

# Jamie A. Hulley

## Arts Foundation

Summer 2010 Newsletter

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### A letter from Jamie's family ...

Our big news is our upcoming *Evening for the Arts* gala benefit on Saturday September 11, 2010. Jimmy Buffett tribute band *Parrotbeach* will be there to put us all in a relaxing, fun-loving "island" state of mind. David Raffauf is back as Master of Ceremonies to delight us with his charm, wit, and who knows what other parrothead surprises he has in store. Popular morning radio personality Michael Maze of New Haven's KC101 Total Access is on board as Honorary Chairperson. Our fabulous auction is full of pirate treasures including vintage, handcrafted, & designer bobbles and bangles, baskets of ale & other fine grog, vacation getaways, theater & sports tickets, Hollywood & sport memorabilia including a Lennon Legend 32GB ipod with auto-graphed peace bed picture donated by Yoko Ono. The auction preview reception features the contemporary vocals of Jared Andrew Studio's GLEEKs. As an added treat there's a salsa bar, cheeseburgers (sliders) in paradise, & frozen margaritas! We hope to see you there decked out in your best tropical attire.

Our community grant program is busy supporting many worthwhile artistic endeavors. Looking ahead, the foundation is sponsoring an 8-week dance workshop for the Boys & Girls Club of Milford CT's afterschool program in fall 2010 and an 8-week studio arts workshop in spring 2011. The Amity Teen Center received a grant to create several murals to brighten their space. Members of Amity High School's honors art program will be providing the creative vision and artistic talent to see this project through. Receiving a community grant for the first time is Orange CT-based New England Ballet Company. Their grant will support a 20-week dance workshop for forty children attending Action for Bridgeport Community Development's Head Start program in Bridgeport CT. Young children learn best through the arts and this movement and music program is designed to provide a foundation for some key school readiness skills such as motor skill development, emergent literacy, and social skills.

A special "thank you" to Rob Kennedy and students of the Amity High School Performing Arts Department for giving Judy and Fred one of the biggest and most emotionally meaningful surprises of their lives. Unbeknownst to us, on June 17th at a ceremony that we thought we were attending simply as audience, we found ourselves alongside a group of extremely talented students being inducted as honorary members of the International Thespian Society Troup No. 7353!

Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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### Happenings...

Congratulations to Connor Deane, the 2010 recipient of the Jamie Hulley Theater Arts Scholarship. Connor has delighted Amity High School audiences with his performances as Marius in *Les Miserables*, Tom Collins in *RENT*, Norman Bulansky in *The Boys Next Door*, and Doody in *Grease*. Connor will be attending the prestigious BFA-Musical theater program at Cincinnati College's Conservatory. Break a leg Connor!



Connor Deane



Best in Show - Sarah Verill

Once again, Jamie's foundation was the scholarship sponsor for Fairfield Arts Council's 2010 8-town annual juried high school art exhibit. \$2,700 in scholarship prizes were awarded in five categories. The best in show nod went to Sarah Verill from Greens Farms Academy for her black & white photo *Dune Buggy*. First place awards went to Namhoon Kim (Fairfield Warde HS) in Drawing; Caroline Harris (Weston HS) in Painting; Mary Chimenti (Fairfield Ludlowe HS) in photography; Diana Brisca (Fairfield Warde HS) in mixed media; and Shalai Wilder (Harding HS) in sculpture. Congratulations to all!

So you think you can dance? Orange CT's Race Brook School's 6th graders certainly can! Sponsored by a foundation grant, 64 students learned to the Cha Cha, the Merengue, Salsa, and Swing from ballroom dance instructor Kristie Entwistle. To help students appreciate the universality of dance as an art form, the steps were choreographed to popular contemporary songs. The month-long program ended with a performance showcase and a Merengue lesson for parents and siblings. Teachers and parents were impressed with the poise and social maturity the children had gained and the spillover of enthusiasm the boys and girls showed as they practiced their "moves" returning home from school.



