



Academy of Visual and Performing Arts At Culver City High School

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JAVA GALA Entertains at the Robert Frost Auditorium

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Culver City, CA – May 14, 2009: Join the AVPA

Foundation for an outstanding evening of entertainment and help the AVPA thrive! JAVA GALA is the second annual benefit production for Culver City High School's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA), which combines the showcase and spectacle of previous years' Java Dramas with the polish and celebration of a fundraising gala. In an exhibition of collaboration, the AVPA departments of Theatre, Film, Art, Music and Dance



come together to demonstrate the very best of what makes AVPA a special and unique arts education program in Los Angeles. Presented for one night only on Friday, May 22, in the Robert Frost Auditorium on the Culver City High School campus at 4401 Elenda Street, the gala features a reception included in the ticket price. Several local restaurants and bakeries have donated items for the reception, including Coppelia's, Empanada's Place, Gyenari Korean BBQ, Hot Cakes Bakes, Kay 'n Dave's (coming to Culver City soon), Lonzo's, M Café de Chaya, Sorrento's, and Teri Taro Shushi. Live music and an art exhibition will take place during the reception between 7:00 and 8:00 pm. The show will begin at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$35 in advance, available online at www.avpa.org. Tickets at the door will be \$40.

JAVA GALA is sponsored by the AVPA Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation 501(c)(3) dedicated to supporting the arts education programs of the AVPA at Culver City High School. All proceeds of JAVA GALA will support the AVPA's activities, including workshop teachers, materials, competitions, equipment, and much more. "We would be unable to provide such an outstanding program to our students without the invaluable support our parents provide through the AVPA Foundation," said Dr. Tony Spano, AVPA Co-Executive Director.

With a theme of “Made in Culver City,” the production will present fun associations with Culver City’s film and television history, as well as presenting the great art being made by the students who work and learn here in the heart of screenland.

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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The 2008/09 AVPA students welcome you to JAVA GALA on May 22 at Robert Frost Auditorium

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