

Jamie A. Hulley

Arts Foundation

Summer 2007 Newsletter

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A letter from Jamie's family ...

Our logo has changed but our vision remains the same – to provide opportunities in the arts for young artists and early career professionals so that they may pursue their dreams. Indeed our success mirrors Jamie's vivacious spirit and capacity to make a difference in the lives of others.

These are busy times. We are preparing for our annual *Evening for the Arts* benefit featuring Beatlemania-The Tribute taking place on Saturday September 8th. This is a show you won't want to miss. All of the performers of the NYC-based band are alumni of the Broadway production or a national touring company. This is the real deal – costumes, British accents, and a left-handed Paul! There will be the usual array of scrumptious appetizers and smooth tasting wines for those attending the auction preview ... speaking of the auction, a week in St. Maarten, a money tree, jewelry, artwork, theater tickets, and sports memorabilia are just some of the fabulous items you can win. Certainly it is a great night for a great cause with 100% of the proceeds going to our scholarships and arts educational grants. Tickets are only \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Hope to see you there.

As usual there are many acts of kindness that need to be acknowledged. The Lee Lund Studio of Dance in Milford CT stimulates the imaginations of the children at the Jamie Hulley Early Learning Center by giving them bags of unused dance costumes for their pretend play dress-up and boxes of gently used books to support their emergent literacy skills. For the fourth year in a row, the students of Fairfield Prep have earmarked one of their MITE box collections to help support the summer theater scholarships for Bridgeport children. This year the Prep students raised \$378. This summer we are providing full scholarships for 13 Bridgeport children so Prep's helping hand is very much appreciated. We would be remiss if we did not mention the members of Fairfield University's Media Center, Jean Mathurin, Dave Grazynski, Jason Kapell, Steven Minnick, Brian Merry & Jim Mayzik, who hosted the students of Amity High School. Thank you for all of the time and effort given so generously to help expand the educational opportunities sponsored by Jamie's Foundation. And last but not least, we would like to thank our dear friend Ed Ross for his graphic genius that truly captures Jamie's spirit and presents it to the world for all to enjoy.

Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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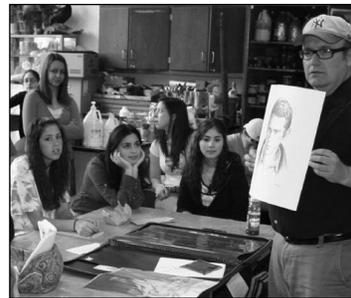
A Partnership for the Arts

In five years our original idea to "do something" with Amity High School's art program in Jamie's memory has grown into a vibrant partnership involving the art history, studio art, and digital video media programs as well as an annual scholarship award to a graduating member of the National Honors Arts Society. This year's scholarship recipient is Maeve Doolan who will pursue a career in art at Boston University. J.P. Culligan received the Creative Spirit Award in recognition his many contributions to Amity's art program.



Maeve Doolan

This year's visiting artist program included an eclectic look at the many career paths Amity art students might follow. Art historian Marice Rose shared her passion for Medieval art with a focus on France's Chartres Cathedral. Documentary film maker Chip Croft presented samples of his films while discussing his experiences as a director and cinematographer. The multi-talented Paul Heriot talked about his work as an illustrator, cartoonist, and animator. Sculptor Mark Andreas introduced the students to his massive kinetic metal "reactive sculptures" designed as commentary on the state of our environment.



Paul Heriot shows his stuff.

Jamie's Foundation also sponsored several field trips. Amity's Honors Art students traveled to Fairfield University to study classical vs. modern sculpture first by creating observational drawings of ancient Greek casts from the Parthenon period followed by a viewing of the National Sculpture Society's 2006 Award Exhibit. The foundation also underwrote the cost of admission to a special exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art for 42 students. Finally, 35 students in Amity's television and digital video media production classes spent the day touring Fairfield University's Media Center where they were given a comprehensive look at video production from pre-production story boards to post-production editing. The highlight of the day was a tour of the University's state-of-the-art media satellite truck. Amity Arts Chairperson Janice Holzer described the tour as "awe inspiring." According to Amity junior Mike Spear, "The trip was great. It opened our eyes to possible careers we hadn't thought of." Our vision for Jamie's Foundation is becoming a reality – it is exposing young artists to the world of possibilities, to the many paths they might follow to make their dreams come true.