Race Brook School "Stars"



Clintonville's harpists

Another innovative school grant took place at Clintonville School in North Haven CT. Julliard trained and internationally renowned harpist Grace Cloutier introduced students to the unique beauty of the harp and its music. Grace prepared two pieces of harp music for the children to practice orchestral, vocal, and dance accompaniment to. These pieces were presented to family and friends in the school's annual Spring Concert. This was truly an amazing artistic experience where students not only learned about a new musical art form but they also got to work with an accomplished master musician.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

"An Evening for the Arts"

Saturday, September 11, 2010  
Regina A. Quick Center at Fairfield University  
Fairfield, CT  
featuring

Jimmy Buffett tribute band  
Parrotbeach

Masters of Ceremonies David Raffauf  
Honorary Chairperson Michael Maze,  
KC101 Total Access

Performance begins at 7:30 pm.  
Pre-show reception & silent auction preview starts at 6 pm

\$40 in advance \$45 at the door  
For information: 203-891-8869, jamieart@snet.net

Square Foot Theatre presents:

Alice in Wonderland

August 26 – 29, 2010  
2100 Dixwell Ave, Hamden, CT  
(in the Hamden Plaza)

for information & tickets: 203-464-8212

## Early Career Awards Make Dreams Come True

Jamie was known for saying "what would I want with small dreams?" and the up and coming professionals receiving our early career grants certainly echo that sentiment! Four years ago, Jared Andrew Brown owner of the Jared Andrew Studio for the Performing Arts entered our lives. He heard about our foundation, wanted to help and gave generously of his time and talents to our 2006 annual Evening for the Arts gala



Square Foot Theatre's Godspell, Jr.

and the up and coming professionals receiving our early career grants certainly echo that sentiment! In turn, we encouraged him to apply for an early career grant to give a jumpstart to his dream of creating a community theater troupe in the North Haven-Hamden area. In 2007, Jared and partner Patrick Laffin produced their first show, Footloose, and the Square Foot Theatre was born! A string of successful productions featuring very talented adult, teen, and child actors, singers, and dancers have delighted audiences including *Crazy for You*, *Pippin*, *Big, Guys & Dolls, Jr.*, *High School Musical*, *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Godspell, Jr.* & *Anything Goes*. The troupe's next show, *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.*, is scheduled for August 26-29, 2010. So get small, get tall, watch out for your head, but whatever you do, don't be late for this very important date! For information and tickets call 203-464-8212 or see [www.squarefoottheatre.com](http://www.squarefoottheatre.com)

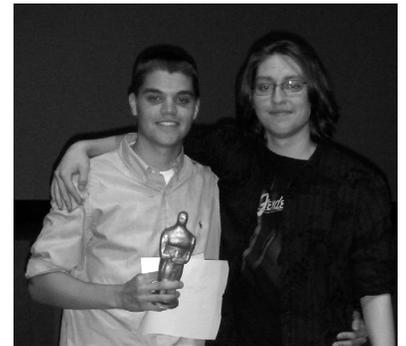
## And the Oscar goes to...



Lisa Silberkleit & Elizabeth Post

May 26, 2010 marked the 6th annual Amity High School Film Festival and quite frankly, it does not get any better than this! As is tradition, the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation sponsored the scholarship awards to the winning student filmmakers. But what was special about this year's event was that grade 8 students from the two Amity Middle Schools also participated. Through two grants from Jamie's foundation, Nancy Goss at the Orange campus and Faith Miller at the Bethany campus were able to accomplish their goal of enriching the content of the middle school health course *Above the Influence* by giving students the opportunity to create their own short public service announcement videos. The students wrote scripts, filmed & digitally edited videos delivering health promotion messages related to themes teens could relate to such as alcohol abuse, peer pressure, bullying, eating disorders, teen pregnancy, etc. Nine films were chosen to be shown at the film festival. The Truth about Bullying by Orange residents Katherine Forbes, Claire Foster, Molly Ronan, Liz Marino, Lisa Silberkleit, and Ashley Wu won for Best in Show for the Middle School category. Bethany students Kaitlin Merriam and Alida Ballou tackled the problem of diversity acceptance and also took home a Middle School Best in Show award for their video What's the Difference? Grade 8 students had the opportunity to try their hands at a new art form while learning important health lessons the "fun" way. And, best of all, these middle school students will be better prepared to take full advantage of the state-of-the-art video production program awaiting them at the high school.

Scholarship awards at the high school level were given for best public service announcement and best short film at both the beginning grade 9 level and for the more advanced grades 10-12 level. The award for the Best Long Form Film went to filmmakers Tristan Douglas and Dylan Cohen for their war saga *Soldiers-Something to Die For*.



First "Oscar" for Cohen & Douglas

According to Dylan, "It's so great that the Jamie Hulley Foundation is encouraging kids to use their creativity." Who knows, perhaps there is an Oscar in one of these young filmmaker's future!

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

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