Artsfest kicks off with new feature, ‘Art in the Dark’

By David Hedges
Midway reporter

“Art in the Dark,” a new prelude to Artsfest, kicks off 6 tonight in the Senior Lounge and the cafeteria, offering through 9 p.m. U-Highers performing music, poetry, and dance, with a Fat Shollot food truck outside of Judd Hall to fuel the fun.

Artsfest tomorrow offers more than 50 workshops, performances and guest presenters including “808s and Panacekas,” “Aloha Ukulele Jam” and “Flower Crowns,” during 1st period.

A PERFORMANCE by the celebrated South Side group Kaotic Drumline will highlight the opening assembly 9 a.m. in Upper Kovel according to senior Lindsay Arenson, president with seniors Katie Harris and Liv Rhodes. Dance Team and U-Highers from the Chicago Children’s Choir will star in the Closing Assembly at 2:35 p.m.

“Kaotic Drumline came a few years ago, so we know they are good,” Lindsay said. They’re a local group from the South Side.

So as for “Art in the Dark,” “There’s a ton of activities and performances planned for Art in the Dark,” Katie said. “There will be performances from student bands, U-High poets, and a number of very talented U-High singers. Also, juniors Karen Reppy and Cat Eng will be showing excerpts of their own dance choreography from their upcoming show at the Logan Center in late May.”

SOME PAST FEATURES have been dropped.

“We decided not to hold the ‘Fort Wars’ and quiet study workshops and did our best to keep workshop capacities under 20 students, in an effort to increase contact with the workshop leader,” Katie said.

Lower Schoolers will also get on the fun and learning.

“There will be two workshops in Elaine and Carl Shapiro Hall, ‘Throwback Thursday’s and arts and crafts with the workshop 4th graders,” Liz explained.

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SET production offers 11 plays, five by students

By Elizabeth Chon
Midway reporter

A fairy roams around a forest and falls madly in love with a human, only to find that he is about to be taken away from her.

“Costumes and Makeup,” written and directed by senior Loren Sassick, is among five student-written pieces in this year’s Student Experimental Theatre (SET) production, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 27 through Saturday, March 1 in Judd 129. Tickets, $10, are on sale in the Lobby.

This year’s production showcases a larger number of pieces than in previous years, according to SET Board head Jiji Pleacha, senior.

“This show has more student-written work compared to previous years. Jiji added. “We received more student-written submissions this year, about six or seven out of 30 submissions total.”

Loren said he wrote “Costumes and Makeup” because he wanted to write a piece about taking away from one’s self.

“I was talking to senior Zoe Briskay, the head of makeup design, about how we don’t do anything too interesting with costumes and makeup,” Loren said. “I started sketching things up for characters, but we realized we needed stories to make our plans happen. The night before submissions were due, I wrote a three-paged piece about a fairy which ended up being the play Costumes and Makeup.”

With fewer actors than in past years, new challenges arose concerning rehearsal scheduling, according to senior Nell Mittlestead.

“Having fewer actors has made it difficult for us to manage our schedule,” she said. “Our actors have to perform in more plays, and we have to do a lot of juggling.”

Teacher-written pieces are as follows:


TICKLE ME ELMO EXTREME—Written and directed by Zoe Briskay. Cast: Charlotte Elfenbaum.


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Can Diversity be taught or must Diversity be experienced?

With long history of initiatives, U-High still may have been missing something, believe some observers

By Elizabeth Chon, Natalie Holley, Marissa Martinez, Julian Lark, Elena Maestripieri, Marissa Page, and Sonia Bourdacs

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‘Connections’ adds online auction bids

By Alex Harron
Midway reporter

With the addition of online bidding to increase opportunities for fundraising, the annual Parents’ Association ‘Connections’ gala is expected to draw more than 900 guests to the dramatic and historic window-lined Grand Ballroom of Navy Pier Saturday, March 8, 6 p.m. to midnight.

This year’s theme, “Inspire, Nurture, Ignite,” embodies the spirit of the two honorees, Laboratory Schools Director David Magill and Lab Schools Board President John Rogers Jr., Class of 1979, according to Kate Collins, Connections vice chairman with Christopher McGowan.

