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New Nonprofit to Bring Additional Funds to the Arts at Culver High

The newly formed Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) Foundation pledged to raise \$40,000 this year to support the arts programs of the AVPA at Culver City High School. The AVPA Foundation is incorporated as a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the AVPA's acclaimed fine arts, dance, film, music, and theater programs.

"The School District supports the AVPA at a basic level," observed Steven Wallace, President of the AVPA Foundation. "But the quality and variety of AVPA offerings is only possible because of additional support from the community colleges, local businesses, parents, and others. We will expand the fundraising and especially the grant writing activities that benefit AVPA programs."

The AVPA Foundation board is comprised of volunteer parents and the AVPA executive director. The initial funds raised will go to pay for the extra instructors who are needed to teach after-school workshops. All of the programs also have long lists of needed equipment, such as lighting, instruments, and cameras.

"There are so many talented students at Culver High, and each one deserves a chance to express their creative potential," notes AVPA Executive Director and Culver High music teacher, Tony Spano. "The AVPA Foundation will broaden and deepen the financial support for the AVPA so that its staff can focus all their energies on the students."

Donations to the AVPA Foundation can be made through their website, <http://home.comcast.net/~avpafoundation> or mailed to P.O. Box 3530, Culver City, CA 90230. For more information contact avpafoundation@comcast.net.