

# BALTIMORE SCHOOL *for the* ARTS

Parent Newsletter  
Spring 2012

Dear BSA Families,

I'd like to begin by thanking parents and extended families for their warm support of BSA over the past few months – So many of you have joined us for exhibition openings, performances, Expressions, and other school activities. It's always great to have you in the building – I hope you enjoy it as much as I do. Expressions was a great success this year, enabling us to raise close to \$400,000 for vital arts and academics programs. We are grateful to everyone who lent us their support – by volunteering, purchasing tickets, sponsoring, etc. Expressions involves a real team effort, and if we didn't all pitch in together, it simply wouldn't work. So thanks again – And I hope you got to see the real centerpiece of all these efforts – the kids at work!

As we come up on a much-needed spring break, we're focused on looking forward to an exciting range of end-of-the-year activities. Believe it or not, we have 35 more days of class and 34 on-campus performances, culminating in graduation. We're also looking forward to the summer when we will be hosting BSO Rusty Musicians Academy and the Superkids program for Baltimore 2nd graders as well as our own bridge programs in Academics & the Arts. Finally, we're looking forward to next year and several really exciting collaborative artistic projects that will be finalized and announced soon.

We are also developing budgets and financial plans for the public and private funds we'll have available for next year. We should be receiving budget information from the City at the end of this week and we'll work from there.

I hope your kids are thinking ahead too. I hope they're considering how to best advance themselves—in current classes (academic & artistic) and in creating their future. We're here to challenge them and support them. Let's all make the best possible use of our near and long-term futures!

Chris Ford, Director

## Performance/Exhibition Calendar

### Dance

*Spring Dance Concert*

**Friday, May 4 – 7 pm**

**Saturday, May 5 – 7 pm**

**Friday, May 11 – 7 pm**

**Saturday, May 12 – 2 pm**

The Spring Dance Concert will include George Balanchine's *Stars and Stripes* pas de deux, staged by John Clifford. Other pieces include contemporary choreography by John Clifford, modern choreography by faculty member Tony Wilson, Spanish dance choreography by Susan Wincek and a self choreographed piece by the senior class. *Calvary Halt*, choreographed by the renowned French choreographer Marius Petipa and restaged by Bat Udval and Evgenia Singur, will complete the program.

Schaefer Ballroom

### Music

*Orchestra Concert*

**Monday, April 16 – 7 pm**

Guest conductor Erin Freeman, associate conductor of the Richmond Symphony and past director of orchestras at the BSA, will be conducting the Carmen Suite No.1 by Bizet and the Symphony No.8 in G Major by Antonin Dvorak. Jamicka Johnson-Hector on bass and Tyrone Page on saxophone will perform Antonio Capuzzi's Concerto for Double Bass, and the Sarabande movement of the Concerto for Alto Saxophone by Pierre Max Dubois. Jamicka and Tyrone are this year's BSA concerto competition winners.

Schaefer Ballroom

*Wind Symphony and Jazz Bands*

**Tuesday, April 24 – 5 pm**

Anoa Green will conduct the BSA Wind Ensemble in a varied program including Hindemith's *March from*

*the Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes by Weber, Blessed are They* by Johannes Brahms, William Schuman's *Chester Overture* and *Lincolnshire Posy* by Percy Grainger. In addition to selections played by two BSA jazz combos, the BSA Big Band will play Sammy Nestico's *Who's Sorry Now* and *Switch In Time*.

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### *Choral Concert*

**Thursday, May 10 – 7pm**

Dr. Mark Hardy will conduct the BSA chorus in Igor Stravinsky's *Symphony of Psalms* and *Fantasia for Piano, Chorus and Orchestra, Op.80* by Ludwig van Beethoven. Michael Sheppard, BSA piano accompanist and teacher, will be the solo pianist.

