

ARTS NEWS

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**MONDAY, MARCH 24, 7:00 PM.
FINE FOOD BY THE
BRICK STREET CAFE'**

Entertainment by our very own very talented Fine Arts Center students - Heavy hors d'oeuvres, open bar, tea, sodas, coffee.

Dress is casual. Tickets \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the door. For tickets or additional information call 864•241•3327. Come and bring friends. Profits will go to the Fine Arts Center Foundation. Who knew supporting young artists could be this much fun?

Sponsored by **Beth** and **Woody Wadsworth** and the Brick Street Café.

If you want to see what makes this school so outstanding, so unusual, then you need to hear our students perform. You'll hear Michael Rice's award winning voice students, Leah Wyman and Jessica Goodyear; John Ravnans award winning string quartet, you'll hear Steve Watson's student Jazz Quartet and Gary Robinson's brass group will play. Then, around the room on easels, our visual arts students will display some of their award winning work. And, to top it all off, you'll get to see the blue prints for the NEW Fine Arts Center. Don't miss it, help us celebrate our students and their excellence--come to our FUNraiser.

From the Director...

That seems so pretentious—"From the Director"—as if I were about to pass down great pearls of wisdom to robed, candle carrying acolytes. It's just a conversation, a rambling—if you will—even a stumbling here and there as I make my rounds about the school's needs at a time when we are ready to say a resounding "Yes!" to the plans for the new building while, at the same time, keeping an eye on the budget wolf nosing about the door of the School District of Greenville County. This is a difficult time for all of us. We don't have to be told how important education is to our community's and nation's future, yet here we all are filling up the sandbags in a hasty attempt to shore up its crumbling dikes, searching for means to continue the good work begun while we run the pumps to keep our heads above water.

On Monday, March 24th, at 7:00 PM, we're going to have "Fun"draiser at the Brick Street Café. There'll be student entertainment, student artwork, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine or two (if you are so inclined) and all for the reasonable price of \$25 a person. We'll put some money in our foundation that will then be used to help our students attend competitions, or have summer experiences that broaden their understanding of the professional world of the arts, or help them with college application fees, or help our faculty attend conferences that make them more effective in their classrooms. I hope you are all planning to join us. It's important



to our students, it's important for the community to see that we, too, have a group of dedicated followers who believe in what we do. (I have a close friend in Washington, DC who is the head of the Duke Ellington School for the Performing Arts who just had her annual fund-raiser. She raised \$150,000! Maybe someday we can aspire to that. Right now I just want to sell out our 170 tickets—all the fire marshal will allow in the Brick Street Café.) You probably have already received your invitation. Join us for a wonderful evening and, if you can't, send us a check—you know it's for a good cause.

When you get this we will have completed our meetings with Neal Prince, the architects for our new building. They have been absolutely marvelous, along with Institutional Resources and our district representatives, in taking the time to understand our unique needs and honestly and creatively respond to them. When we are given the keys in the fall of 2005, I am certain we will all be very pleased with how they have shaped our new environment. The building will stand as a testament to the district's commitment to arts education and to providing gifted students with the means to pursue their goals. We may even have some plans up for you to look at on the 24th of March! Another reason to plan to join us!

Our visual arts students are engaged in two projects: one is downtown at the corner of McBee and Main, student paintings on the theme of historic Greenville; the other will be in the new children's wing of the Greenville Hospital System.

It will be a ceramic mobile with colorful fish and a scuba diver or two that should delight all the children while they are in recovery. And, stop by—what's going on in the building is pretty fantastic too!



Ok. You can blow out your candles now.

Alumni News

Creative Writing - Along with several other Boston University Seniors, **Rochelle Rickoff** (Creative Writing and Theatre) is writing, directing, and designing an adaptation of Dante's *Inferno*, which will be performed in May at the Huntington Theatre. Former United States Poet Laureate **Robert Pinsky**, who teaches at Boston University, and the Italian Department of Harvard University are both assisting the students in this project.

