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The Spotlight

This year will be another busy year for the Academy of Visual & Performing Arts. In addition to Academy classes, students will be busy with art exhibitions, theater performances, dance concerts, two musicals, a cabaret night, a film festival, Culver Becomes Eclectic, and more. With so many events and changing time tables it's hard to keep up. The Spotlight is your once-a-month source for the latest news and information about the Academy. So look for it in your inbox and be up-to-date!

AVPA Orientation

On Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. all AVPA students and their families are invited to the Robert Frost Auditorium for orientation. New members and their families will be introduced to the Academy and its programs while returning students will learn about the plans for the 2005-2006 school year. Please plan to attend this meeting with your AVPA student.

Academy Interviews and Auditions

The first week of school, as always, will be a busy one for AVPA students.

- **Interviews** for all film, music and art students will be held September 6th through 8th, starting at 2:45.
- A **audition workshop** focusing on acting and dance will be held September 6th and 7th from 2:45 - 5:00 p.m and is required for all theater and dance majors.

- **Formal auditions** for theater and dance majors will be held Thursday, September 8th, starting at 2:45.

For auditions, students should prepare **two** monologues and **16 bars** of a song they have not sung in an Academy performance. The auditions are for admission to the theater or dance program AND the first two AVPA theater productions, one of which is a musical.

The AVPA Foundation

Providing the full range of AVPA programs and activities takes more than the dedication of the faculty. It takes money. Money that's difficult to come by in these times of shrinking budgets for the Culver City School District.

A motivated group of parents from each department worked throughout the summer to form a 501c3 nonprofit organization, the AVPA Foundation. As a 501c3, the Foundation will be eligible for many grants and corporate donations that the AVPA itself is not. The Foundation hopes to use these funds to stabilize and expand the educational opportunities within the Academy.

Parents with an interest in grant writing or fund raising, or who know potential donors are welcome to help the Foundation increase the outside funding of the AVPA. Contact the AVPA Foundation President, Steven Wallace, at avpafoundation@comcast.net to learn how. Make a donation or learn more about the Foundation through its temporary website: <http://home.comcast.net/~avpafoundation>.

AVPA Student Profile: Mira Deverich

What do AVPA students do during the summer?

CCHS senior and second year AVPA student, Mira Deverich, showed her heart and her talent by designing the wonderful banner

for this newsletter. Mira plays varsity basketball for the school and hopes graphic design will play a prominent role in her future.



Self portrait

AVPA Fund-raiser - My Heart's in the Highlands

Corey Allen, a two time Emmy award winner, is directing a cast of professional and non-professional actors, including some AVPA students, in William Saroyan's "My Heart's in the Highlands." This fund-raiser will be performed in the Robert Frost Auditorium 9/23-9/25 at 7:30 p.m. with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on 9/24. Tickets are \$15 general admission/ \$12 asb/seniors/children.

Friends of AVPA

The AVPA and each of its departments rely on parents and other volunteers to support the projects of our hard working teachers and students. At various times, each department requires help with publicity, fund raising, concessions, meal preparation and more.

The "Friends of AVPA" is a new organization developed under the leadership of Estela Narrie to help organize needed volunteers. The Friends of AVPA spent time this summer putting together a parent volunteer structure and job descriptions for each department in the Academy.

Each department will have a Parent Volunteer Coordinator. This person will be responsible for organizing the other parent volunteers in the department so that what's needed gets done.

The Friends were able to recruit Volunteer Coordinators for music (Geli Harris,

geli@kmkmanagement.net, 310-650-3455) and theater (Estela Narrie, narrie_estela@sms.edu, 310-558-4933). Coordinators are still needed for the Art, Dance, Film departments. If you are interested in being the volunteer coordinator for one of these departments, please contact Estela.

Parent involvement is crucial to a vital AVPA program. Thank you for volunteering!

AVPA T-shirts

Haven't done that back-to-school shopping yet? Order a variety of AVPA gear, including mugs and T-shirts from the AVPA website. Or go directly to <http://www.cafepress.com/cchsavpa>. You'll see items with the AVPA logo as well as the ever popular Java Drama logo and many individual AVPA productions. Since AVPA gets a percentage of every purchase, not only will you be well dressed, but AVPA will benefit from your fashion statement.

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