Schaefer Ballroom

### Music Recitals

#### *Senior Music Recitals*

**Thursday, May 3 & Tuesday, May 8 – 7pm**

#### *Chamber Music Recital*

**Friday, May 11 – 5 pm**

#### *Armstrong Honors Recital*

**Thursday, May 24 – 7 pm**

Straus Recital Hall/Free

### Visual Arts

#### *Spring Exhibition*

**February 10-May 4**

#### *Senior Exhibition*

Opening Reception

**Friday, May 25 – 4-6 pm**

Segal Gallery/Free

### Theatre & Stage Production

Senior Theatre Ensemble Presents:

#### ***A Piece of Rope* by Jeffrey Hatcher**

An eye-opening story of the taut emotions and conflicting social attitudes surrounding the real-life trial of a young woman accused of murdering her husband

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

**April 18, 19, and 20 – 7 pm**

**Saturday, April 21 – 2 pm**

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**April 25, 26, and 27 – 7 pm**

**Saturday, April 28 – 2 pm**

Jada Pinkett Smith Black Box Theatre

### ***Fighting for Freedom: The War of 1812***

As part of the celebration of the War of 1812, the BSA theatre students in collaboration with The Maryland Historical Society and Fort McHenry, will present scenes from everyday life at the outbreak of the War of 1812. Production students researched and developed these scenes that will be performed by our sophomore actors. All performances are free and no reservations are required.

**Saturday, April 21 – 2 pm**

At Fort McHenry as part of National Parks Week

**Monday & Tuesday, April 23 & 24 – 10 am**

At Fort McHenry

**Friday, April 27 – 6 pm**

At MdHS – There will be an open reception at 7 pm for all after the MdHS performance

### *Video Showcase*

**Monday, May 14 – 4:30 & 7 pm**

Featuring the video work of sophomore, junior, and senior stage production students, as well as two senior theater students and three senior visual arts students.

Schaefer Ballroom/Free

### *Shakespeare Scenes*

**Monday & Tuesday, May 7 & 8**

**4:30 & 7 pm**

Juniors are working with guest actors Adam Green and Miriam Silverman. These work a good deal in regional theatre and perform frequently with the Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington D.C., most recently in their production of *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, as well as with companies such as the Arena Stage, the Folger Theatre, and the Public Theatre in New York. This performance is for families and faculty. If there are seats available after students and family are seated, non-theatre BSA students are welcome as well.

Jada Pinkett Smith Black Box Theatre/Free

### *Musical Theatre Night*

**Thursday & Friday, May 18 & 19 –**

**4:30 & 7 pm**

Juniors have been working closely with guest actor Stephanie Waters who starred on Broadway as Cosette in *Les Misérables* and works extensively at both Arena Stage and Signature Theatre. Stephanie will perform with students in this year's production entitled; "Greed, Need, and the Chance to Succeed." Tickets are \$5 for adults and free for students.

Jada Pinkett Smith Black Box Theatre

*Germano's Cabaret*

**Thursday, May 24**

**Doors open at 6 pm, show at 7:30 pm**

The Junior Theatre Ensemble will recap their Musical Theatre Night. There is a \$10 cover which benefits BSA thanks to the generosity of Germano Fabiani and Cyd Wolf. For more information:

[www.germanostrattoria.com](http://www.germanostrattoria.com)

*Matinee Outreach Performances and Run-Outs for students from Baltimore City Schools*

Wind Ensemble/Monday, April 23 – 10 & 11:30

Dance/Friday, April 27 – 10 & 11:30

String & Wind Instrumental Music Run-Outs

**Friday, May 4**

Schaefer Ballroom

### BSA Ticket Information

Proceeds from ticket sales help to support the costs of the school's performances and exhibitions. We make every effort to keep tickets affordable, with prices ranging between \$5 and \$15. If attending your child's performance is a financial hardship, please contact the Foundation at 410-347-3043.

Tickets can be purchased at the event or online at [www.bsfa.org](http://www.bsfa.org). There is a nominal service charge for all ticket transactions.

