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.



Lukefahr

She will return to UNCSA in the Fall as a college fresh-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

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 (photography), Susannah Ravenswing (jewelry), Vanessa Hollifield and Betti Pettinatti Longinotti (glass), and Marianne DiNapoli Mylet and Paul Travis Phillips (paint-

"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 contin-

ued exemplary service to the Festival and its patrons.

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 Halls

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.



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."

Winston-Salem Writers will emcee the event and arrange scheduling; nonmembers 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.



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

Money needed for public art display

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The city and the Arts Council are partnering on a crowdfunding campaign to raise money to enhance the public art the city commissioned last year in honor of Winston-Salem's centennial.

The campaign is seeking to raise \$6,000 and is being conducted through power2give.org, a crowdfunding website site for the arts.

The Arts Council will match every doldonated through the camwhich paign, will run May 16 through Aug. 15.

The money would finance pedestals for the two free-standstainlessing



steel columns being created by Greensboro artist Vandorn Hinnant. The columns, comprising isosceles triangles, represent Salem and Winston and will be inscribed with text and images commemorating significant historical figures and events. They are to be placed in Corpening Plaza. The City Council commis-

sioned the art as part of its celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the consolidation of Winston and Salem under a single municipal government, and allocated \$30,000 from the city's public art fund for the project.

Mounting the columns on raised pedestals would give the art greater visibility and make it easier for viewers to read text at the base of the sculpture, said Evan Raleigh, the assistant to City Manager Lee Garrity, who is overseeing the proj-

"The Arts Council approached us to explore ways it could support our public art initiative," Raleigh said. "We are excited by the opportunity to use power2give to crowdfund the pedestals, and especially grateful that the Arts Council will match the donations."

Donors who give \$25 will receive a copy of the line-art poster created for the centennial, which depicts prominent Winston-Salem landmarks, businesses and institutions. Donors who give \$50 will receive a framed, signed and numbered centennial tile, handmade by renowned local artist Ron Propst.

The Arts Council has previously used power2give.com to support such organizations as the Piedmont Opera, Carolina Music Ways and Winston-Salem Theatre Alliance.

To learn more about the centennial public art and to donate, go to power2give.org and use the "Choose Your State" and "Choose Your Community" drop-down

Hatch elected to prestigious honor society

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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



Nathan Hatch is now one of 4,600 Fellows.

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