

# ARTS & LIFESTYLE

## Of Interest ...

### Liberace Foundation money goes to UNCG music students

Three graduate students from the School of Music at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro have been awarded \$19,000 from the Las Vegas-based Liberace Foundation for the Performing and Creative Arts.

The award will be used to pay tuition for Julianne Odahowski, a violinist; Anne Berry, a cellist, and Radha Mundkur, a pianist. The students are members of the Liberace Trio, which was established at UNCG in 2004 under a grant from the Liberace Foundation to support chamber music performance at the highest levels.

"The Liberace scholarship once again makes it possible for these three outstanding students to have an incredible graduate assistant experience by playing great chamber music," said Dr. David Nelson, associate dean of the School of Music.

The Liberace Trio performs regularly on campus and throughout the community. Earlier this year, the trio performed Olivier Messiaen's acclaimed "Quartet for the End of Time," which Messiaen composed while he was a prisoner in a concentration camp.

Since its inception in 1976, the Liberace Foundation has awarded in excess of \$5 million in scholarships to more than 2,200 students at over 100 colleges and universities. The foundation is named for the pianist and showman Walter Valentino Liberace, who was known by the stage name Liberace.

### Old Salem board has new trustees

Old Salem Museums & Gardens named seven new members to the Board of Trustees during the 57th Annual Meeting May 30. The new trustees are Dr. Anthony Atala, Craig D. Cannon, S. Revelle Gwyn, Michael Hough, Ronald L. Hurst, Billy D. Prim and Dr. Allston Stubbs.

Atala is the W.H. Boyce Professor and Director of the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, and Chair of the Department of Urology at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Cannon is a litigator in the Winston-Salem law firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice. Gwyn is a partner in Bradley Arant's Corporate and Securities Practice Group in Huntsville, Ala. Hough is chairman and chief executive officer of ACM Financial Trust Inc., a Winston-Salem based specialty mortgage finance company he co-founded in 1998. Hurst is the Carlisle H. Humelsine Chief Curator and Vice President of Collections and Museums for The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in Williamsburg, Va. Prim is chairman and chief executive officer of Primo Water, a nationwide service for branded bottled water in three and five gallon bottles. Stubbs is the former chief of the Division of Urology for Novant Triad Medical Health Systems. He is currently employed with Carolina Urological Associates in Winston-Salem.

Trustees elected to serve on the Executive Committee include Michael Bozyski, F. Hudnall Christopher Jr., Kay Chalk, Ragan Folan, Anthony Furr, James A. Gray III, Thomas Gray, F. Borden Hanes Jr., Michael Hough, Ronda Plummer and Darryl Thompson.

### Mike Tyson wants to do Bollywood movies

MUMBAI, India (AP) — Mike Tyson wants to try something new — acting in Bollywood movies.

Tyson said the energy on the sets of a music video he recently shot for a new comedy got him thinking about trying to do more Bollywood work. The Times of India reported.

The former heavyweight boxing champion said in an interview that Firoz Nadiadwala, producer of "Fool n Final," had approached him with a script. "Firoz has discussed a movie with me," the newspaper quoted Tyson as saying.

"We seriously intend to work toward it," he said, without disclosing any details.

Tyson, 40, danced to Bollywood music at a two-day shoot in Las Vegas last month for a music video to promote "Fool n Final" about a diamond heist.

"The atmosphere was very congenial, happy and energetic," the newspaper quoted Tyson as saying.

Tyson plays himself in the music video, set for release later this month.

He said Nadiadwala explained the concept of the music video to him earlier this year.

"I was, anyway, in that phase when I didn't mind trying out something different," he said. "The script seemed very interesting, with lots of excitement thrown in."

Tyson said there are similarities between acting and boxing.

"In both the fields, in order to survive and triumph, you need focus and to be highly disciplined and determined," he said.

A judge in Phoenix gave Tyson permission to travel to Las Vegas to shoot the music video. Tyson is facing charges of drug possession and driving under the influence of drugs for an arrest in Scottsdale last year.

Tyson had been expected to travel to India this summer to film the dance sequence, but the scene was shot in Las Vegas due to security reasons, director Ahmed Khan has said.

## Local school get books from NEH

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The media centers at Philo and Wiley middle schools will be the recipients of a mass free book distribution. The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded free copies of classic books to 2,000 public and school libraries throughout the United States, including 55 in North Carolina.

Each library will receive 15 classic books on the theme of the "Pursuit of Happiness."