Unearthing Lilith, a one-woman performance piece by **Laura Gerhiser** (Creative Writing and Theatre), sections of which were written during Laura's year in the FAC Creative Writing program, was performed at the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival, and will be performed at the International Student Drama Festival in Montreal.

Dance - Rebecca Lee (Dance 1999) and **Sarah Jansen** (Dance 1999) presented their senior concert of original choreography at Columbia College. Both of the dancers are members of The Power Company, a professional dance company working out of Columbia. Sarah is hoping to work with **Liz Lehrman** in Washington, D.C. She worked with the Lehrman Company this past summer and loved the Community work.

Meghan Price (Dance 2001), a sophomore BFA and Dance Education with certification major in the Honors Program at Columbia College, is teaching creative dance to children at The Saluda River Arts Academy's after school program. She is also assisting dance classes in the Columbia Middle Schools to fulfill requirements for her education degree.

Music - Strings In December, **Heidi Remick** presented a viola recital at the Fine Arts Center while on her winter break from graduate studies at the Sheppard School of Music at Rice University in Houston. In January, **Hannah Shaw** gave a viola recital at FAC as part of her winter term project at Oberlin Conservatory.

Voice teacher Michael

Rice accompanied bass-baritone **Jacob Will** in recital on February 26 at Christ Church. Will is a long-time member of the Zurich Opera in Switzerland and is currently opera director at the University of South Carolina. The two appeared as part of Christ Church's Winter Concert Series.

Soprano **Stephanie Dawn Johnson** (FAC '90) was named winner of the 2003 Southeastern Regional Auditions of the Metropolitan Opera National Council. She will proceed to the National Finals in New York City later this spring. Soprano **Anna Steenerson** (FAC '99) received a Metropolitan Opera Encouragement Award. The auditions were held in Atlanta on March 1, 2003.

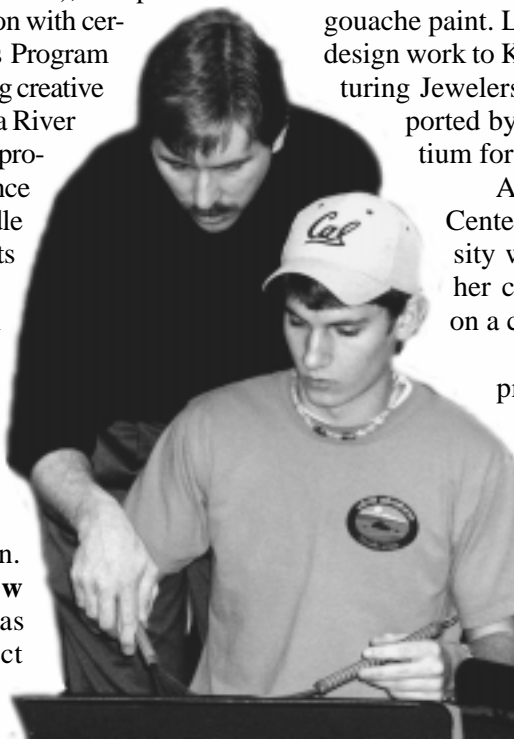
On March 31, **Jon Grier's** composition commemorating the 25th anniversary of the FAC, *The Number of Things*, will be performed on a concert of recent music at Furman University. All of the Furman student performers are FAC alumni-- saxophonist **Brian Mosely**, marimbist **Jason Schmauch**, violinists **Katie Lawton** and **Elsa Siegel**, violist **Meredith Hawley**, and 'cellist .

Alexis Deal Unfried recently conducted a design workshop for 3-D Metals students. Emphasis was on designing jewelry for the marketplace. Participants learned to create color renderings of their ideas in gouache paint. Later this spring they will present their design work to Karen Childress of Childress Manufacturing Jewelers in Greenville. The project was supported by a grant from the Greenville Consortium for Tech Prep and School-to-Work.

Alexis graduated from the Fine Arts Center in 1993 and from Winthrop University with a BFA in Art. She has continued her career as a jewelry designer, working on a commission basis.

