

# Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation



Summer 2011 Newsletter

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

For starters, we would like to thank Amity Regional School District No. 5 for honoring Jamie as one of the 2011 inductees to the Amity Hall of Honor. Special thanks to Amity Superintendent Dr. John Brady, Sheila Wycinowski, Carol Lange, Vicki Vinnitsky, all the family, friends, Amity teachers, and especially Jamie's Amity classmates who made the evening very special indeed.



Dr. K's Motown Revue

Come and join us on Saturday, September 10, 2011 for our ninth annual *Evening for the Arts* gala benefit featuring Dr. K's Motown Revue. This outstanding band of musicians and singers will transport you back to the time when the Detroit-city sounds of the Temptations, the Four Tops, Martha &

the Vandellas and Gladys Knight & the Pips dominated the music charts. Our uproariously entertaining Master of Ceremonies David Raffauf is sure to have us all asking "what's this guy gonna do next?" We may not be *Dancing in the Streets* but we will be dancing in the aisles of Fairfield University's Quick Center. And remember ... *it doesn't matter what you wear, just as long as you are there!*

Looking for a few good sponsors! The good news is that our school and community grants programs are doing such great things to support the arts and to nurture artistic talent in our youth. The bad news is that as the foundation's reputation for good work grows, the number of qualified applicants with exciting grant ideas by far exceeds amount of funding available. How can you help? We are looking for corporate, foundation, and individual donors to become a sponsor for one or more of our \$1,000 grants. Other ways to show your support are to bring friends and family to our *Evening for the Arts* gala benefit, to send a monetary donation, or to donate an auction item to our *Evening for the Arts* auction. There are six schools currently on our wait list for grant funding – so please, dig deep and make those grants happen!

~ Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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## Scholarship Update

At the recommendation of Amity High School's Visual & Performing Arts Department two outstanding seniors were awarded college scholarships to help them pursue their artistic dreams. Kimberly Simon from Woodbridge CT received the Jamie



Kim Simon

A. Hulley Theatre Arts Scholarship. Kim, the winner of the 2010 Connecticut High School Musical Theater Award for Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Madame Thenardier in *Les Misérables*, will pursue her acting career at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. The Jamie Hulley Scholarship in Studio Arts went to Isabelle Sanchez also from Woodbridge CT. Isabelle will be attending the Rhode Island School of Design. These scholarships are renewable for all four years of college. Congratulations Kim and Isabelle!

We are very proud of the accomplishments of the other members of our scholarship "family." About to enter his senior year at NYC's School of Visual Arts, Ryan LeMere, has just completed an illustration "thesis" - a series of six large scale illustrations of the German Grimm's Fairy Tale *The Seven Ravens*.

Ryan is also creating a line of greeting cards catering to members of the gay-lesbian-bisexual community that will offer a personal, sentimental alternative to the hetero-normative greeting cards dominating the market today. Ethan Sachs had a very busy sophomore year at Muhlenberg College where he not only honed his performance skills but he also spent a semester learning the technical aspects of theater productions by manning the soundboard and the spotlight for a production of *Pajama Game*. Another highlight for Ethan was being accepted into Muhlenberg's all-male acapella singing group, *The AcaFellows*. Connor Deane reports making the most of his freshman year at the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. He performed in the spring "studio" show *Out of This World*. According to Connor, "With the support of ... the Jamie Hulley Foundation, I am able to live my dream and come to an amazing school where I feel as though I will receive the best education possible for my craft." Clearly, in the "Jamie tradition," our scholarship recipients are not settling for small dreams!



Isabelle Sanchez

At this year's Amity Film Festival \$1,050 in scholarship prizes were awarded to Amity's aspiring film makers. The Best in Film Festival Award went to junior Sharon Lin from Orange CT for her short form film *Little Red Riding Hood*.

## UPCOMING EVENT

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

*An Evening for the Arts*

Saturday, September 10, 2011  
Regina A. Quick Center at Fairfield University  
featuring

**Dr. K's Motown Revue**  
Master of Ceremonies David Raffauf

6 p.m. pre-show reception & silent auction; 7:30 p.m. performance

\$40 in advance \$45 at the door

For information: 203-891-8869, [jamiart@snet.net](mailto:jamiart@snet.net)

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Square Foot Theatre presents:

**Beauty & the Beast Aug. 25-28, 2011**  
2100 Dixwell Ave (Hamden Plaza) Hamden, CT  
for information & tickets: 203-464-8212

## Foundation grants that keep on giving

One of the most rewarding aspects of our grant programs is when the young people who benefit from a grant "pay it forward" by doing good for the larger community. This year, the impact could be felt locally and globally. A grant to the Milford CT Boys and Girls Club provided a 10-week art workshop series with local artist Joy Haines. The children made collages, painted pictures, constructed 3-D sculptures, etc. but most noteworthy was their painting of public trash cans in an attempt to add a little beauty to the environment while encouraging people to avoid littering.



*Milford Boys & Girls Club Trashcan Project*

The foundation also sponsored the Memory Project at Amity High School, an effort led by art teacher Elizabeth Smolinski where Amity



*Grants touch lives globally*

students create portraits of orphaned children living in third world countries. The students work from photos to create the portraits. These children don't have a lot of material possessions and it hoped that the portraits will serve as a reminder that they are special. This year, 12 orphans in Indonesia were the happy recipients of these gifts made from the heart sent to them from a far-off place called Woodbridge CT.

## Jamie in Amity Hall of Honor!

On May 5, 2011 Jamie was inducted into the Amity Hall of Honor in recognition of her distinguished contribution to the Amity community in the area of Fine and Performing Arts. Jamie's nomination was spearheaded by class of 1999 Amity alum Vicki Vinnitsky and the event was attended by a large group of Jamie's family, friends, and Amity classmates. To add a special "Jamie touch" to the evening, all wore buttons bearing Jamie's motto, "What would I want with small dreams?" A plaque bearing an engraved portrait will hang permanently in Amity's hallway.



*Jamie's Amity classmates: John Coppola, Liz Murphy, John D'Angelo, Vicki Vinnitsky, Pam Shimono, Hillary Grande & Sapna Shah*

Here is an excerpt from the induction ceremony program:

Jamie Alaine Hulley filled the halls of Race Brook School, Amity Junior High and Amity Senior High School with her quick smile, boundless energy, quirky wit and infectious laughter. Jamie was a member of Amity's class of 1999 and Wesleyan University's class of 2003. Jamie was a true scholar, rejecting the rote, always pushing the envelope and eager to explore something new ... Never one to dwell on the negative or to settle for small dreams, Jamie lived each moment of her life to the fullest. It is almost impossible to put into words how Jamie has impacted the Amity community. She changed the lives of others in small and almost imperceptible ways a little each day. Jamie engaged in what might best be described as random acts of kindness, generously sharing the very best of herself, bringing out the best in others and making all who knew her feel special ...

Jamie embodies everything that the Amity School District hopes that their students will become. She always strove for excellence; she was a person of unquestionable integrity who treated all others with respect; and she definitely "walked the walk" when it came to railing against injustices large and small.

Although Jamie's time with us was brief, she leaves behind a bountiful legacy through the people whose lives she touched and through the work of the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation. Jamie continues to share the gift of the arts and to bring beauty into the world through the foundation's many scholarship and grants programs.

Jamie Alaine Hulley celebrated life from September 20, 1981 to September 9, 2002. As Jamie did in life, her artistic legacy challenges us to seek out and embrace new experiences, to dance to the beat of a different drummer, and to recognize the beauty of the moment and to have the courage to live it.

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



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