

# Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation



Winter 2011 Newsletter

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

As you might glean from the calendar, this "winter" newsletter is a bit late in reaching you. Since our successful annual *Evening for the Arts* last September all of us at the foundation have been very busy with the task of reviewing new grant requests, forging new relationships, and most important of all, bringing the arts to hundreds of children, teens, and adults. We are proud to report that this year \$20,000 in scholarships were awarded to high school students to help defray the costs of college and to children to attend summer theater camp. Also this year, \$37,000 was given to fund 24 art grants for schools and 10 community grants. Two of these school grants stand out for different reasons.

The Music Department at Jamie's alma mater Amity High School requested a grant that was unique in just how many ways it fit the foundation's mission. The grant brought 104 senior citizens from Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge to attend Amity's annual Winter Concert and to provide them dinner beforehand prepared by the culinary arts students. Everyone was a winner! Amity's music students got to share their talent with the seniors, Amity's culinary arts students also got to showcase their talent, and the BOW senior citizens enjoyed an evening of fine food and beautiful music.

Amity Middle School-Orange teachers Sue McKeon, Rebecca Casey and Nancy Goss wrote a grant to sponsor a political cartooning workshop for 8th graders – what better way to encourage a love of Social Studies than to mix current events with artistic satire? Award winning cartoonist Bob Engelhart shared the expertise he garnered from 30 years at the Hartford Currant with the students and demonstrated his craft by creating caricatures of President Barack Obama and CT Governor Dan Malloy. The special treat was that as an 8th grader, Jamie did her own political cartoon project that in 1995 was showcased in the school lobby. Here for your enjoyment is Jamie's view of CT Governor John Rowland's promise of tax cuts.



We would like to thank Master of Ceremonies David Raffauf, the 2010 Benefit Committee, Tom Cavalier & Miracle Concerts, our friends at Fairfield University-especially the Quick Center, our many volunteers, and all of the donors for helping the foundation grow and thrive. The Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation is a 100% volunteer operation ... its many accomplishments belong to all of you.

~ Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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## Community Grants Have Big Impact



SFT's *Little Shop of Horrors*

the multi-talented team of Jared Andrew Brown and Patrick Laffin. In the past year, SFT has delighted audiences with five top quality adult and children's theater productions: *Godspell*, Jr. *Anything Goes*, *Alice in Wonderland*, Jr., *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*, Jr. Check out their website [www.squarefoottheatre.com](http://www.squarefoottheatre.com) for information and tickets to their upcoming season's offerings of *Broadway Backwards* (May 21-22), *Chorus Line* (June 2-5), and *Beauty & the Beast*, Jr. (August 25-28).

The Boys & Girls Club of Milford CT received two grants providing after-school instruction to approximately 40 boys and girls each week in dance during the fall months of 2010 and in craft making and studio art during the winter-spring months of 2011.

A new relationship has been forged with New England Ballet Company of Orange CT. The grant supports a 20-week school-readiness-through-dance program to 40 four year olds enrolled in the Bulls Head Hollow Head Start program in Bridgeport CT. Under the tutelage of NEBC's artistic director Karen Goodman, the children are learning important skills needed for success in school including building attention, body discipline, language development, counting, creativity, and interactive social skills. According to Head Start teacher Natalie Morgan, "these children are from a pretty rough neighborhood...this is an opportunity of a lifetime for them to be exposed to dance and music like this, especially the boys. They are so enthusiastic about learning the ballet steps... maybe that will help them grow up a little less tough and a little more open to the arts."



Learning through dance

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

## 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**  
Masters 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)

Square Foot Theatre presents:

**Broadway Backwards May 21-22, 2011**

**A Chorus Line June 2-5, 2011**

2100 Dixwell Ave (Hamden Plaza) Hamden, CT  
for information & tickets: 203-464-8212

## In Case You Missed It - 2010's Benefit Surprise



*David Raffauf takes it to the limit*

Just when you did not think our *Evening for the Arts* benefit Master of Ceremonies David Raffauf could do any better, he wows us all with yet another fun-packed evening of witticisms, rapid-fire auctioning, and one outlandish, over-the-top shocker. The evening's theme was Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville and the boys in the band Parrot Beach did Buffet proud. The theater was filled with people in flowered shirts sporting colorful leis and beach balls bouncing through the air. Frozen margaritas and a salsa bar filled our heads and our tummies with festivity. Our goal is to raise money while having fun and that we did! We are most fortunate that for the past several years a local family foundation offers a "match-challenge" to the audience to encourage everyone to dig a little deeper for a good cause. This year, a friend of the foundation dared David to strip down to grass shirt and coconut bra in exchange for a \$1,000 donation. Propriety keeps us from printing the final product, but this photo hints at just how devoted to the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation David is. The results? The match challenge raised \$5,130 that evening in outright donations and pledges. Add to that the matching funds and we were able to provide 10 school grants impacting over 700 children! Thank you David Raffauf for being the best friend, the best MC and the best Board of Director's Vice President ever! Our heartfelt gratitude also goes out to the very generous local family foundation (you know who you are) for their many years of support of our work.

## Sharing Careers, Showing Art

Each year with foundation funding, Amity High School's Art Department hosts a Visiting Artist Series where students hear from working artists about the many different career paths available to them, how the artists got their start, the training they pursued, and the choices in work



*Louis Jefferson, III*

and lifestyle they have made. This year was a special treat as the series kicked off with two Amity HS alumni, Louis Jefferson, III (class of 2003) and Eben Kling (class of 2005). Jefferson, also a former foundation scholarship recipient, told of his choice to attend a liberal arts college, Southern Connecticut State University, and major in both business and art. Kling chose to focus exclusively on the arts by attending Montserrat College of Art. Both artists chose not to pursue a career path in the traditional gallery-filled meccas of New York City and Boston. In addition to exhibiting and selling his work at regional shows, Jefferson combines his artistic talent and his deep religious convictions working at the Watchtower Educational Center in Patterson NY. Kling is a member of an artist cooperative in North Hampton MA and uses his traditional studio art training as a springboard for work in graphics, outdoor mural work, large-scale block prints, advertising flyers and posters as well as film. Their advice to students was to just keep putting yourself out there and just keep doing it – just keep making art.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation provided the scholarship awards for the Fairfield Art Center's annual juried high school art exhibit. Over 100 students residing in the towns of Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport,



*Slepian takes Best in Show*

and Wilton submitted their work to be judged by a panel of experts: photographer David Lubarsky, creative director Joseph Paschke, and interior designer Ulla Surland. The first place winners in were: Julianne Norton-Trumbull HS (painting), Matthew Crocker-Weston HS (drawing), Alexa Bebon-Fairfield Ludlowe HS (mixed media), Elliott Butler-Harding HS (sculpture), and Frankie Garofalo-Greens Farms Academy (photography). A pastel drawing on corrugated paper by Susannah Slepian from Fairfield Andrew Warde HS was awarded Best in Show.

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