"Libraries serve as a nexus of knowledge and ideas for our citizens and students," said NEH Chairman Bruce Cole. "With this year's We the People Bookshelf, a library's young readers will gain a fuller sense of what the Declaration of Independence means when it asserts that all human beings 'are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.'"

The new awards are part of the endowment's "We the People" program, which sup-



Famed author Octavia Butler died last year.

ports projects that strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture.

The We the People Bookshelf on the "Pursuit of Happiness" contains the following books:

- Grades K-3: "Aesop's Fables" by Aesop; "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" by Robert Frost; "Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel" by Virginia Lee Burton.
- Grades 4-6: "Tuck

Everlasting" by Natalie Babbitt; "The Great Migration" by Jacob Lawrence; "These Happy Golden Years" by Laura Ingalls Wilder; and "Journal of Wong Ming-Chung" by Laurence Yep.

• Grades 7-8: "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle; "Esperanza Rising" by Pam Muñoz Ryan; and "Carry On, Mr. Bowditch" by Jean Lee Latham.

• Grades 9-12: "Kindred" by Octavia Butler; "O Pioneers!" by

Willa Cather; "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; "Leaves of Grass" by Walt Whitman; and "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine.

As a bonus, each library receiving a We the People Bookshelf set will receive a music CD, Happy Land: Musical Tributes to Laura Ingalls Wilder. Scholastic, Inc., donated copies of the books "Journal of Wong Ming-Chung" and "Esperanza Rising" for this project.

## BUSINESS TEA



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Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin recently met with Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson for high tea in New York City to discuss the possibility of Hudson portraying Franklin in a film production based on the New York Times best-selling autobiography, "Aretha Franklin: From These Roots." Joining the ladies at high tea was Will Wilkerson, who Franklin plans to wed this spring.

## Moody to remain 'Carolina boy' despite side gig

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Symphony Association has announced a seven-year renewal of Maestro Robert Moody's contract, extending Moody's music directorship through the 2014-2015 season. At the same time, the association said Moody is accepting an additional music directorship with the Portland



Moody

Symphony Orchestra in Portland, Ma. Moody will continue to maintain his primary residency in Winston-Salem, where he will spend most of his time.

Symphony Association Board President Dr. Michael Lischke said of the renewal, "This long-term renewal of Maestro Moody's contract solidifies his commitment to our community and to our orchestra at least through the 2014-2015 season. Maestro Moody has played an instrumental role in renewing our community's interest in and support for the Winston-Salem Symphony. His passion for his profession, infectious enthusiasm about the wide range of repertoire that a fine orchestra makes relevant, and his commitment to expanding the audience base we serve is undeniable."

Moody's appointment as music director of the Portland Symphony Orchestra will start during the 2007-2008 season, when he will serve as music director designate. He will assume the music director's title in the 2008-2009 season.

Commenting on the contract renewal, Maestro Moody said, "I am honored and thrilled to extend my association with the Winston-Salem Symphony through 2015. I am so proud of what we already have achieved. Thus far we have enjoyed two years of tremendous momentum and artistic excellence — now we must work harder to grow our nationally-recognized regional orchestra to even loftier heights. I am grateful to the fine musicians of the orchestra and Symphony Chorus, the Symphony Association Board of Directors, our staff and volunteers, our ticket buyers, donors and sponsors for their



Jordan Powell's "Home of the Brave"



Zaneta Tucker's "Spring Rain"



Mike Jones's "N.C. Coastal Guardians"

## Parkland High artists take part in friendly competition

### Piedmont Federal held Hometown Graffiti at several branches

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For the second year, Piedmont Federal challenged local art students to compete for prizes and the title of "Best of Show" with its Hometown Graffiti art competition. The artwork of eight

Parkland High School students went head-to-head at the Southpark branch last week, and earlier this month, fifteen students from Forsyth Country Day School, Mount Tabor and Reagan High Schools participated at their neighborhood Piedmont Federal branch on Peace Haven Road.

The Southpark awards ceremony was attended by Parkland High School Principal Tim Lee and bank leaders. Every student who participated received a \$25

VISA gift card, and the art department was gifted with \$250 from Piedmont Federal — something Parkland teachers say, "really helps out in the classroom."

Southpark branch customers had two weeks to view the artwork and cast their votes for their favorites, thereby picking the Hometown Graffiti finalists who received a U.S. Treasury Savings Bond in addition to their Piedmont Federal VISA

See Parkland on A11

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