



Jamie A. Hulley Fund for the Arts

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Summer 2003 Newsletter

A letter from Jamie's family

As the summer months draw to a close, it is hard for us to believe that it was only a year ago that we welcomed Jamie home from her spring semester studies in Italy. She was effervescing with excitement about all of her adventures in Europe and all of the ideas she had for new artwork she wanted to paint and new stories she wanted to write. She was eager to continue exploring the musical talent she had rediscovered while in Italy and return to the stage for a few more stand-up comedy routines. She looked forward to hanging out with her old friends again and returning to Wesleyan University for her senior year. To our shock and horror, Jamie became very ill soon after she returned home and was diagnosed with lymphoma. She died on September 6, 2002 - just two weeks before her 21st birthday. It has truly been a challenge for our family to cope with Jamie's death. We could not have done it without the love and support of our family and friends. For all that you have done and continue to do, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

As most of you know, we have established the Jamie A. Hulley Fund for the Arts as a means of keeping Jamie's memory and spirit present in our daily lives. The Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing young artists with opportunities to explore their artistic talent and pursue their dreams. Each of the annual awards and scholarships reflects and important "artist experience" in Jamie's life. We would like to thank you for sharing our vision and helping us to get Jamie's Art Fund "up and running". We would also like to ask for your continued support of Jamie's Fund so that we can expand the annual awards and scholarship programs it sponsors. It is our hope that a little of Jamie's "sparkle" will live on through the work of the young artists touched by the Fund's programs. — *Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley*



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What Jamie's Fund has already accomplished . . .

The JAH Creative Arts Award at RaceBrook School in Orange, CT: a gift certificate for art supplies for a 6th grader from Jamie's elementary school. The 2003 award went to Eleni Waskiewicz.

The JAH Studio Art Award at Amity Junior High School in Orange, CT: a gift certificate for art supplies for a promising 9th grade artist. Brenna Harvey received the 2003 award.

The JAH Studio Art Scholarship at Amity Regional Senior High School in Woodbridge, CT: a monetary scholarship for a graduating senior & member of Amity's National Honor Art Society pursuing the study of art in college. The 2003 recipient is Crystal Ross who will be attending the University of Hartford.

The JAH Studio Art Senior Thesis Award at Wesleyan University: a monetary award to help defray the cost of materials needed to complete the senior thesis in studio art. The 2003 recipient is Joshua Weeks from New York City.

The JAH Travel Award at Wesleyan University: a monetary stipend for a Wesleyan student studying abroad in Bologna Italy. Jenni Conrad '04 received the spring '03 semester award & the award for fall '03 went to Samatha Schwartz '05.

The JAH Theater Scholarships to the Missoula Children's Theater Camp at Fairfield University: scholarships for children affiliated with Action for Bridgeport Community Development in Bridgeport, CT. Jordan Mathis (age 10), Carolyn Williams (age 9), Gernard Eaddy (age 9), and Jasmine Bailey (age 14) will attend the theater camp in August 2003.

The JAH Theatre Fairfield Production Gift at Fairfield University: The 2002-2003 monetary award sponsored Megan Bell, Marisa Marquez, Liz Capinera, and Angela Lewonczyk's senior project production of "Agnes of God".

Plans for future expansion of Jamie's Fund with your continued financial support ...

- Increase the number and amount of scholarships to graduating seniors at Amity High School
- Increase the number of scholarships for Bridgeport children to attend the summer theater camp at Fairfield University
- Establish a grants program for "artists in residence" programming in local schools
- Establish an arts internship stipend to underwrite living expenses for college students participating in non-paying art-related summer internships.
- Establish a scholarship for area high school students to attend art-related summer programs.
- Establish a studio art senior thesis award at Fairfield University similar to the existing award at Wesleyan University
- Establish a vibrant, hands-on arts program at newly dedicated Jamie A. Hulley Childcare Center in Bridgeport, CT.

UPCOMING EVENT

The Jamie A. Hulley Fund for the Arts FIRST annual benefit concert ...

Saturday, September 20, 2003
"Evening of Music and Comedy"

7 pm - reception & silent auction
8 pm - performance

Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University

Music by jazz trio, Brian Torff, Florence Melnotte,
& Theiry Arpino and comedy by Mike Morris

Ticket price \$35 To purchase tickets call 203-891-8869

Wesleyan Art Exhibit Celebrates Jamie's Life as An Artist

For one week, April 29 – May 4, 2003 Jamie's artwork was exhibited at the Zilkha Gallery at Wesleyan University. Jamie was able to have the one-woman art show that she had always dreamed of. The work on display reflected Jamie's search for identity, her talent for finding the beauty in others, her struggle with illness, and her penchant for the offbeat and whimsical. The positive energy that filled the space signaled Jamie's loving presence to all who knew her. Special thanks to our friends at Wesleyan who turned a dream into reality, to Joann Scinto for creating an extraordinary keepsake DVD, and to our many friends and family who came to share in the beautiful art Jamie gave us to enjoy.



Long-time friend Vicki Vinnitsky admires the section of the exhibit dedicated to Jamie's self-portrait work.

Jamie's Art Fund Website

A website featuring news about Jamie's Art Fund and pictures of her artwork is under construction. Look for it in the future at www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org



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

Bridgeport Childcare Center To Be Dedicated to Jamie

In a gesture of loving friendship to Jamie and her family, Action for Bridgeport Community Development has named their childcare center at 460 Lafayette St. in Bridgeport CT the Jamie A. Hulley Childcare Center. The Center provides Head Start, school readiness and daycare services to 150 preschool-age children in Bridgeport. Jamie's family is looking forward to working with site manger Hector Burgos and the Center's teaching staff to enhance ABCD's existing curriculum with additional programs in the creative arts. Jamie was always proud of the work her mother, Dr. Judy Primavera, and her colleagues at ABCD did to promote the healthy development of Bridgeport's young children. In life, Jamie had a profound impact on countless people. Through the Center, Jamie will continue to touch many lives.



Jamie enjoying the place she called "heaven" ... Italy's Amalfi Coast (May 2003)

Remembering Jamie ...

During this past year, Jamie was remembered in so many wonderful ways:

Jamie was remembered by the members Theatre Fairfield throughout their 2002-2003 season in their productions of *Pippin*, *Director's Cut*, and, of course, *Agnes of God*.

In April, Jamie's friends at Wesleyan University – Lauren Kirchner, Leila Estes, Betsy Ware, Sara Morrison, Katie Halper & Naomi Ekperigin performed in an all-woman comedy show "Seneca Falls Reunion Tour". They dedicated the show to Jamie in remembrance of the laughter she brought to all of us. According to Lauren, it was Jamie's idea to have the show in the first place – way back in their freshman year Jamie had convinced them that they should do an all woman senior show. The six comedienne played to a packed house and donated all of the proceeds to Jamie's Fund.

In May, Jamie's friends and classmates from Wesleyan's class of 2003 dedicated their senior class gift in Jamie's memory. A newly renovated, a state-of-the-art classroom in Fiske Hall sponsored by the class of 2003 will named in Jamie's honor.

In June, The Lee Lund Studio of Dance in Milford, CT dedicated their year-end concert, *Stepping Out 2003* to Jamie. Jamie danced at the studio under the loving tutelage of Lee Lund and Dennie Kirkpatrick for over ten years. Jamie's sister, Kari, is a member of the studio's Teen Company.