Andrew Davis (Visual Arts 1997) presented a slide lecture of his work to FAC art students last month. Andrew completed his BFA in Ceramics at Winthrop University and his MFA in Ceramics from Edinborough in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Guest artist Andy Watson shows Nathan Bailey new brush technique.



Student News

Creative Writing - Now in their 78th year, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the largest, longest-running, and most prestigious recognition program for creative young people in the United States. This year, over 250,000 students nationwide submitted their work. On the regional level, the following Fine Arts Center Creative Writing students received honors:

Crystal Barbare—Gold Key Award, American Voices Award (Poetry)

Lixie Goforth—Gold Key Award (Poetry)

Amanda Hart—Gold Key Award (Poetry), Publish Award (Poetry), Silver Key Award (Essay)

Anne Hasuly—Honorable Mention (Poetry)

Daniel Hutchins—Gold Key Award (Poetry), Publish Award (Poetry), Silver Key Award (Fiction)

Aaron Jarvis—Gold Key Award (Poetry), Publish Award (Poetry)

Maggie Johnston—Gold Key Award (Fiction), Gold Key Award (Poetry), Publish Award (Poetry), Silver Key Award (Essay), Honorable Mention (Fiction)

Theresa Kelley—Silver Award (Poetry)

Lisa Kozlowski—Silver Award (Poetry)

Sarah Maloy—Gold Key Award (Poetry)

Madison McClendon—Gold Key Award (Poetry), Gold Key Award (Fiction), Silver Key Award (Fiction)

Anne Persons—Silver Key Award (Fiction), Silver Key Award (Poetry)

Callie Plaxco—Gold Key Award (Poetry), Honorable Mention (Essay)

Jane Claire Remick—Silver Key Award (Poetry)

Rebecca Smith—Silver Award (Fiction), Honorable Mention (Poetry)

Margaret Tate—Gold Key Award (Poetry), Silver Key Award (Essay)

The awards ceremonies took place in the Dana Auditorium of Queens College in Charlotte, NC; reception and open reading followed at the Charlotte/Douglas International Airport

Creative Writing students **Amanda Hart, Ashleigh Goforth, and Anne Persons** were among a national group of 29 finalists for the Nancy Thorp Poetry Contest sponsored by Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia. **Theresa Kelley, Jane Claire Remick, and Sarah Maloy** received Honorable Mention.



The afternoon Creative Writing class from top left: Maggie Johnson, Margaret Tate, Anne Hasuly, Rebecca Smith, bottom row: Jane Claire Remick, Theresa Kelley.



*The morning Creative writing class from left: Sarah Maloy, Daniel Hutchins, Callie Plaxco
Not shown: Anne Person*



The morning Creative writing class from left: Crystal Barbare, Aaron Jarvis, Madwon McClendon, Amanda Hart.

Poetry by the following Fine Arts Center students has placed or been selected for publication by the Emrys Foundation: Young Poets Awards (new district-wide contest 2003):

- Maggie Johnston:** Grand Prize
- Jane Claire Remick:** Honorable Mention
- Anne Hasuly:** Honorable Mention
- Anne Persons:** Honorable Mention
- Theresa Kelley, Rebecca Smith, Margaret Tate, Callie Plaxco, Madison McClendon:** selected for publication.
- Crystal Barbare:** Honorable Mention
- Daniel Hutchins:** Honorable Mention

Dance - The afternoon Dance Students were selected to perform in two performances at the 5th Regional High School Dance Festival. The two pieces of choreography, one set by guest artist **Andrew Kuharsky**, and the other a student collaboration directed by **Jan Woodward**, were selected in the adjudication process.

The dancers will travel to Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland this March to perform and to attend classes and workshops taught by professional dancers and college professors from the eastern region of the United States.

Ode to a Doll Held Out the Window of a Moving Vehicle

You didn't flinch
when she wrapped her round fingers
around your waist,
and thrust her arm
into the outside
from a confining back seat.
You kept perfect posture,
facing the wind
without intimidation,
letting it pull
against the synthetic fibers of your hair,
maintaining a smile
even as your head was forced
off its perch above a docile neck,
and its platinum curls drifted
against the flow of traffic.

