

# Jamie A. Hulley

## Arts Foundation

We have wonderful news to share. This spring we surpassed our \$100,000 give-away mark! Thanks to your generous support, the foundation has grown to the point where we have given out over \$100,000 in scholarships and grants to support the education and dreams of young artists and early career professionals. Highlights include sending 60 children to summer theater camp, 10 high school students received four-year renewable scholarships in studio art and theater, Jamie's high school alma mater Amity High School enjoys a vibrant visiting artists program, at Jamie's alma mater Wesleyan University 12 studio art majors and 19 students studying aboard in Bologna Italy received stipends to enhance their experiences, Fairfield University Theatre majors were funded to produce 6 independent productions, the Amity Teen Center has a working art exhibit space, *Quick Change Productions* in North Haven CT is about to produce its seventh production, two juried art exhibits by the Connecticut Woman's Caucus for the Arts were sponsored, scholarship prizes for two annual juried art exhibits for high school students in Fairfield county were awarded, \$34,000 in grants to Connecticut teachers has enriched the traditional school curriculum with special projects and visiting artists workshops. Through these vibrant programs, literally thousands of people have benefited to date. As Jamie is noted for saying – What would we want with small dreams? Thank you all for helping us to achieve such far-reaching success in such a short amount of time.

Don't miss our seventh annual *Evening for the Arts* benefit scheduled for Saturday September 12, 2009. BIG SHOT the ultimate Billy Joel tribute band will have you on your feet rocking to the beat of those old familiar Piano Man tunes. These six talented Long Island and NYC musicians have performed, recorded, or toured with Hall and Oats, Michael Bolton, Tower of Power, Celine Dion, Huey Lewis, The Trans Siberian Orchestra, Billy Joel's Broadway Musical *Movin' Out* and, most recently, with Billy Joel at Shea Stadium. They are the closest thing to an actual Billy Joel concert you will ever experience. Front man Michael DelGuidice's vocals are so amazing that a *New York Times* article quotes Billy Joel himself, "They had a hard time convincing me it wasn't me. It's uncanny." Tickets are only \$40 and can be ordered by contacting us at 203-891-8869 or [jamiart@snet.net](mailto:jamiart@snet.net). So come join us for an evening of good music, an amazing auction of "must have" goodies, and, of course, the energy, fun-loving spirit, and passion for sharing the arts that is Jamie's gift to us all.

~ Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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The art grant program for schools is open to all Connecticut schools. The goal is to encourage active, meaningful, multidisciplinary learning by infusing the arts into the traditional curriculum. To date, eight towns have participated: Orange, Bethany, Woodbridge, New Haven, North Haven, East Haven, Ansonia & Derby and 33 grants totaling \$34,000 have been awarded – the products are nothing short of amazing: murals not only add life to dreary hallways but are learning tools for science classes; literacy and social skills discovered through puppetry; the Spanish language and culture brought to life with indigenous crafts; studying the heart and soul of U.S. history through dance; creating slave quilts to enhance an understanding of the Civil War as well as more current diversity issues ... the only boundaries are the imaginations of our educators. Here are a few examples:



*Barnard Magnet School Rocks!*

New Haven's Barnard Environmental Studies Magnet School's grant awarded to Marjorie Drucker introduced 3rd graders to the rock cycles of sedimentary, igneous & metamorphic formations through art and dance workshops with two artists, Joy Wulke and Gina Rho Smith. Each student created an individual decoupage "rock cycle" piece later incorporated into a larger mural while dance movement was used to illustrate the physical forces at play in the creation of the different types of rocks. According to Drucker, "The students were greatly affected by this experience. They learned that art was not only a way to make something of beauty, but it could also become a learning tool."

Ansonia's Prendergast Elementary School brought the world of opera to its 2nd graders with a grant awarded to Dorri Mendes. The project began in music class where Ms. Mendes shared her enthusiasm for and knowledge of opera with her students. Next, students and faculty from Western Connecticut State University's music performance program visited the school for an opera workshop performing parts of *The Marriage of Figaro* and engaging the children in the music, the acting, the costume design, and the storytelling aspects of opera. The project concluded with each 2nd grade class performing *The Three Piggy Opera* for friends and family.



