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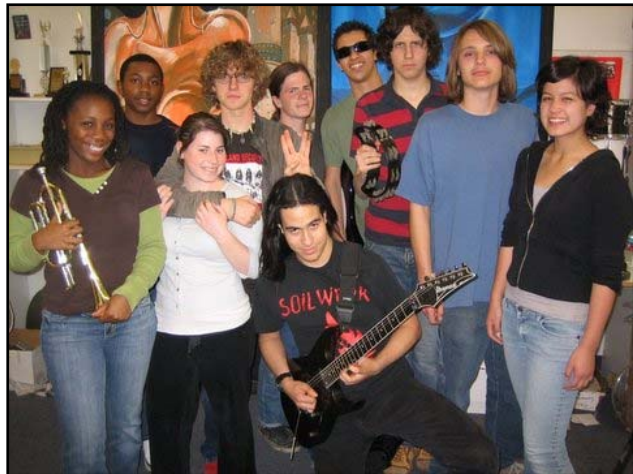
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AVPA's "Beyond the Abstract" Music Showcase

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Take some students who are very serious about their music and tell them to create a show using their own talents and those of their friends and the result might be something like next week's "Beyond the Abstract." Students from Culver City High School's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) will perform their own original music in this unique one-night show. This showcase will be on Saturday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in the Robert Frost Auditorium, 4401 Elenda in Culver City. Tickets are \$10/general or \$7 ASB/seniors/children.



The show will include an eclectic mix of styles and ensembles as well as soloists. Members of AVPA's Chamber Singers and the AVPA Jazz Combo will also perform.

But its not just music. According to AVPA's executive director, Tony Spano, "These students have been collaborating with students in our art, film and dance departments to find a creative expression for their own art. The results are certainly 'beyond the abstract,' and highlight the talents of these amazing students."

CCHS Senior, Shawn Harris, has been a principal member of the Academy's Pink Elephant Music Company since his first day at Culver High as a freshman. Harris has been co-directing the show with Spano and has this to say about it: "This show provides a

stage for the extraordinary musician's mind, and the Pink Elephant Music Company will execute 'Beyond the Abstract' beautifully."

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School offers a comprehensive arts curriculum after regular school hours for students who are committed to excellence in Art, Film, Theatre, Dance, and Music. Established in 1996, AVPA enjoys tremendous community support from Sony Pictures Entertainment and other design, recording, and theatre companies in the area. For more information about the Academy, go to www.avpa.org or contact Tony Spano at 310-842-4200 x6094 or x6009.

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2006 pink elephant: L-R (back) Melody Jackson, Isiah Chancellor, Kate Fisher, Shawn Harris, Paul Milage, Matt Wygal (front), Jon Seiser, Jordan Schmidt, Daniel Beallo, Jasmin Golan.