



Jamie A. Hulley Fund for the Arts

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Summer 2005 Newsletter

A letter from Jamie's family ...

The 2005 benefit committee is busy planning our 3rd annual "Evening for the Arts" to be held at the Regina A. Quick Center at Fairfield University on Saturday, September 10th. The show features an exciting dance-music line up. Back by popular demand is the Lee Lund Dance Studio's Teen Company. The dancers' performance is very special to our family. Jamie danced with Teen Company and Kari is a current member. Headlining the show will be the folk/rock duo *Aztec Two Step*. For over 30 years, Rex Fowler and Neil Shulman have been delighting audiences with their intelligent song-writing, dazzling lead acoustic guitar, and harmonies as close to perfect as two mortals can get. *Acoustic Live!* describes Aztec Two Step as "possibly the best acoustic duo in the world today." Expect to hear a mix of old favorites and new tunes from their recently released 8th studio album, *Days of Horses*. Rounding out the evening will be the playful banter of Master of Ceremonies David Raffauf, an array of amazing auction items, Jamie's artwork for sale, and bountiful food and drink. See you there!

Many people who never met Jamie have told us that through the work of her Arts Fund they feel as if they know her because her spirit seems so vibrant as it touches the lives of so many people. For those of us who did know and love Jamie, it does seem as if Jamie's Fund for the Arts mirrors her boundless energy and her generosity in sharing herself and her love of art with others. In only three years Jamie's Fund has expanded to include 14 different scholarship and artistic enrichment programs that have, in one way or another, impacted the lives of nearly 500 children, teens, and young adults. As a 7th grader writing the traditional "what I want to be when I grow up" essay, Jamie said that she wanted to be a famous artist who owned her own gallery; she hoped that one day people would want to own her artwork and *everybody* would know her name. (Jamie never had small dreams). Today, maybe not *everyone* knows her name, but those of us who do certainly count ourselves among the lucky ones.

– Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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Another Opening, Another Show

Jamie was an avid theater fan and talented performer. In celebration of Jamie's passion for the theater, annual production gifts are given to Theatre Fairfield at Fairfield University and the Amity High School Drama Club. Since 2003, Jamie's Fund has sponsored Theatre Fairfield's senior independent project. Graduating theater majors spend three weeks during January break totally immersed in honing their talent in every aspect of production.

Agnes of God was presented in 2003 and *Psycho Beach Party* in 2004. This year's project, *The Biggest & Brightest in Town*, was the first to be written by a student, Caitlin Davis from Woodbury CT. Cast member Jill Amato from Ramsey, NJ describes the experience, "The support of Jamie's Fund allowed us to act as our own production company and learn about the theater business first hand. It gave us the chance to do things we never thought possible, which made our story much more captivating to the audience. Very few theater students have opportunities like this." Indeed, it was an opportunity with great impact. According to playwright Cait Davis, "Having my play performed changed my life's goal greatly – now I know that I need to be a playwright. I need to follow my passion. Thank you for giving thirteen seniors an opportunity to explore an art where they have found their home and their hearts."



TF shines "Big" & "Bright"



Amity's Stage Door

The Amity Drama Club used its 2005 production gift to bring to life their performance of *Stage Door*. The monies were used to purchase authentic period clothing, thus transforming the Amity thespians into aspiring actors of New York City circa 1935. Faculty advisor, Maggie Barkin explains, "The result was a production in which the ensemble conveyed the time period with precision and beauty. We look forward to

honoring Jamie [in the future] by creating a theater experience she would have loved and which elevates the life of students in the Amity community." The fact that Jamie had a penchant for vintage clothing added a bit synergy to this first Amity collaboration. Kudos to the 54-member cast and crew!

UPCOMING EVENT

The Jamie A. Hulley Fund for the Arts
THIRD annual benefit ...

"An Evening for the Arts"

Saturday, September 10, 2005

Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University

Music by Aztec Two Step

Dance by Lee Lund Studio Teen Company

Master of Ceremonies David Raffauf

Pre-show reception & silent auction

Ticket price \$35

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Talking Heads Kick Off Music Unplugged Series



Weymouth & Frantz Unplugged

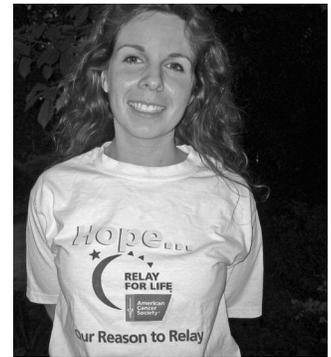
February 23, 2005 marked the beginning of Jamie's Art Fund's new *Musicians Unplugged* initiative featuring musicians Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth, aka drums and bass guitar of the 70's funk-rock band *Talking Heads* and freestyling 80's band *Tom Tom Club*. Chris and Tina shared stories of their musical careers to a gathering of 50 people ranging in age from

young teens to young-at-heart AARP eligibles. The couple discussed the inspiration for the creation of a host of *Talking Heads* and *Tom Tom Club* songs, and shared intriguing anecdotes about fellow musicians (including the infamous David Byrne) as well as their perceptions of the trends and changes in the music industry over the past 30 years. Chris and Tina's delightful sense of humor and personal warmth charmed the audience. In 2002, Tina & Chris were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame (with the *Talking Heads*) and they continue to create and perform their own music as well as produce records for a host of other musicians. The event was organized and moderated by the renowned jazz bassist (and director of Fairfield University's Music Program), Brian Torff. *Musicians Unplugged* was held on Fairfield University's campus and was free and open to the public. Jamie enjoyed exploring all types of music – rock, jazz, blues, new age, etc. and through the Unplugged program we hope to bring music and the music industry to life for both aspiring musicians and enthusiastic listeners.

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

Celebrating Jamie - Friends Help to Find a Cure

Jamie's spirit certainly lives on through the love of her friends. In memory of Jamie, three very dear friends devoted hundreds of hours of their time and countless drops of sweat to raise money to find a cure for cancer. In 2004, Vicki Vinnitsky participated in Cheshire CT's 24-hour *Relay for Life* walk-a-thon. Vicki's team raised \$6,500 and Vicki and her friends are planning a 2005



Vicki Vinnitsky

encore walk. Elyse Gottlieb and her father, Dr. Bruce Gottlieb, became members of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's *Team in Training* and raised \$4,700 by completing the 26-mile Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C in October



Bruce and Elyse Gottlieb

2004. Elyse is currently in training to participate in another TNT marathon this fall. Vicki and Elyse were long-time friends of Jamie but Dr. Amy Nuernberg only knew Jamie for two months. Amy was the doctor who admitted Jamie to the hospital and provided loving care throughout her illness. Taking time from her demanding doctor's schedule, Amy participated in the Lymphoma Society's *Team in Training* in Jamie's

memory. When Amy reached the finish line of the 26-mile Arizona Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in January 2005 she had raised \$3,938 for the cure. Altogether, over \$15,000 has been donated in Jamie's name so that someday young people like Jamie will be able to live their lives free of cancer. Those of us who remember Jamie's fondness for platform sneakers know that although she'd probably never run a marathon herself, she'd certainly be one of the most outrageously boisterous supporters waving her friends home at the finish line. Our heartfelt gratitude and our love go out to these three very special friends.



Amy Nuernberg

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