



**Academy of Visual and Performing Arts  
At Culver City High School**

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**AVPA Hosts Open House**

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**Culver City - April 17, 2008:** On Thursday, April 24, the public is invited to join the faculty, staff and students of Culver City High School's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at an Open House. The event begins in the Robert Frost Auditorium (4401 Elenda Street, in Culver City) at 3:15 p.m. During the Open House, potential students, parents and the public will have an informal opportunity to observe classes in session, tour AVPA's facilities and



meet current faculty and students until 5:00 pm. The creative directors from each AVPA department - Art, Dance, Film, Music and Theater - will be available to answer any questions about this rigorous after-school program available to high school students interested in the arts. A more formal information meeting for prospective parents and students will be held from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Frost Auditorium. Applications for admission and a brochure about the Academy will be distributed at the information meeting as well as during the afternoon session. Those interested in the program may attend either session, but do not need to attend both.

AVPA has been a busy place during 2007-08 with over 200 students enrolled in 50 classes and workshops taught by 30 faculty members, and with students participating in over 25 productions, exhibitions, performances, and special events. According to Co-Executive Director Tony Spano,

"This has been an exciting year for us and we're looking forward to this Open House as an opportunity to share our enthusiasm about our current program and where we're headed in the future." AVPA's other Co-Executive Director, Kristine Hatanaka adds, "I've seen so many students blossom through our program. AVPA not only lets students develop their creativity through arts education, but it provides a community where they develop deep, lasting friendships, as well as a sense of responsibility and commitment. Our students have many opportunities to work alongside professionals in the arts and entertainment industry unlike any public high school in Los Angeles. And we also try to have a little fun!"

**About the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts**

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School has been inspiring and empowering students to build a compassionate, creative community through innovative and challenging arts education since 1996. AVPA enjoys tremendous support from Sony Pictures Entertainment and other area businesses as well as from the Culver City community. For more information about the Academy, go to <http://avpa.org> or contact Tony Spano at 310-842-4200 x6094 or Kristine Hatanaka at 310-842-4200 x6001.

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avpa 2007-08: AVPA students welcome you to the AVPA Open House on Thursday, April 24

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