

SHELTER ISLAND, cont.

Lily Garrison

Jaime Lenzer

Taylor McNemar

David Neese

Ethan Renault

Erik Thilberg

Owen Gibbs

Joseph Lupo

Paul Murphy

Camryn Page

Holly Ross

Nicholas Young

Justine Karen

Mason Marcello

Ella Mysliborski

Michael Payano

Domenico Seddio

The plays presented here tonight will be published  
in the YAWP Ezine:  
[www.Yawpezine.com](http://www.Yawpezine.com)

Videos of each play will be featured on Southampton Arts  
You Tube Channel @ [youtube.com/mfawriting](https://www.youtube.com/mfawriting)

### **A NOTE ON CONTENT**

During the course of each YAWP program, there is much discussion with students about the content of their plays, from language to subject matter. Students are asked – encouraged – to “write what they know,” to create characters their own age, who deal with concerns they share, using their own words. They are also told that we will not censor their work.

Non-censorship is fundamental to the success of the YAWP programs. We believe that creativity cannot thrive in an environment of restriction, and that validation of voice promotes self-esteem. We therefore use an approach of “How?” and “Why?” with students, as opposed to “Can’t” or “Shouldn’t.” Students who have been tentative about writing often feel liberated by this approach – and the YAWP Programs thus become a forum for all students to explore safely the issues that affect their lives, as well as an opportunity for parents, educators and community members to increase their awareness of the concerns facing young people today.

For more information about YAWP programs in the schools, as well as on our campus during the summer and school breaks, please visit

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

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# **SOUTHAMPTON GRADUATE ARTS**

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# **YAWP**

## **THE YOUNG ARTISTS & WRITERS PROJECT**

2014 Middle School Playwrights Performance



Nine courageous, poignant and outrageous plays written by  
and starring middle school students from Bridgehampton School,  
Eastport South Manor Junior High School, The Ross School and  
Shelter Island School

**Saturday, April 5, 2014 – 7:00 PM**

**Avram Theater, Fine Arts Building  
Stony Brook Southampton  
Southampton, NY**

## THE YOUNG ARTISTS & WRITERS PROJECT

The Young Artists and Writers Project (YAWP), created and sponsored by Stony Brook Southampton/Southampton Arts' MFA in Creative Writing and Literature, is dedicated to mentoring middle and high school students in the development of creative expression and critical thinking through the writing and visual arts.

### The goals of YAWP include:

- To enhance critical thinking, collaboration and communication skills.
- To help each student find and develop his or her unique voice and point of view.
- To use creative expression as a way to solve problems and promote global awareness.
- To advance 21st century skills while supporting ELA requirements.
- To expose students to the unique creative programs and resources of Stony Brook Southampton, including the annual Writers Conferences.
- To develop and support the next generation of readers and writers.

The YAWP programs pair professional writers and artists with middle and high school students in a variety of innovative, interdisciplinary writing programs as represented by the MFA in Creative Writing and Literature, including playwriting, personal essay, poetry, screenwriting, fiction and printmaking. Programs conclude with special projects, presentations and exhibitions, as well as potential publication in the YAWP Ezine.

Workshops are offered to schools across Suffolk County in 1-, 3- and 7-session formats, as well as in 2-month residencies, retreats on the Stony Brook Southampton campus and school break and summer workshops.

The Young Artists and Writers Project provides Southampton Arts and the MFA in Creative Writing and Literature with important community outreach, provides a teaching practicum for the MFA's very talented graduate students, and helps to shape the next generation of American writers and artists.

## YAWP PLAYWRITING

The YAWP Playwriting Program is a two-month school residency that introduces middle and high school students to the principles of dramatic writing. Inspired by Aristotle's Poetics, teaching artists guide students through a curriculum designed to develop ideas, characters, themes and dialogue, and assist each student in the discovery of his or her unique perspective and creative voice.

Every student who participates in the program completes a short, one-act play. One play from each class is selected by committee for professional staging at Avram Theater, Stony Brook Southampton. Students then audition to perform in, assistant direct or stage manage the plays under the mentorship of YAWP Program staff and professional theatre artists for two public performances.

## EASTPORT SOUTH MANOR, cont.

Maximilian Meenan	Mia Milton	Iliana Miranda
Brett Mistler	Anthony Mongiello	Joshua Moore
Nicholas Morello	Gianna Mosca	Joseph Munoz
Jade Nilsen	Jessica Nolan	Julia Norris
Haylee Olson	Brenna O'Reilly	Maria Oswald
Dylan Peck	James Ruggiero	Liliana Saunders
Sabrina Schumacher	Zachary Seebach	Abiyah Sheikh
Fatima Sheikh	Robert Spiciati	Robert Tiedemann
Mary Tonn	Laura Urban	Megan Vecere
Brendan Virgil	Liam Woolfson	Emily Worthington
Layla Zapparata		

## THE ROSS SCHOOL

Teaching Artists: Will Chandler, Pat Follert, Julianne Jones, Emily Weitz

Classroom Teachers: Mark Tompkins, Carol Crane

Head of School: Patricie Lein

*The Ross School's participation in YAWP was made possible in part by the Estate of Spalding Grey*

### Participating Students:

India Attias	Falon Attias	Emily Austopchuk
Hannah Baker	Caroline Breitweiser	Georgia Briere
Rosa Carmichael	Sophie Cassou	Karsten Chen
Sherry Chen	Denef Chirabonga	Emily Costello
Nina Damiecki	Tristan Griffin	Sunny Guo
Victoria Hu	Peter Kim	Sharon Kim
Tony Kim	Anastasia Kozitskaya	Marlin Liu
Marco Marsans	Ted Morency	Nacho Monreal
James Mulvey	Mael Oujaddou	Katie Powell-Bianco
Annie Sun	Nick Swanson	Bill Wang
Lily Wei	Carley Wooten	Gideon Yektai