### School Budget Meetings

We should be receiving the school system's student population projection for BSA and the school system's per-student allocation soon. There is a BCPSS information session about the process that you might like to attend:

- **Wednesday, March 28/BCPSS Family & Community Budget Training**  
5:30-7:30 pm/F. Douglass High School

Once we work through the allocation and population information, we'll have a good sense of what our staffing and budgeting options will be for academic year 2012-13. We'll be sharing our budget options and plans with the school community in the following forums:

- **Wednesday, April 18/BSA Parent Advisory Group** (only) meet to consider proposed BSA budget
- **Wednesday, May 9 – 5:30 pm/BSA Parent Meeting—All Parents Invited** for Budget Discussion
- **April 30-May 9/BSA Budget Submission** (to BCPSS) window. Within 10 days of budget submission we will schedule a Parent Advisory Group meeting for budget feedback

### Other Important Dates to Note

*SATs*

**Saturday, May 5.** Registration deadline is **April 6.** Baltimore City Schools is paying for juniors to take this exam but Ms. McKelvey must have the *paper applications* back by **Thurs, March 29<sup>th</sup>** to take advantage!

**Saturday, June 2.** Registration deadline is **May 8.** To register for the SAT, go to:  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

*Spring Break/School Closed*

**Monday, April 2 – Tuesday, April 10**  
**Classes resume Wednesday, April 11**

**Please remember to fill in your City Schools Climate Survey and return it in the postage paid envelope by April 11<sup>th</sup> – This is important for BSA! Thank you!**

***Open Studio Night***

**Monday, April 30 – 7 pm**

Come see our artists at work in their studios! Informative and fun, this is a perfect way for parents, incoming parents and students, and friends of the school to see what goes on in the arts classes at the BSA.

## Senior Juries & Exams

**May 14-18**

### BSA Prom

**Saturday, May 19 – 8 pm**

Tickets at \$65 per person will be sold starting a few weeks before the event. The Prom is open to BSA seniors and juniors and their guests. Preston Hall, 25 West Preston Street.

### HSA testing for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders

**May 21-24**

### Memorial Day/School Closed

**Monday, May 28**

## Final Exams

**May 29-June 1**

### Graduation

**Sunday, June 3 – 6 pm**

Miriam Friedberg Concert Hall  
at Peabody Conservatory

There will be a reception for graduates and their guests given by the parents of the Class of 2013 at BSA immediately following the ceremony.

### Year-end Arts Juries

**June 4-7**

## Expressions 2012 – They had to have art!



Students were not only the centerpiece of the event on stage and in the gallery, they also assisted in “classes” for guests and by helping everyone find their way around (l). Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake (r) was one of the 500+ guests at the party, pictured here with BSA Board Chair Tedd Alexander and his wife, Teri, a long-time BSA volunteer. Also spotted at the gala were Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley with his wife Katie, and Senator Ben Cardin and wife Myrna.

## Masters, Master Classes, and Cultural Outings

- Junior and senior theatre majors attended a matinee of *A Skull in Connemara* at CenterStage. Theatre students in the junior acting ensemble also went to see *Two Gentlemen of Verona* at The Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, D.C. where they saw their Duke/Surdna mentor actors, Adam Green and Miriam Silverman, in the production.
- Three performers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Washington Women in Jazz came to BSA, performed and then talked to all of the music students. Guests included Ellen Rowe, piano, Chair of Jazz Program at University of Michigan; Ingrid Jensen, trumpet, a faculty member there; and Mary Ann Sweeney, bass, a freelance musician.
- The older visual arts students visited the BMA exhibit of photos by Candida Hofer – the visit was led by BSA alum Sara Vanderbeek, who has had shows at the Guggenheim and Museum of Modern Art.

- Sophomore and junior music students attended a session with David Lane, Admissions Director at Peabody Institute, where they discussed the college admissions process and degree possibilities in music. They also attended a concert at Peabody which featured Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro Overture* played by the winner of the Harrison L. Winter Piano Competition and Strauss' *Ein Heldenleben*.
- Music students visited The Lyric Opera House for a performance of *Fiddler on the Roof*.
- Music students have enjoyed master classes with the Apple Hill String Quartet, renowned violinist Tai Murray, members of the Navy Band, and guitarist Ronald Pearl.

