

Artistically-inclined local students invited to join unique, new program

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Triad Cultural Arts, Inc. will initiate its first youth arts education program, entitled New Voices.

Supported by funding from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Arts Council and Reynolds American, New Voices is a program that allows high school and college art students to explore artists from the Harlem Renaissance and Civil Rights Movement and how they used painting, writing and music to speak out about social issues of that time.

The students will then produce a work to express social thought and issues in today's society. The goal of this program, states Director Cheryl Harry, is to provide students with formal instruction in their chosen disciplines and to create a spirit of social responsibility in young people so that they can impact the community in a positive way. The 10-week program will culminate with a Cotton Club-themed showcase in April.

The visual arts program will be led by Leo Rucker, a local artist who has dedicat-



Leo Rucker



Cheryl Harry

ed his time and efforts over the past 25 years to developing and creating fine, positive art. Rucker will guide students in using their talents to chronicle and highlight Harlem Renaissance artists. Jonathan Hamiel, band director at Parkland High School, will work with jazz musicians to perform period selections from both the Harlem Renaissance and the Civil Rights era. Music students will create an original piece or arrange an existing piece.

Dr. Derick Virgil, director of the Writing Center at Winston-Salem State University, will lead the creative writing class. Students will study the writers of the Civil Rights era and compose original works of their own. Mabel Robinson, noted choreographer and artistic director of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company, will provide her talents in developing the dance component.

The program is free and open to high school and college students who have an interest in the arts. Students interested in participating should call Triad Cultural Arts at 336-793-7462. Triad Cultural Arts is an affiliate of Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade Street.

More information can be found at www.triadculturalarts.org.



Youngsters Claire Aft, Maya Williams and Noah Marshall help to unveil the total take of the Capital Campaign by holding up numbered cards.

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ing, Renna said.

"Unfortunately, in this economy, a lot of agencies have to make choices between two things they don't want to let go," he remarked.

The economic upheaval has not been kind to non-profits, as many have seen an increase in need while funding continues to shrink.

Second Harvest has experienced a 78 percent increase in demand for its services over the last 18 months, Fitzgerald said. Though the United Way only accounts for five percent of the budget for the massive organization, which covers an 18-county area, Second Harvest staff members were among the throngs of employees who took the United We Can campaign to the streets, fervently soliciting donations for the United Way.

Support from the United Way accounts for roughly a third of the YWCA's \$4 million budget, said CEO Florence Corpening. The



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United Way Board Chair Ed Welch.

funding is essential for programs such as the Holly House, a recovery facility for women with drug and alcohol addictions; and the Best Choice Center, both of which are operated by the YWCA, Corpening added.

"We depend on them quite a bit," she said.

The Winston-Salem Chapter of the American Red Cross also depends heavily on United Way funds.

"They're a major funder," said Executive Director Hugh Quinn. "We rely on them for about 40 percent of our budget."

The Red Cross has also

been forced to make cutbacks over the last year, Quinn reported.

"We're trying to find the resources to do what the community expects of us," he commented.

In lean financial times, the efforts of the United Way and all its volunteers are appreciated more than ever, Quinn added.

"We appreciate all they do for us and for the other 33 member agencies," he remarked. "Even in a down economy, they are so good at getting the message out there and getting everyone to contribute."

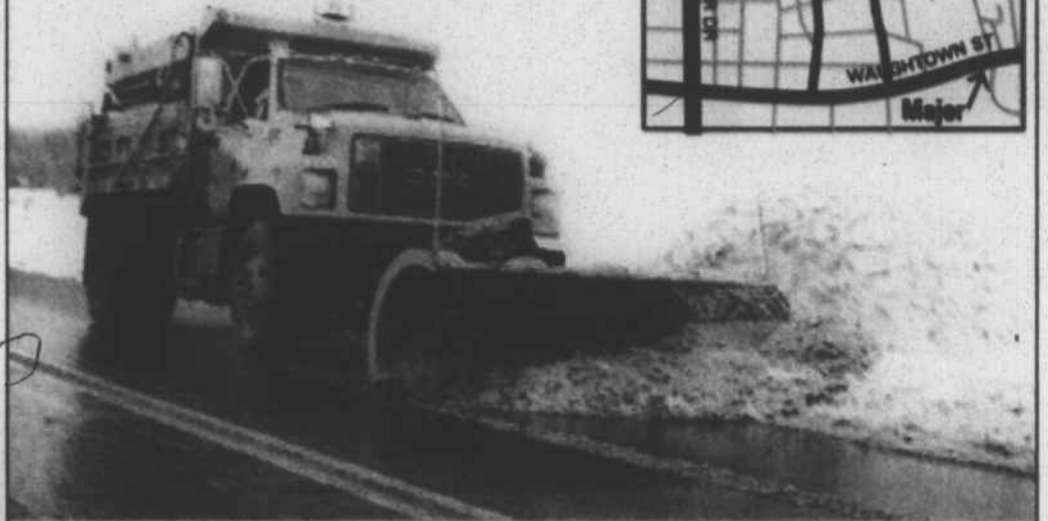
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