

# ARTS & LIFESTYLE

## UNCSA Presidential Scholar

A high school senior at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA) has been named a Presidential Scholar in the Arts by the United States Department of Education, and four students have been recognized by the National YoungArts Foundation.

Reagan Lukefahr of Houston, Texas graduated on Saturday, May 17 from the School of Drama. She will return to UNCSA in the Fall as a college freshman.



Lukefahr

The National YoungArts Foundation is the exclusive nominating agency for the U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts. Lukefahr was a YoungArts finalist in the

2012-13 academic year, which made her eligible as a Presidential Scholar this year.

Four UNCSA high school students were recognized by the YoungArts Federation for the 2013-14 academic year. Rachel Haas was named a finalist in theatre. Reynolds Duck received an honorable mention in theatre and a merit award in dance. Jennifer Xiao received a merit award in visual arts. Ryan McNally received a merit award in ballet.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by executive order of the President to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts.

## Sawtooth 'Spirituality'

Eight different artists and a broad variety of art forms will be featured in "Toward Spirituality," the next installation in the Davis Gallery at Sawtooth School for Visual Art. The show opens on May 27 and runs through June 27; an Artists' Reception will be held on Friday, June 6 from 5 to 7 p.m.

According to Sawtooth Gallery Coordinator Sharon Hardin, the show as a whole does not focus exclusively on any particular religion or philosophy. The artists reference spirituality in their work through their own personal lens and point of view.

The definition and interpretation of spirituality and how it's represented will be as diverse as the artists in the show - Becky Gray (ceramics), Betty Helen Longhi (metals), Kim Varnadoc (photography), Susannah Ravenswing (jewelry), Vanessa Hollifield and Betti Pettinatti Longinotti (glass), and Marianne DiNapoli Mylet and Paul Travis Phillips (painting).

"I am totally blown away by the talent represented in this exhibition" said Sawtooth Executive Director JoAnne Vernon. "We have artists with ties to Penland School of Crafts, Parson's School of Design, Piedmont Craftsmen, and several other prestigious arts organizations. Individually, their work is beautiful. Collectively, it will be absolutely breathtaking."

## RiverRun volunteers honored

RiverRun International Film Festival named Bruce and Carmel Hall as the 2013-2014 Volunteer of the Year Award recipients. The award is presented annually to dedicated volunteers who continually go above and beyond expectations in their RiverRun volunteer duties.

"We could not pull off such a successful Festival without the assistance and support of our many wonderful volunteers," said RiverRun Executive Director Andrew Rodgers.

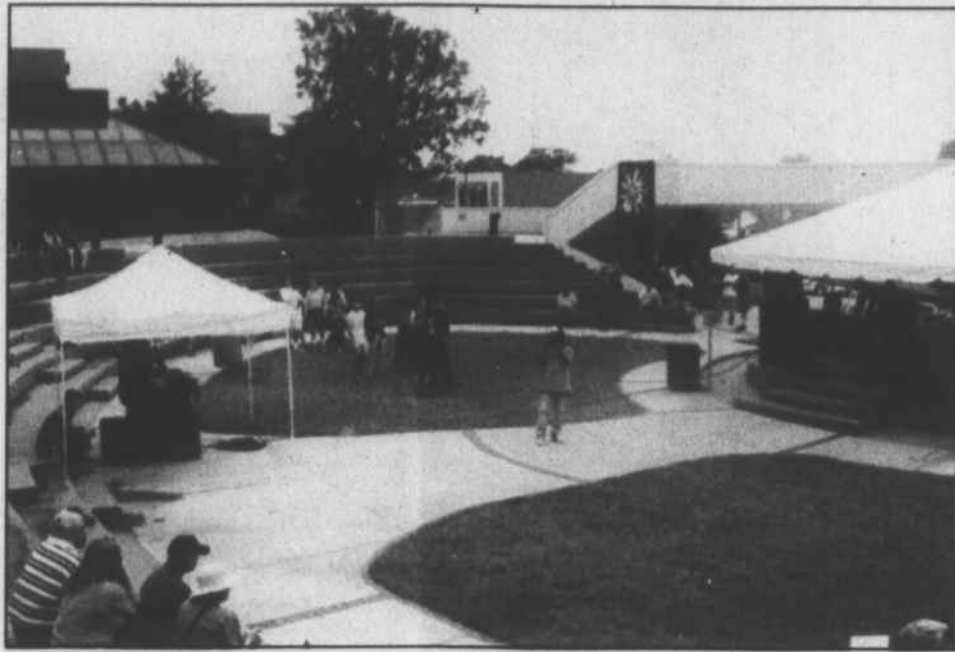
The Halls were chosen by RiverRun staff for their continued exemplary service to the Festival and its patrons.



