

Jamie A. Hulley

Arts Foundation

Winter 2008 Newsletter

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A letter from Jamie's family ...

The year 2007 has been a time of expansion - reflecting Jamie's belief in always dreaming big. The two most notable areas of growth are our grants programs. Our elementary school arts grant program offers \$1,000 to teachers who wish to enhance the traditional curriculum with hands-on experience in the visual and performing arts. The school grant program has grown from its modest beginnings in the Orange CT schools in 2006, to include all elementary schools in the Amity district in 2007, to our current invitation to schools in the New Haven & Fairfield counties in 2008. Our grants for early career professionals brought the unique miniature graphite "pencil tip" sculptures of Dalton Ghetti to the Fairfield Arts Council's Gallery in 2007 and supported actor-dancer-choreographer Jared Andrew Brown's efforts to bring Community Theater to North Haven, CT. Our community grant program also funded the installation of a permanent art exhibition space at the Amity Teen Center in Woodbridge CT.

Expansion also applies to the generosity of our many supporters. Friends of Jamie's Foundation are taking advantage of our 501(c)(3) non-profit status and are using payroll deduction - a dollar or two taken out of each paycheck is a relatively painless way to support our work for the arts! Other friends arranged for a "matching" donation from their employers - now that is a really painless way to show your support! If you would like more information, contact us at the foundation (203-891-8869 or jamieart@snet.net).

Related to the theme of growth and expansion, we would like to thank three of our 24-7-365 supporters for their creative fundraising ventures on behalf of Jamie's Foundation. First, thanks to Melissa Mulligan (www.melissamulligan.com) for recording and giving life to Jamie's song, "To Bologna" and for donating the proceeds from that mini-CD. Jamie and friend Lisa Savin wrote the song to say good-bye to their study abroad home, Bologna Italy. Thanks also to Christine Tuttle, owner of Tulips Florist in North Haven CT (www.myfsn.com/tulipsflorist), for providing space to exhibit Jamie's artwork for sale. Finally, a big thank you goes to Judy Swain, owner of GLAM Spa in Orange CT (www.glamspa.com) for sponsoring winter holiday and valentine "specials" where Glam Spa donated a portion of every spa treatment package purchased to Jamie's Foundation.

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Art in the Schools

Our elementary school grants program is in full swing and hundreds of students in Orange and Bethany CT are enjoying artistic twists to their regular curriculum. At Peck Place School 5th graders enjoyed book making workshops with professional book-binder Paulette Rosen and Spanish class came to life with colorful arts & crafts projects to illustrate the culture of different Spanish-speaking countries.



Make art & recycle

Turkey Hill School utilized dance as a vehicle for studying history and permanent "math concepts" wall murals were created. The 172 kindergartners at Mary L. Tracy School (Orange CT) learned a unique way to recycle and protect our environment - turning garbage into art. The project began with a performance of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" by Juggle Joy (www.jugglejoy.com) and "binbuster" lessons by Sharon



Puppets for literacy

Wynne from the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority. Then, each classroom created model communities with recyclable materials and this recycled art was exhibited at Garbage Museum in Stratford CT. The 1st graders at Bethany Community School used the art of puppetry to enhance their literacy and

social skills. For four weeks, 30 students worked with puppeteer Robin McCahill (www.intuit2.com) and a team of 8 school personnel designing puppets, writing skits, practicing their parts, and presenting their show.

The foundation's partnership with Amity High School's art program continues to introduce students to new artistic techniques and new ideas about possible career paths. In February 2008, 18 students traveled to Fairfield University and enjoyed a morning of drawing lessons by Professor Suzanne Chamlin followed by an opportunity to attend an "artist talk" by Donald Vaccino where he explained the inspiration for and techniques used in his paintings. In the words of Amity art teacher Brian Flinn, "the students had an amazing arts experience."