Heather Peden

Film and Video - The Film/Video Class recently completed a pro bono project with an approximate value of \$30,000 for the Metropolitan Arts Council's Campaign for the Arts. This video, which features nu-

merous local artists, was produced by 2002 Film/Video and Advertising Internship students **Kendall Webb, Fabian Westerwelle, Jeremy Washington, Jimmy Rogers, Sharde Blassingame, Melody Sherman, Nicole Gutierrez, Ivory Patton, Shalay Breeze, Shannon DuBose, and Marvin Boyd.**

Summer Internship Program at FAC

The Fine Arts Center Film/Video Class is currently producing a video for the School District's Summer Internship program. The video, which will be used for recruitment purposes, was written, shot and will be edited by Fine Arts Center students **Philip Riley, Josh Branning, Duston Mason, Kara Batista, Nikki Wing, Jesse Gass, Aaron Shain, Jimmy Rogers, Ryan Redwine, Roy Harmon, Ryan Reilly and Tyler West.** Although the video is being produced pro bono as part of the class curriculum, it has an approximate value of \$15,000.

The Internship program consists of six classes which take place for three weeks during the month of June. The six programs are Film/Video and Advertising, Construction, Environmental Sciences, Law Enforcement, Automotive, and Human Services. The program, which is funded through corporate sponsorship, gives students an opportunity to gain hands-on experience and visit various businesses specifically associated with the internship subject. Students earn one credit for the class.

Filmmaker **Amy McGary** stopped by the Film/Video Class on Friday, February 28, to speak to the students about her career as an art director, screenwriter, and producer. Amy has worked on such films as *Terminator*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Glory*, *Drumline*, the TV series *I'll Fly Away*, and many more. She won an Emmy for her work on the made-for-TV movie *The Last Confederate Widow Tells All*. Currently Amy is in post-production on a film she wrote and produced called *The Adventures of Occie Nash* which stars Keith Carradine and Mare Winningham.

Music - Soprano **Jessica Goodyear** sang the role of Eliza Doolittle in Greenville High School's production of *My Fair Lady*. FAC seniors **Jean Loder** (Wren) and **Lara Bishop** (home school) performed **Jon Grier's** *Contra-Dances for Two 'Cellos*, March 7 at the Annual Forum of the Southeastern Composers League at the University of Georgia. They premiered the work at the FAC Strings Chamber Music concert March 6 at the FAC and also performed at the Imagine Festival of New Music at the University of Memphis on March 19. Jean and Lara will present the work on the Generation to Generation Concert April 10 at the FAC, and again during the 7th American Cello Congress at Arizona State University in May.

FAC Seniors **Matt Laney** (voice, jazz, music history and multi-instrumental) and **Laura Martin** (theater, voice, strings, music theory) participated in the Congressional Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. Participating students meet with political figures, draft and vote on mock legislation, and tour the capital.

Chloe Robinson (Greenville) won the Carolina Youth Symphony concerto competition. She performed the *Violin Concerto No. 4 in d minor, Op.31* by Henri Vieuxtemps with the orchestra in a concert at McAlister Auditorium on the campus of Furman University. Also, Chloe was the "1st Violin" winner in the Magellan String Quartet competition at Georgia Southern University. The competition includes a solo performance and a chamber music performance with members of the Magellan Quartet. Sixteen year-old Miss Robinson was also a semi-finalist (and the youngest participant) in the Fraser competition in Columbia, SC. The Fraser competition is an all-Mozart competition aimed at young professional musicians and university students.

Thirteen FAC strings chamber music students won positions in the SC All-State Orchestra. Sophomore **Daniel Maalouf** (J.L. Mann) won the principal 'cello chair, and **Gregory Tompkins** (Greenville) was the assistant concertmaster (2nd chair in the 1st violin section). This year over 1000 string players auditioned for the annual orchestra festival. The All-State Orchestra concert took place in February at Twichell auditorium at Converse College in Spartanburg.