Touring the satellite truck.

UPCOMING EVENT

Jamie A Hulley Arts Foundation's FIFTH annual benefit ...

"An Evening for the Arts"

Saturday, September 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
Regina A. Quick Center at Fairfield University
Fairfield, CT

featuring

BEATLEMANIA – The Tribute Masters of Ceremonies David Raffauf

Pre-show reception & silent auction starts at 6 p.m.

\$35 in advance \$40 at the door
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The Blues Unplugged

The Jamie Hulley Musicians Unplugged Series showcases popular musicians in an intimate informal setting to share their music and their behind-the-scenes stories of the music industry. 2005's event featured Tina Weymouth and Chris Franz of Talking Heads and Tom Tom Club fame. 2006's "Women in Music" presented the varied talents of Broadway performer Kimberly Jajuan, jazz vocalist Catherine Dupuis,



Naftalin, Torff & Jaimoe.

Quell added the sound of a bluesy tenor sax to the mix. Together with renowned bassist and director of Fairfield University's Music Program, Brian Torff, the musicians mesmerized the audience with some of the best blues you will ever hear this side of the Mississippi. According to one member of the audience, "The music was awesome, the stories those guys told about music in the 70's were amazing, I can't believe this was free!" The next unplugged event will combine American's love of movies and music with jazz interpretations of major movie themes. Mark your calendars for Monday October 1, 2007 at 7:30 pm in Fairfield University's Wien Theatre. Special thanks goes to Brian Torff for making this all happen.

and jazz pianist Florence Melnotte. 2007's "Blues in the Classroom" unplugged event featured former Paul Butterfield Blues Band keyboardist Mark Naftalin and the legendary Allman Brothers Band Drummer Jaimoe. Following our mission of providing opportunities for early career artists, Jarryd Torff and John

Paying It Forward



TF's *Inspector Hound*.

That is certainly the case with the members of Theatre Fairfield. Each year with a grant from Jamie's Foundation, a group of Fairfield University theater majors become their own independent production company producing *Agnes of God* in 2003, *Psycho Beach Party* in 2004, *The Biggest & Brightest in Town* in 2005, and *Beirut* in 2006. This year, a cast and crew of sixteen led by senior James DeSilvestri delighted audiences with their rendition of Tom Stoppard's one-act farce *The Real Inspector Hound*.



The thespians used the \$1,400 proceeds from the show to partially underwrite a Katrina Relief

Building homes in Waveland, Mississippi.

service trip to Waveland Mississippi. Waveland was a quaint historic seaside town of 10,000 before the eastern eyewall of Hurricane Katrina destroyed nearly every home, school, business, and public building. During the March spring break, 12 Theatre Fairfield delegates traveled to Waveland with hammer and nails and put their set construction skills



Race Brook students pay it forward.

is also happening at Jamie's alma mater, Race Brook School in Orange, CT. This spring as part of a Student Council service project, 1,500 gently used children's books were collected for the families of the 170 children enrolled at the Jamie A. Hulley Early Learning Center in Bridgeport, CT. The foundation sponsors an annual creative arts award at Race Brook recognizing the talents of exceptional 6th grade artists – Eleni Waskiewicz in 2003, Sarah Shanley in 2004, Kristina Karabinos in 2005, and Tessa Junas in 2006 – a very small seed blossoming into hours of literacy enrichment for children in Bridgeport.

to work building houses for displaced families. According to TF's technical director Susan Haggstrom, "the foundation's work in Jamie's memory is reaching far and wide and really making a difference in many lives."

Generously passing on opportunities to others



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