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From the Principal's Desk for our LIHSA Families

December 11, 2020

LIHSA's Final Day of Class Before Winter Recess is December 18

Our (Virtual) Winter Festival is December 19! Filming starts next week.

Exciting News!

This week we learned that LIHSA's three new CTE programs have been approved by New York State! We are thrilled to begin offering Sonic Arts, Expressive Arts in Human Development, and Game Design programs during the 2021-22



academic year. Stay tuned in January we will share more information about those programs, but please join us in a whoo-hoo!

Magic Box Productions Residency Ends with Students' Culminating Projects

This week, our semester long artistic residency with Magic Box Productions ended for our Visual & Media Arts students. The work done over these weeks were divided into three sections, all with a focus on "interesting times."

On Thursday December 10th, the students in the Digital Imaging class presented their culminating projects that highlighted aspects of photography, animation, and documentary filmmaking that they learned. Working with Haley Shibble from Magic Box on Tuesdays through the semester, students were tasked with identifying and working with an activism component and then using one of the modes they learned about to create a project. They presented photographs, films, stop motion animation, drawn animation and drawings.







David McDowell created a documentary on 9/11 and NYC



Martha Chavez made a pandemic related photo project focusing on how much changed on the streets and storefronts



Anays Sarauz created a pandemic related animation and role her bedroom played as she stayed there daily for months

Madison Theatre Residency





This fall, students in our Audience Management Class worked with Angelo Fabroni, the Artistic Director at The Madison Theatre at Molloy College's Artistic Director, Angelo Fabroni.

Every year the Madison Theatre presents a fundraising performance to raise money for the scholarship fund for Molloy college students. To comply with COVID restrictions, this year they filmed the production and showed it on YouTube in November. LIHSA's Audience Management students had the opportunity to watch the filming of the fundraiser. One of the highlights of our time at Molloy was talking to Holly, the makeup artist who demonstrated the process of creating scars and wounds.

Kalimbas

Dr. Dale Stuckenbruck made these Kalimbas for the Karaoke class for students, who already use drumming, keyboard, and ukulele for their covers. The popularity of this instrument has gained worldwide interest. It can be tuned many ways and can be used for any global culture, as well as for popular or classical music.



Improv Work



Our performing arts students continue to work on their improv skills. After a warm up of pattern game, we move on to completely improvised scenes. Actors work on a starting emotion, a location and an imaginary prop from our imaginary prop wall that they will use in their scenes.

Cross-Departmental Collaboration







Dance Composition II students explored the courtyard and architecture on LIHSA's campus, then chose a site that was interesting and inspiring to them. They worked without music (a new technique for all of them!) and focused solely on the site for choreographic inspiration. They used improvisation and wrote in their journals to establish their ideas. Before the final performance of their solos, they showed their pieces to each other and received peer feedback.

In a cross- departmental collaboration, film students shot these pieces. Two of the films will be featured in the Student Showcase.

It has been a wonderful collaboration and learning experience for all of the students.



Next week is Spirit Week. Join in the fun and dress with these themes in mind:

Monday, December 14: Twin day Tuesday, December 15: Character day Wednesday, December 16: Decade day Thursday, December 17: Pajama day Friday, December 18: Holiday gear

LIHSA Gives Back Continues the Week of December 14

We are so happy to continue to give back to the Long Island Community in several ways throughout the holiday season and you can participate starting on Monday. Thank you to our Student Council for arranging these wonderful opportunities. There are three ways you can get involved in the Season of Giving.

Holiday Cards

The holiday time, while joyous for so many, can be very isolating and challenging for others, and even more so this year with the pandemic. To help vulnerable people feel more connected, on Monday, LIHSA will launch a



holiday card writing campaign. Pick up a blank card at check-in and write a

personal message. Once the cards are returned, they will be hand-delivered to two deserving organizations: one will be an elder care facility and the other employees who work at a suicide hotline, saving lives every day.

Hats, Gloves and Scarves

Please bring hats, gloves, and scarves for collection to be donated to The Inn in Hempstead. Please drop off your donations as you enter the school.

Toy Drive

Please bring in your new, unwrapped toy to LIHSA.

Toys will be donated before the holidays.

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PLEASE BRING A NEW UNWRAPPED GIFT Ň

Progress Reports

Progress reports are out! Having trouble accessing? <u>Click here for a tutorial on</u> how to use School Tool.

A Podcast

The Ackerman Institute's Gender and Family Project families are the best at explaining why our services are so important and their community is such a lifeline. Hear their voices for yourself in the <u>Family Acceptance Podcast</u>. The podcast provides a glimpse into the transformative power of our Community Support Groups.



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