Theatre - Morgan Blach, Alyssa Di Matteo, Joseph Plaxco, Stan Rhodes, Christine Schatzle, Amanda Sox and **Andrea Mullen** attended the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Arlington, Virginia on March 6, 7, and 8.

In the spring the theatre department will do a production of *The Women*.

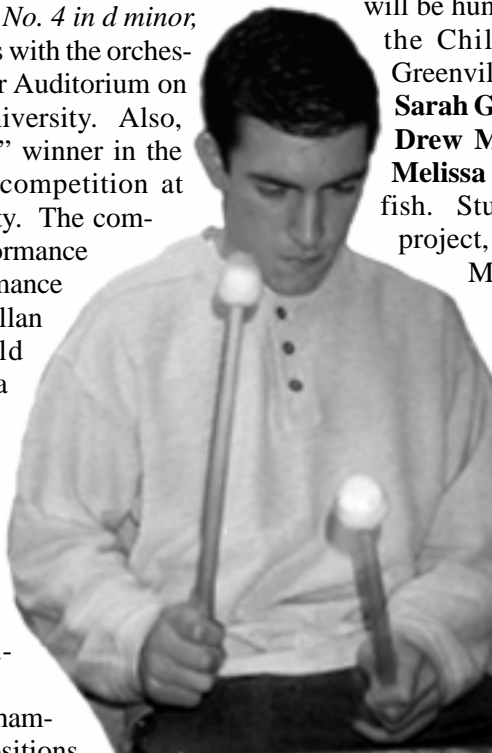
Visual Arts -Sarah Grothaus received a Merit Award for her art portfolio in the Arts Recognition and Talent Search sponsored by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts. From across the country only 39 students out of 4,143 entries were selected to receive this award.

On Saturday, February 15, fall semester ceramics students came back into the studio to begin work on a two-story-high clay "Fish Mobile." The mobile will be hung in the activity area of the new wing of the Children's Hospital now being built at Greenville Memorial Hospital. **Abby Webber, Sarah Grothaus, Alice Youngblood, Tino Allen, Drew Moyd, Rachel Struck, John Allen** and **Melissa Muth** all helped make an assortment of fish. Students this semester will complete the project, which will be installed by the end of March.

Abby Webber's ceramic puki pot won "Best in Show" in the Riverside High School Annual Juried Student Exhibit.

Voice -Students Win State Singing Award

The following voice students won awards at the 2003 State Auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. The event was held March 8 at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg.



Matthew Laney practices percussion.

Beginning High School Women:
Laura Martin—Regional Honors

Advanced High School women:
Leah Wyman—First Place
Jessica Goodyear—Regional Honors
Jennifer Childs—Regional Honors

Advanced High School Men:
Jeff Dooley—Regional Honors
Garrett Fox—Regional Honors

High School Women's Musical Theatre:
Jennifer Childs—First Place
(Tie) Leah Wyman—First Place
Jessica Goodyear—Regional Honors

High School Men's Musical Theatre:
Jeff Dooley—Regional Honors
Garrett Fox—Regional Honors

**Need a gift for a
graduating senior? Check
out the FAC website for
ideas.**

Faculty News

Creative Writing teacher **Claire Bateman** gave a reading from her new poetry collection, *Clumsy*, at the Associated Writing Programs Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

Susan Willis, 3-D Metals instructor, has had work published in a new book on contemporary enameling. "Yesterday," a wall relief, illustrates the use of folded copper as the surface for painted enamel with gold and silver foils. *The Art of Fine Enameling*, written by Karen L. Cohen, is a full-color survey of current techniques and styles in the use of glass in jewelry and sculpture, and serves as a reference in the studio.

Michael Rice will accompany the South Carolina All-State Chorus at Winthrop University March 20-22.

FAC Composer-in-Residence **Dr. Jon Grier's** quartet Edgewise will perform at the Handlebar on Monday, April 21.