The chairperson is University of Chicago president Robert J. Zimmer. Ms. Collins said, “This year we have chosen to enhance the raffle prizes but keep the tickets affordable at $20 each.”

Both the raffle tickets and the online auction were posted under the “Parents’ tab on www.ucls.uchicago.edu February 18.

“The ONLINE AUCTION this year focuses on teacher, parent and alumni led experiences,” Ms. McGowan said. “We have four professional day-long experiences for U-High students, including being an Illinois State Senate Page, a lawyer-in-training, a trader-in-training or an architect-in-training. These auction items generously donated by parents are available under ‘Only-at-Lab Student Experiences’ and geared towards U-High students.”

All Connections proceeds this year will benefit Lab Schools student financial aid, Ms. Collins said.

“Our main goal was to give people every opportunity to donate to Lab financial aid,” Ms. Collins said. “Whether it is a dollar or $25 thousand we have identified what Lab’s financial aid could use that ranged from books, supplies and a backpack or a week of after school care.”

For example, the $200 ticket could go to a semester of books, school supplies and a backpack or a week of after school care.

MR. MAGILL said he was looking forward to accepting his honor at ‘Connections’ with his family by his side. “I am humbled to be an honoree,” Mr. Magill said. “This year will be different from previous years because my three daughters and five of my seven grandchildren will be attending. John Rogers is a good friend of Lab and of mine. It is ironic that we will be retiring the same year, but we have had a fun time working together.”

Treats for the Sweet

As Valentine’s Day approaches, clubs and committees raised funds for future events during lunch and free periods.

Holding a flower sale to raise money for Prom (photos from top), committee members Lily Zhao, right, Rachel Conley and Grace Fioramonti-Gorchow sell pink carnations to Sophia Ferzamom-Congrace.

Selling chocograms and cupcakes (bottom), Artfest Committee co-president Liv Rhodes collects funds from Clea Braendel, right, Erika Koide and Jane Maunsell February 10.

Briefly

Senior performs her way to Regional Shakespeare contest

Zoe Briskey, senior, represented U-High February 10 at the Regional Shakespeare Competition at Roosevelt University.

Zoe placed 2nd among six contestants in U-High’s third annual Competition January 30-31, but could not proceed to the Regional competition because the rules prohibit anyone who has been a paid actor during the school year from competing.

In the U-High competition, sophomore Maria PRIVITERA placed 3rd. Participants performed a monologue of fewer than 19 lines from any Shakespearean play.

In Regionals, Zoe performed a monologue from “As You Like It” and a sonnet. She ended up among seven finalists, with the regional winner proceeding to New York City for finals May 4-6 at Lincoln Center.

The program is sponsored by the English Speaking Union, a historic global educational and charity organization dedicated to bringing together people who speak different languages and adhere to different cultures. This year the Chicago branch of the ESU has teamed up with an organization called Chicago Youth Shake-speare and will have a second team competition in April consisting of an insula-thon, a scene performed by two to four students and an ensemble performance,” English teacher Rachel Nielsen said. “I am hoping to get a group of students to participate in this competition as well.”

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By Clay Surmeiter
Associate editor

"We felt like we were in a snow globe."
So described 2nd-grade teacher Lisa Harrison after a shivery, snowy February day. Among 87 teachers who moved this year to Earl Shapiro Hall (ESH), Lab Schools’ new Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary School building, she has taught here for 14 years.

**THREE BLOCKS EAST of what is now called the Historic Campus, ESH stands at 5800 South Stony Island Avenue, the former site of the Doctors Hospital. The building shares its space with a Daily Care center run by the University.**

Joe Valerio of the Chicago firm Valerio Dewalt Train Associates, with FGM Architects, designed the $62 million, three-story building with the goal of creating a school in which students and faculty could experience the outdoors.

**FLOOR-TO-CEILING soundproof windows in every classroom showcase Jackson Park and the Museum of Science and Industry across the street while blocking out the occasional rumbling of the Metra train.**

“Every first-floor classroom leading to an outdoor play area, students spend time more efficiently in classrooms and playing outside, according to Primary School Principal Susan Devetak. However, with less time outside the classroom, ESH feels less intimate, according to Mrs. Harrison.”

“I think ESH has made it easier to get to recess and P.E., but by reducing the time spent walking around the school, I have lost some of the intimacy that Baine had,” Mrs. Harrison said. “I no longer see kids or colleagues walking the halls in between classes.”

