

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, dealing 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 safely explore 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.

We do discuss what is gratuitous versus what is earned when it comes to creative expression, a discussion that continues at every opportunity throughout the creative process. We find this helps students to consider and define for themselves the best, most effective way to convey their point or message. We also emphasize that our policy of non-censorship is limited to the confines of the YAWP classroom, and does not extend to, or advocate, violating a school or family code of conduct.

Finally, though, what ends up on the page - or the stage - is the playwright’s call, which often results in content that “raises a few eyebrows.” The important element is that these plays are a reflection of our young people’s voices today. We neither condone nor oppose the students’ creative choices, but we do believe they have a right to be expressed. Most importantly, we applaud their courage for taking the risk to be heard.

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

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THE YOUNG ARTISTS & WRITERS PROJECT

2014 High School Playwrights Performance



Seven courageous, poignant and outrageous plays written by and starring high school students from Bridgehampton, Eastport South Manor, Sag Harbor’s Pierson, Southampton High School and the YAWP Summer Workshops.

Saturday, December 13, 2014 7 PM
Avram Theater, Fine Arts Building
Stony Brook Southampton
Southampton, NY

THE YOUNG ARTISTS & WRITERS PROJECT (YAWP)

The Young Artists and Writers Project (YAWP), created 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, performing 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 students to the principles of dramatic writing. It is also held as a separate five-day retreat program. Teaching artists guide students through a curriculum inspired by Aristotle's *Poetics*, exploring the elements of dramatic writing and assisting each student in the discovery of his or her unique perspective and creative voice.

Every student who participates in the program completes a one-act play. One play from each participating 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 the YAWP staff and professional theatre artists for two public performances.

PIERSON participating students, cont.

Dylan Kaminski	John Lesser
Talena Mascali	Max Micallef
Britney Moreno Nieves	Rebecca Plucis
Rob Rewinski	Jake Ruehl
Isabella Di Russa	Rachel Williams

SOUTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

Classroom Teacher: Maria Clinton

Principal: Dr. Brian Zahn

Superintendent: Dr. Scott Farina

YAWP Teaching Artists: Will Chandler and Mary Ellen Walsh

Section 1:

Shane Cavanaugh	Pauline Delacruz
Valin Gates	Emily Goleski
Kaley Kerr	Matt Morgani
Michael Nelson	Caroline Ricca
Brandon Tarku	Shane Terry
Harrison Van Dood	Ivan Von Hassell
Nitauke Williams	

Section 2:

Lena Cambron	Noa Dubin
Devin Elar	McClane Farnam
Justin Fisher	Meggie Gallo
Casey Gise	Jarred Halsey
Delaney Jones	Nick Knoebel
Dulce Palomino	Mitchell Pena Mendez
Garrett Pike	John Poremba
William Raynor	Alexis Rosko
Matteo Savarese	Amanda Schreiber
Kyla Rose Seymore	Samantha Taylor
Kyle Vella	Vince Victa
Katherine Zaneski	

YAWP SUMMER SCRIPTWRITING WORKSHOP

Stony Brook Southampton Campus – July 2013

YAWP Teaching Artists: Will Chandler and Danielle Berg

Participating Students:

Quincy Becker	Emily Costello	
Elizabeth Guiffra	Lucy Guzzardo	
JiJi Kramer	Reilly Rose Schombs	Sawyer Smith

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

BRIDGEHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

Classroom Teacher: Lenore Wright

Principal/Superintendent: Dr. Lois R. Favre

YAWP Teaching Artists: Chris Byrd and Tristan Vaughan

Participating Students:

Jada Pinckney Laura Uribe
Hayley Lund Matthew Hostetter

EASTPORT SOUTH MANOR JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Classroom Teacher: Toni Borkowski

Principal: Sal Alaimo

Superintendent: Mark A. Nocero

YAWP Teaching Artists: Will Chandler and Julianne Jones

Participating Students:

Jocelyn Albanese Angelina Alfano
Rachel Arnold Rae Bednar
Jacqueline Brown Alyssa Burdok
Amanda Caliguiri Anthony DeFeo
Alyssa Devers Sean Foster
Stephen Izzo Kyle Johnson
Gabriel Mark Christina Michaelides
Julia Montgomery Sierra Puwalski
Samantha Quinn Jacquelyn Rankel
Patrick Spellman Ciara Stasi
Gerlando Volpe Dahlia Zapparata

PIERSON HIGH SCHOOL

Classroom Teacher: Jennifer Bianchi

Principal: Jeff Nichols

Superintendent: Katy Graves

YAWP Teaching Artists: Victor Giannini and Brian Clemente

Participating Students:

Hope Brindle Charles Canavan
Rebecca Dvoskin Jack Fitzpatrick
Ryan Frizell George Hand
Paul Hartman Leigh Hatfield

YAWP FACULTY & STAFF

SOUTHAMPTON GRADUATE ARTS OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Robert Reeves, Associate Provost

Carla Caglioti, Executive Director & Assistant Dean

YAWP PROGRAMMATIC STAFF

Executive Director – Emma Walton Hamilton

Program Director - Will Chandler

MFA Creative Writing Director/YAWP Poetry - Julie Sheehan

Playwriting – Will Chandler & Emma Walton Hamilton

Screenwriting – Annette Handley Chandler

Fiction & Personal Essay – Lou Ann Walker

MFA Administrative Coordinator - Adrienne Unger

YAWP PRODUCTION STAFF

Director – Emma Walton Hamilton

Associate Director - Will Chandler

Producer - William Burford

Production Stage Manager - John Zaleski

Costumes and Props - Yuka Silvera

Lighting Design - Jordan Roberts

Sound - Logan Pizzanelli

Light Board Operator - David B. Kaps

2014 High School Playwriting Program Teaching Artists

Danielle Berg Chris Byrd Will Chandler Brian Clemente
Victor Giannini Julianne Jones Tristan Vaughan Mary Ellen Walsh

2014 Production Running Crew

Max Micallef Cecilia Calieca Emily Goleski
Maddie Koral Gabriel Mark Ciara Stasi

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ACT 1

THE THINGS YOU LEARN IN HISTORY BOOKS

By Hayley Lund

BRIDGEHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

Directed by Tina Jones

Emma..... Elizabeth Hochstedler

Napoleon.....Hayley Lund

Assistant Director - Cecilia Calieca

PARANOIA

By Casey Gise

SOUTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

Directed by Jenna Mate

Sophia.....Madison Kelly

Abby.....Leila Thomas

Assistant Director: Casey Gise

UNTOLD SECRETS

By Jada Pinckney

BRIDGEHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

Directed by Tom Gustin

Hazel..... Jada Pinckney

Detective.....Matthew Hostetter

Assistant Director/Voice of Coffee House Emcee: Maddie Koral

SOULMATE.COM

By Lucy Guzzardo

YAWP Summer Workshop/Bay Ridge Prep.

Actors from Eastport South Manor High School

Directed by Megan Minutillo

Demon.....Sean Foster

Angel.....Rae Bednar

Assistant Director: Ciara Stasi

There will be a 10 minute intermission between Acts 1 & 2

ACT 2

IS THIS SEAT TAKEN

By Kaley Kerr

SOUTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

Directed by Tristan Vaughan

Amy.....Sarah Pierson

Noah.....Liam Meaney

Assistant Director: Emily Goleski

CITY OF LIGHTS

By Paul Hartman

PIERSON HIGH SCHOOL, Sag Harbor

Directed by Brian Clemente

Andrew.....Paul Hartman

Andrea.....Hope Brindle

Assistant Director: Max Micallef

THE DAILY MOTIONS

By Sean Foster

EASTPORT SOUTH MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

Directed by Joe Minutillo

Michael.....Anthony DeFeo

Garrett.....Stephen Izzo

Voice of The Writer..... Gabriel Mark

The plays presented here tonight will be published
in the YAWP Ezine: @ www.yawpezine.com

Videos of each play will be featured on
The Southampton Arts YouTube Channel,
"Bob's Writing Shack" @ www.youtube.com/mfawriting