Looking forward:

- On April 20 & 23, visual arts design students will have a master class with Scott Williams, a visual artist and graphic designer who has worked in the field of publication design and advertising as a graphic designer, art director, and design director in New York for magazines and retail stores and is currently a Creative Director for North American Marketing at Avon Cosmetics.
- Photographer Mark Alice Durant, a professor at UMBC, will give a presentation titled "A Brief History of Photography" to the 3rd year photo/digital kids on April 18.

### Spotlight on BSA's London (and Canada) Connections!

Back in the fall, director, Carli Jones, and members of the company of *Showdown Theatre Arts*, a youth theatre in Great Britain, joined us at BSA, taking classes and rehearsing with the senior ensemble to prepare for an anticipated collaborative production of *Working*. In May, the much anticipated conclusion of this collaboration will take place in Great Britain. A few other exciting projects are also underway including:

- A joint UK-US production of *Closer*. Carli Jones is producing the play with Shayna Small, BSA '06, who was part of the first trip we made to London and is now at CenterStage working as an intern in their education and community outreach program. The play will feature actors who have participated in the BSA trips to London and are performing partly as a benefit for the international exchange. BSA's sophomore Stage Production students will also assist on the technical side. Shows will be Friday, April 13 at 7 pm, Saturday, April 14 at 2 pm and 7 pm, and Sunday, April 15 at 2 pm at **Load of Fun**. Before the opening performance, there will be a ticketed reception (\$40 per person) for supporters to meet the actors, the BSA students participating in the exchange, and other sponsors. Proceeds will benefit BSA's exchange program.
- The 7th Annual Exchange Trip to England for BSA's senior acting ensemble (May 21-30). BSA students will be flying to London, staying with host families, and rehearsing and performing the musical of Studs Terkel's, *Working*, with students from Showdown Theatre Arts, directed by Donald Hicken. Becky Mossing and Carli Jones. Performances will be at the Nomad Theatre on Memorial Day weekend in East Horsely, Surrey, south of London.
- Senior Stage Production students will travel to the Stratford Theatre Festival in Stratford, Ontario. (May 21-26). The only high school group from a stage production program that has visited the Stratford Theatre Festival, the BSA students will meet with top technical staff, visit the props and costume warehouses, tour behind-the-scenes, and attend five performances in four different theatre spaces in the course of the week, seeing what they have learned at BSA put to work in one of the largest and most respected professional theatre organizations in the world.



## Congratulations!

- BSA has received a “City Schools: Green, Healthy, Smart Challenge 2012” award that will enable us to move forward on a project to make our school a little greener and more sustainable. Thanks to student **Nava Rastegar** and teacher **Nancy Street** for spearheading a recycling project at BSA!
- Selected for All-State Senior Band: **Stefan Palen**, euphonium and **Michael Carter**, trombone – and for All-State Senior Orchestra: **Karyne Beverly**, violin and **Silvio Guitian**, clarinet
- In the William E. Schmidt Youth Vocal Competition in Atlanta, Georgia, the winner was **Chandler Johnson**; **Adia Evans** received 2<sup>nd</sup> place; **Reginald Gravette**, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; and Honorable Mentions went to **Maya Turner**, **India Fields**, and **Avery Bargasse**
- **Adia Evans** sang at the State Senate’s celebration of Washington’s Birthday in Annapolis
- In January in Miami at the Young Arts Competition **Chandler Johnson** was a Level 1 winner and **India Fields**, a Level 3 winner. Both received scholarship awards.

