitch-perfect, sweet yet powerful vocals are Broadway quality. She is on her way to the Great White Way.



Shaylen Harger

Also of note, Haejin Park received the 2014 Jamie Hulley Creative Spirit award. At the 2014 Amity film festival, ten students won scholarship prizes including sophomore Noah Simon for Best Long Form Film entitled *Alignment*. Noah's short film *Skyboy* captivated the audience at our 2013 *Evening for the Arts* gala. Budding percussionists Jose Falcone enjoyed a year of drum lessons with the Maria & Stanley Gellis Music Scholarship. This summer, 18 young thespians will be following in Jamie's footsteps at the Missoula Children's Summer Theater Camp at Fairfield University with full tuition scholarships.

UPCOMING EVENT

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

An Evening for the Arts

Saturday, September 6, 2014

Regina A. Quick Center at Fairfield University

featuring

DR. K'S MOTOWN REVUE



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

\$40 in advance \$45 at the door

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Thank you from the Jamie Hulley Early Learning Center



The Jamie A. Hulley Early Learning Center, one of Action for Bridgeport Community Development's early childhood educational sites located at 460 Lafayette St. in Bridgeport, is home to 165 active, curious 3 and 4 year olds. They love to

learn and, thanks to the generosity of several local schools and community groups, they are better prepared for kindergarten. Hundreds of books, educational games, and art materials were gathered and donated. A special thank you goes out to three Orange schools – Racebrook School, Mary L. Tracy School and Peck Place School and to the members of the Northeast Baseball School. It was a special treat when the young men from the NBS came to the center and spent the afternoon reading to the children.



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

Theater - the Jamie way

It was a great year for our sponsored theater ventures. Production grants to Amity Creative Theatre helped produce *12 Angry Jurors* and *In the Heights*. Our visiting artists program provided a workshop with veteran actor Michael Boland



Amity Creative Theatre

who performed in *Jurors* on and off Broadway. Breathtaking is the only word to describe the set, the costumes, the music, the acting – everything related to *In the Heights*. Kahari Blue brought home the CT High School Musical Theater's Outstanding Featured Performer award for his portrayal of Piragua Guy.



Square Foot Theatre

Square Foot Theatre 2014 season began with three crowd-pleasing productions - *Xanadu*, *Hairspray*, and *9 to 5*. The foundation has been SFT's headlining sponsor since its inception in 2007 and according to Artistic Director, Jared Andrew Brown, the foundation's support has been "crucial in providing opportunities for actors from all over the state to showcase their talents." SFT's summer season includes, *Cinderella*, *Once on this Island*, and *Les Miserables*. For information: www.squarefoottheatre.com

Theatre Fairfield students spent their winter break directing, designing and producing the emotionally riveting *Gruesome Playground Injuries*. Director Ashley Ruggerio describes the experience as "empowering ... it showed us that the career we have chosen really is something we can actually do." In keeping with the foundation's tradition of "paying it forward," the proceeds from the show were donated to an art program at a local psychiatric treatment facility.



Theatre Fairfield



Prep Players

Our school grants program aim at encouraging students to learn by trying try something new and that is just what happened when Fairfield Prep's theater teacher Megan Hoover brought in NYC's *The Neofuturists* for 2 days of theater workshops. Armed with a new set of improvisational skills, the 18-member Prep Players cast presented thirty 2-minute Neofuturist plays in 60 minutes entitled *Clockwork*, *Well, Satire, Too!* According to Hoover, "The whole process was a series of risks; they embraced each and every one and excelled outside of their comfort zone." The Prep Players were nominated for three Halo Awards (presented by Seven Angel Theatre in Waterbury to recognize excellence in high school theater work) and won for Best Ensemble Cast.

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