The Halls

"Several volunteers and staff suggested Carmel and Bruce for consideration for this year's 'Volunteer of the Year' Award and I couldn't agree more," said RiverRun Community Director and Volunteer Coordinator Jane McKim. "Their constant willingness to help before, during and after the Festival is so helpful, and Carmel and Bruce have been gracious, tireless hosts of our Festival cocktail receptions for many years."

The RiverRun International Film Festival is a non-profit cultural organization dedicated to the role of cinema as a conduit of powerful ideas and diverse viewpoints. Each spring, RiverRun screens new narrative, documentary, short, student and animated films, offering both audience and jury prizes in competition categories. The 17th RiverRun International Film Festival will be held April 17-26, 2015 in downtown Winston-Salem.



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A view of Winston-Square Park during the city's most recent Rock the Block street festival. The park will host Outta The Bag events.

## Artsy park events to start on May 27

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

On Tuesday, May 27, and subsequent Tuesdays through Sept. 30, Winston-Salem Writers and Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks will co-sponsor Outta The Bag, an hour of lunchtime entertainment in Winston Square Park, which is downtown between Marshall and Spruce streets. Local musicians, poets, writers and other artists will perform from noon - 1 p.m.

Outta The Bag originated in the 1970s when the Arts Council awarded a grant to the city to sponsor lunchtime gatherings in Winston Square.

"This little gem is the perfect people's park," said Tim Grant, director of Recreation & Parks. "Resurrecting Outta The Bag returns a fun, creative, and accessible series of daytime events to the City of Arts and Innovation."



Grant

Winston-Salem Writers will emcee the event and arrange scheduling; non-members are welcome to participate. Anyone interested in performing should contact lbyrd@wswriters.org. Performers will not be paid, but they may accept donations from the audience.

"Winston Salem Writers is actively seeking ways to promote our 'Read Local' campaign as well as to increase our membership roster," said WSW President Sam Barbee. "Outta The Bag is a lively way to offer readings by our members in a public venue. Plus, we hope to bring other creative people of all ages who live in our community out to participate for an hour on Tuesdays throughout the summer."

Attendees are encouraged to bring brown bag lunches or purchase take-out from local restaurants. Licensed street vendors and food trucks are welcome.



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## FRUGAL VITTLES

Local celebrity chef Nikki Miller-Ka takes part in the "\$20 Challenge" earlier this month at the Dixie Classic Fair Farmers Market. She prepared a meal using fresh ingredients purchased from vendors at the market. She was only allowed to use \$20. She will prepare \$20 meals each Saturday at the Farmers Market, which runs from 6 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Fairgrounds, 421 West 27th St.

## Hatch elected to prestigious honor society

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Wake Forest University President Nathan Hatch is among the newest members elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

One of the nation's most prestigious honorary societies, the Academy is also a leading center for independent policy research. Members contribute to Academy publications and studies of science and technology policy, energy and global security, social policy and American institutions, and the humanities, arts and education.

"It is a privilege to honor these men and women for their extraordinary individual accomplishments," said Don Randel, chair of the Academy's board of directors. "The knowledge and expertise of our members give the Academy a unique capacity - and responsibility - to provide practical policy solutions to the pressing challenges of the day. We look forward to engaging our new members in this work."

The Academy membership encompasses over 4,600 Fellows



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See Hatch on A9 Nathan Hatch is now one of 4,600 Fellows.

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