### First Semester Dean’s List

Kimberly Bill  
Kelsey Burnham  
Emily Cornett  
Lydia Cornett  
Paul Cronan  
Silvio Guitian  
Sophie Kessler  
Yuka Kubota  
Alexandra Morrel  
Sebastian Stefanovic

Gillian Waldo

### First Semester Honor Roll

Nana Adjeiwaa-Manu  
Grace Albright  
Fani Avramopoulos  
Emma Ayala  
Marisa Balatico  
Jazmin Bangura  
Zola Barnes  
Maia Bedford  
Erin Beuglass  
Karyne Beverly  
Kalina Bland  
Pilar Boucher  
Alana Bowers  
Alana Brackett  
Carlene Buccino  
Claudia Buccino  
Molly Caballero  
Aliyah Caldwell  
Michael Carter  
Aaron Cary  
Thomas Chafe  
Rahze Cheatham  
Ashley Clarke  
Anne Comer  
Emily Constantine  
James Cooper  
Olivia Cox  
Stephanie Crockett  
Joshua Cross-Barnet  
Ian Daly  
Abigail Diedrich  
David Diongue  
Nicole Edwards  
Juliet Ercolano  
Adia Evans  
Allexxus Farley-Thomas  
Tehya Faulk  
Colleen Feldbush  
Ivan Figgs  
Madeline Fishburn  
Christopher Frick  
Alexandra Fuchek  
Calla Fuqua  
Najyyia-Michelle Gaither  
Hannah Geiger  
Jessie Gilson  
Elisheva Glicksman

Eria Goodweaver  
Caroline Halligan  
Katie Haught  
Olivia Henry-Jackson  
Dana Herbert  
Jennifer Hudson  
Christopher Huey  
Candace Jones  
Eric Kantor  
Besan Khamis  
Shelby Kolar  
Charles Kreizenbeck  
Sarah Lapointe  
Julia Laughlin  
Tristan Lee  
Jenelle Legge  
Rosemary Ligsay  
Horizon Logan  
Sierra Macis  
Dylan Maddox  
Rose Malone  
Angela Martino  
Brooke Mello  
Taylor Miller  
Kelvin, Jr. Moore  
Tannaz Motevalli  
Mikela Murphy  
Hannah Myers  
Tina Nguyen  
Titi Nguyen  
Shannen O’Neill  
Logan Paschall  
Anna Peabody  
Garrett Pomeroy  
Nahum Potler  
Caroline Preziosi  
Daniel Raderman  
Nicolas Randrianarivelo  
Nava Rastegar  
Jennifer Redil  
Ellin Rittler  
Taneisha Scott  
Haleh Short  
Milan Silverman  
Lauren Simmons  
Ariadne Sinnis-Bourozikas  
Glen Smith  
Aidan Spann  
Sydney Spann  
Courtney Spears  
Marta Stachorowski

Harper Steinke  
Isabel Stevenson  
Lance Strickland  
Olakemi Teru  
Tamar-Marie Tipton  
Rosalie Transparenti  
David Trinkoff  
Gulnur Tuluoglu  
Oznur Tuluoglu  
Emily Velazquez

Tyasia Velines  
Amelia Voos  
Liam Walsh  
Lenai Wilkerson  
Madison Wilson  
Alexander Winch  
Amelia Wright  
Eleanor Wright

Acceptance letters from colleges have been pouring in with more due in the next couple of weeks – **Congratulations to seniors!** We'll keep you posted with a college list – It's very impressive and we're proud of our students!

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### **The TWIGS Program: They Worked in Gaining Skills!**

It has been a busy time for the students in TWIGS. A few weeks ago, the dancers performed in Hansel & Gretel, a joyful production featuring all of the 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade dancers. This past weekend, musicians played in ensemble concerts, culminating their work together for the year. Young artists and actors will also participate in year-end activities this week. The students (more than 700!) have had a productive and instructive year and they always enjoy sharing (and we love seeing) the fruits of their labor at the end of the program – It is a happy and affirmative time for all of us. After Spring Break we'll be getting ready for *TWIGS Auditions* for the 2012-13 program from Friday, April 13-Saturday, April 21. If you'd like more information about auditions, please see the schedule on the school's website [www.bsfa.org](http://www.bsfa.org) or call 443-642-5167.



The TWIGS program was featured on WJZ (l) –  
The gingerbread girls at rehearsal for the TWIGS production of Hansel & Gretel (r)

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