Chamlin shares expertise

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fairfield Arts Council 2008 Juried Art Exhibit for High School Students
co-sponsored by the
Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation

April 28 – May 17, 2008
www.fairfieldartscouncil.org

Art Exhibit
Selected Works of Jamie Alaine Hulley
August 1 – 31, 2008
Starbucks, Orange, CT

Jamie's Arts Foundation's
SIXTH annual benefit ...
Saturday, September 13, 2008
featuring
BEATLEMANIA – The Tribute
back by popular demand!

There's a New Community Theater in Town!

Like Jamie, Jared Andrew Brown, does not have small dreams. A talented performing artist and owner of the Jared Andrew Studio (www.jaredandrew.com), Jared dreamed of bringing Community Theater to life in the North Haven CT area. With the start-up funds from Jamie's Arts Foundation, Jared



Footloose

and his partner Patrick Laffin formed *Quick Change Productions* and their August 2007 inaugural show *Footloose* was a huge success. Two productions are scheduled for 2008: *Crazy for You* will tickle tap-dance lovers in April and in July the theatrical version of the Tom Hank's movie *Big* will take the stage.

Jared is also involved with the foundation's school arts grant program. At Turkey Hill School in Orange CT Jared is busy teaching dance to sixth graders to "bring to life" the cultural context of the historical events in their Social Studies book.

But there is much more to this story than meets the eye. Jared learned about Jamie's Foundation through one of our Board members. True to his generous nature, he spontaneously donated items to our annual auction and attended our 2006 benefit. It was a year later after we awarded him an early career grant to produce *Footloose* that we discovered that as high school students Jared and Jamie had performed together in a production of *Godspell* at the Shubert Theatre in 1996. The partnership between Jamie's Arts Foundation and Jared Andrew Brown was definitely meant to be!

2007's Benefit a Great Success Beatlemania – The Tribute We love you! Yeah, Yeah Yeah!

Our 2007 annual benefit was a smashing success thanks to Joe Nocco (aka Ringo) and Beatlemania – The Tribute. The house was rockin' with nearly 700 supporters of Jamie's Foundation dancing in the aisles and waving their lighted cell phones. The Fab Four wowed the crowd with their spot-on vocals, authentic costumes, and charming British humor. And the good news is that they agreed to come back for our Sixth Annual Benefit on September 13, 2008. So mark your calendars and buy your tickets early because we are sure to sell out.



Beatlemania – The Tribute

Not to be outdone, our artful Master of Ceremonies David Raffauf delighted the crowd with his costume surprises and quick wit. Reception guests enjoyed the sights and sounds of Louis Jefferson's art and Mark Edinberg's piano melodies. A highlight of the evening was a "match challenge" offered by an anonymous (and generous) local family foundation. The audience filled a bucket with nearly \$4,000 to receive another \$4,000 in matching funds! Creating a buzz among auction bidders were the limited edition Imagine jackets donated by Yoko Ono. A special thank you goes out to Tom Zingarelli and all of Fairfield University's Quick Center staff and to the student volunteers from Amity High School and Fairfield University.

Branching out ...

In keeping with Jamie's sharing giving nature, the foundation is "branching out" and becoming involved with the good works of others. When Jamie became ill, she was able to be treated close to home but not all young people are that fortunate. This year Jamie's Foundation participated in the Ronald McDonald House of New Haven's Trees of Hope holiday fundraiser to help provide a home away from home to families of seriously ill children receiving treatment in local hospitals. Area businesses and community groups create themed holiday trees that are raffled off. The theme of our tree was GOT ART? of course! Our 6' artificial pine was adorned with colorful tubes of acrylic, oil and watercolor paint as well as an assortment of brushes and butterflies. Under and around the tree was a fully stocked Italian wood easel and an assortment of canvases and sketch pads. What a treat for some lucky artist!

In addition, through auction donations and sponsorship ads, Jamie's Arts Foundation is a proud supporter of Literacy Center of Milford CT, the Rotary Club Foundation of Orange CT, the Amity High School Hall of Honor (Woodbridge CT), the Life Line Residential Treatment Program in Utah, and Melissa Mulligan's "Woman of Song" annual fundraiser to benefit the Center for Women and Families of Eastern Fairfield County.

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