## SHELTER ISLAND SCHOOL

Teaching Artists: Danielle Berg, Tristan Vaughan

Classroom Teacher: James Bocca

Superintendent & Principal: Robert Parry

*Shelter Island School's participation in YAWP is made possible by the Shelter Island Educational Foundation*

### Participating Students:

Devon Bolton	Kyle Burns	Kimberly Chicka
Mia Clark	Elizabeth Cummings	Stephen Cummings

## PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

### BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL

Teaching Artists: Emily Weitz, Marc Perrin  
Classroom Teachers: Tom House  
Superintendent/Principal: Dr. Lois Favre

#### Participating Students:

Janatan Braia	Aziza Brunson	Jahqur Carr
Aniya Coffey	Autumn Coffey	Jonathan DeGroot
Nat Depasquale	Jalisa Hopson	Paige Hoyt
Monasia Street	Kwame Yirenkyl	

### EASTPORT SOUTH MANOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Teaching Artists: Danielle Berg, Victor Giannini  
Classroom Teacher: Christopher Costanzo  
Superintendent: Mark A. Nocero      Principal: Joseph A. Steimel  
*Eastport South Manor's participation in YAWP is made possible in part by  
The ESM Community of the Arts*

#### Participating Students:

Krystal Alfredson	Daniel Arcate	Olivia Arntsen
Darcee Aufenanger	Alexis Barone	Nicholas Benfante
Madison Berkowitz	Christian Bianco	Bernadette Blackford
Lauren Bonawandt	Nicholas Boncore	Claire Braun
Elizabeth Brown	Tyler Brown	John Buerkel IV
Matthew Calabrese	Sophia Calise	Laurence Cangro
Julianna Caporusso	Maximilian Carson	Alijah Carter
Thomas Cassar	Jordan Ceri	Carissa Cestare
Sara Danowski	Jack Deignan	Isabella DeRosa
Raymond Erario	Thomas Fasano	Catherine Flaherty
Makayla Flores	Grant Frevert	Brianna Galan
Anthony Gambino	Jackelynn Giron	Blake Gohlsen
Matthew Goncalves	Briannan Green	Nicholas Grosskopf
Patrick Grosskopf	Benjamin Hawthorne	Joshua Heidelman
Jared Hellman	Christian Hickerson	Karlie Hill
Katie Hill	Marcie Hogan	Anna Howard
Michael Huff	Ryan Huff	Blanca Hurley
Nicholas Intini	Jamie Jepson	Mikayla Jones
Palwasha Khan	Alana Kiceina	Matthew Knot
Hailey Koliski	Juliana Krumm	Gabriella Lauria
Lena Lozzi	Jennifer Marshall	Brandon McClintock
Dylan McClintock	Liam McGevna	Lauren McKenna

## SOUTHAMPTON GRADUATE ARTS

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Laura Lyons, Special Projects

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Sound - Gerlando Volpe (Eastport South Manor)  
Playwriting – Will Chandler/Emma Walton Hamilton  
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Poetry – Julie Sheehan  
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Ross: Emily Costello, Sharon Kim  
Shelter Island: Elizabeth Cummings

### 2013 HS Playwriting Program Teaching Artists

Danielle Berg, Will Chandler, Pat Follert, Victor Giannini, Julianne Jones,  
Marc Perrin, Tristan Vaughan, Emily Weitz

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# ACT 1

## WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE?

By Brett Mistler - EASPORT SOUTH MANOR

Abby .....Mia Milton

Michelle .....Izzy DeRosa

Director: Megan Minutillo

Narrator: Claire Braun

Assistant Director: Blake Gohlsen

## THEY CALL ME MEAP

By Kwame Yirenyki - BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL

Meap.....Paige Hoyt

Alex.....Aniya Coffey

Director: Lydia Franco-Hodges

Assistant Directors: Jalisa Hopson, Autumn Coffey

## THE WONDERWALL

By Emily Costello - THE ROSS SCHOOL

Hazel.....Hannah Baker

Ghost.....Tristan Griffin

Director: Tristan Vaughan

## WILL IT BE WORTH IT IN THE END?

By Lauren Bonawandt - EASTPORT SOUTH MANOR

Anna.....Layla Zapparata

Charlotte.....Olivia Arntsen

Director: Joe Minutillo

## 29 CHARLTON STREET

By Justine Karen - SHELTER ISLAND

Eli..... Paul Murphy

Claire.....Lily Garrison

Directed by Tina Jones

Assistant Director: Elizabeth Cummings

There will be a ten minute intermission  
between Acts 1 & 2

# ACT 2

## THE HERO

By Sabrina Schumacher - EASTPORT SOUTH MANOR

John.....Nick Benfante

Sara.....Blanca Hurley

Director: Joe Minutillo

Assistant Director: Sabrina Schumacher

## THE BREAD SHOP

By Julianna Caporusso - EASTPORT SOUTH MANOR

Annabeth.....Iliana Miranda

Christopher.....Liam McGevna

Director: Diana Marbury

Assistant Director: Jackelynn Giron

## I SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I AM UP TO NO GOOD

By Nina Damiecki - THE ROSS SCHOOL

Serena..... Georgia Briere

Rain.....Emily Austopchuk

Director: Kate Mueth

Assistant Director: Nina Damiecki

## THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER

By Tristan Griffin - THE ROSS SCHOOL

Ant..... Tristan Griffin

Grasshopper..... Mael Oujaddou

Directed by Tom Gustin

Assistant Director/Voice of Anita: Sharon Kim