*Opera at Prendergast School*



## UPCOMING EVENT

### Jamie A Hulley Arts Foundation's SEVENTH annual benefit ...

*An Evening for the Arts*

Saturday, September 12, 2009  
Regina A. Quick Center at Fairfield University  
Fairfield, CT

*featuring*

**BIG SHOT – the ultimate  
Billy Joel tribute band**

**Masters of Ceremonies David Raffauf**

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

*\$40 in advance \$45 at the door*

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Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of Jamie's foundation is the energy it generates in others – people helping people. For the third year in a row, the students at Jamie's elementary school, Race Brook School (Orange CT), donated hundreds of books and stuffed animals to the preschoolers enrolled in the Jamie Hulley Early Learning Center (Bridgeport CT). Also continuing a Race Brook tradition of giving, Ms. Janet Greenspan's 3rd grade class donated a portion of their annual charity craft sale proceeds to Jamie's Foundation. Many thanks to the children of Race Brook School.



*Thank you Race Brook School*



*Mackenzie Swain*

If you attended our last benefit, you were treated by the opportunity to experience the artwork of 11 year old prodigy Mackenzie Swain. Mackenzie's mini-exhibit of watercolor flowers and animals delighted all and revealed her talent for using color in unique ways that add a vibrancy to her work beyond her years. Mackenzie is as generous as she is talented. She donated all of the proceeds (\$295) from the sales of her prints and greeting card reproductions to Jamie's foundation. Mackenzie is a 6th grader at

Bethany Community School, takes art lessons from Seymour CT artist Addie Coppola, and is the daughter of another of Jamie's foundation's great supporters, Glam Spa owner Judi Swain. Mackenzie certainly has a bright and successful artistic career ahead of her. Thank you Mackenzie for sharing your talent with us.

There's a new theater on Broadway – 26 Broadway in North Haven CT that is! On May 3, 2009 family and friends gathered for the ribbon-cutting dedication ceremony of the Jamie A. Hulley Black Box



*Jamie Hulley Black Box Theatre dedication*

Theatre. The brainchild of Quick Change Productions producers Jared Andrew Brown and Patrick Laffin, this beautiful brick-faced performance space hosted its inaugural production, *Guys & Dolls-Junior*, and is preparing to offer *High School Musical* in August 2009 and *Chorus Line* in September. Jamie's foundation has been a proud sponsor of *Quick Change Productions* since 2007. The creation and success of this vibrant community theatre company is truly one of the crown jewels in Jamie's growing legacy. For information, audition calls, and performance schedule see: [www.jaredandrew.com](http://www.jaredandrew.com)



*Vagina Monologues cast*

Students in Fairfield University's theater program spent their winter break preparing for a January 2009 production of *Vagina Monologues*. Produced and directed by seniors Colleen Kennedy and Gary Pelletier, the production featured a talented cast of students, faculty and university staff. In keeping with the foundation's ethos of "paying it forward" the VM cast & crew donated the production's proceeds to the Helena Ptochia Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the helping the women of Ghana suffering with fistula receive medical assistance, rehabilitation, and re-entry into their communities. See: [www.helenaptochiafoundation.org](http://www.helenaptochiafoundation.org)

Great theaters need great actors and the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation is proud to announce the 2009 recipient of its college Theater scholarship – Amity High School senior and Woodbridge resident Ethan Sachs. Ethan is an accomplished actor performing in numerous local productions as well as five Amity High School productions, most notably, in the leading roles of Mark Cohen in *RENT* and Barry Klemper in *Boys next Door*. Ethan will continue his career in theatre at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA.



*Ethan Sachs*

Again this summer, ten full scholarships to the Missoula Children's Theater Camp at Fairfield University are being awarded to children in the greater Bridgeport CT area. One aspiring 9-year old thespian wrote in his application, "I always wanted to be on stage." Now he will have his chance!

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