Dr. Jon Grier's just-completed concertino for flute and chamber orchestra, *Takes Two*, will be premiered by the Foothills Philharmonic under the baton of FAC instructor **Dr. Gary Robinson** on Saturday, March 22nd, at 8PM in the Greenville Tech auditorium. Outstanding flutist Rhea Jacobus will be the featured soloist.



New publications feature faculty members.

Photography instructor **Debbie Cooke** spent three weeks in Japan as a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Program, where she had the opportunity to make connections with elementary, middle and high school art teachers and their students and invited them to participate in the Fine Arts Center's exhibition, *Generation II Generation*. This art show will feature the pairing of artwork created by art teachers and their students from Greenville, SC, and Miyagi, Japan. The opening reception will be April 10 and will be paired with the New Music Concert. This exhibition has been made possible in part by a grant from the Greenville Consortium For Tech Prep and School-To-Work, and the Fulbright Memorial Fund.

John Ravnar (Strings Chamber Music) served as adjudicator for the SC Music Educator's Association's Solo and Ensemble competition.

Dance Teacher **Jan Woodward** chaired the committee of School District dancer teachers who received a Metropolitan Arts Council grant for the School District Dance Showcase to be performed at Gunter Theatre on April 27. She also attended the SCDancing and SCAHPERD convention where she met with other dancers in the state. She took technique classes, participated in panel discussions, and attended dance workshops.



Mary Carlisle (Visual Arts 1999) is currently working as an intern at the Fine Arts Center in the ceramics department with her former teacher **Glenda Guion**. The semester-long internship is being completed through Converse College. Mary will receive her BFA from Converse this May with a concentration in ceramics and a minor in art history.

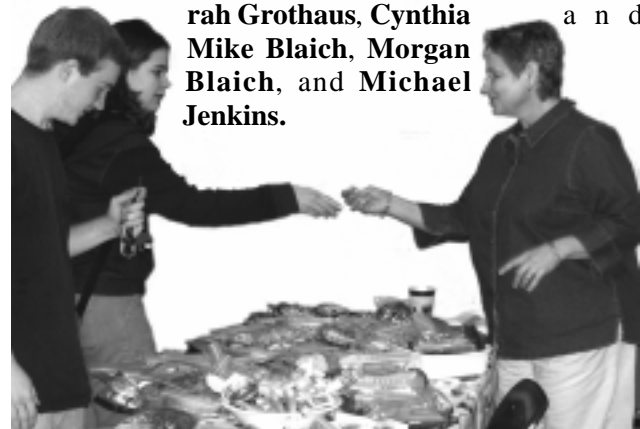


Mary Carlisle mixes glazes.

Parent News

Many thanks to **Cynthia Blaich** and her Muffin Mondays. She does a wonderful job.!

On March 1st **Pat McMullen** organized a Courtyard Cleanup. Come by and see how it looks. Thank you to **Mike and Pat McMullen, Darren McMullen, Jessie McMullen, Brian and Carolyn Grothaus, Sarah Grothaus, Cynthia Mike Blaich, Morgan Blaich, and Michael Jenkins.**



Cynthia Blaich feeds the artists.

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Sheffield Wood Gallery Schedule

March: Fiber today, curated by Alice Schlein
 April: Generation to Generation IV
 May: FAC Juried Student exhibit

Calendar of Events - In Theatre

<p>May 2 - Showcases May 4 - ARMES Strings Recital May 8 - Strings Chamber Music 7:30 May 13 - Voice Recital 6:30 May 14 - Guitar Recital May 15 - Dance Recital May 18 - Awards Day May 20 - Graduation</p>	<p>March 6 - Strings Chamber Music 7:30 April 6 - ARMES Strings Recital April 7 - Creative Writing 7:00 April 10 - Generation to Generation April 24 - Brass/Winds/Percussion April 28 - Strings Ensemble & ARMES Advanced Ensemble 7:00 April 30 - Guitar Recital</p>
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