**THE LOCATION of the faculty workspaces poses an inconvenience, according to Mrs. Harrison.**

“The faculty work space is great but the location takes away from how useful it could be. It’s all the way at the end of the other side of the second floor, down the hall. I have to remind myself to check my mailbox there sometimes because it is so out of the way."

“I think that it has helped create a better sense of community for security guards and janitorial staff but almost all teachers spend lunch with their students, leaving little time to socialize there during the day.”

**ON THE FIRST FLOOR, Nursery teacher Sarah Abella, Class of 1990, offered a different experience.**

“The best part of ESH for me is being with a lot more of my colleagues, it’s a lovely experience,” Mrs. Abella said. “Before, I worked at Woodlawn, there were only four other head teachers. I didn’t realize how isolated I felt until I started working here. It’s great to get to see my former students, which is another bonus as well.”

“One of the downsides to the new classrooms has been space. We didn’t notice this at first but the room has started to get really crowded. As the kids have grown we’ve started to notice things like the cubbies and two-handicap accessible bathrooms taking up a lot of space."

**TO COMBAT the unexpected traffic congestion Stony Island Avenue and its surrounding streets, the administration may be staggered dismissal times in the future, according to Lab Schools Director David Magill. Although the problem has not been resolved, Mrs. Harrison believes the change is a step in the right direction.**

“It was a little difficult to adjust at the beginning of the year,” Mrs. Harrison said. “We now know the ins and outs of dismissal. We can recognize parents’ cars and other little things that help keep things moving. On the bright side, the teacher down the hall comes to our door to check if we are thinking of leaving day time days. However...”
As the Midway sees it
If issues of diversity need deeper digging

Despite all of the resources, committees and reports devoted to diversity in the school, U-High’s efforts to address complicated issues related to minority students and to educate students about social justice issues are not enough to make a true, lasting impact on how the school tackles these issues, U-High would have to work through an invaluable resource integral to the community: students.

Black History Month (along with Hispanic Heritage Month, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, LGBT Pride Month and many more) is not an attempt to perform onlookers. WHY ARE SO MANY students here uncomfortable about discussing their own racial heritage?

What happens when children and teenagers are raised to believe that their social, religious and ethnic backgrounds are mere character traits rather than factors which will affect them socially and politically for the rest of their lives? Are U-Highers being shielded from a harsh reality in favor of having them participate in comfortable and predictable events?

Are we happy with the way students talk with each other? Are we happy with the focus of our history and English classes? Does our curriculum encourage students to talk with each other? Are we happy with the ways other schools and communities handle these issues, but solving them takes more than a few loaves and fishes.

The Midway has the capacity to dig deeper, and it needs to. That means broadening horizons and taking note of the ways other schools and communities work to facilitate discussions between faculty, administration, and the University. We are a body of representatives and in my opinion, we have been active and properly representative.

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Musical veteran Beck returns to folk ‘Phase’

By Marissa Page
Music critic

On his 12th studio album “Morning Phase,” alternative singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Beck focuses on lush folk-rock craft in lieu of his trademark inter-genre experimentation.

Known by his stage name Beck, Bek David Campbell was born in Los Angeles, California in 1970. He dropped out of school after junior high and began his music career in his teens by frequenting coffee shops and other performance spaces in the L.A. area. He received critical acclaim for his third studio album “Mellow Gold,” released by DGC Records in March 1994. The album’s first single, “Loser,” remains Beck’s most famous track.

WHILE BECK’S musical ventures are almost all rooted in folk and blues, he has experimented with nearly every musical genre throughout his career, from punk to hip hop to alternative rock to country. “Morning Phase,” one of Beck’s more sophisticated and cohesive ventures, is meant to accompany his 30th album, 2002’s “Sea Change,” noted for its poignant lyrics and full-bodied instrumentation.

“Morning Phase,” released on February 21 jointly by the Fonográf and Capitol labels, beautifully follows “Sea Change.”

The album is marked by a deep, complex optimism born out of struggle and experience. The bright but lush guitar riffs and layered instruments are hopeful, yearning, not yet happy but far past the point of being sad. Rightfully titled, this record feels like waking up on the morning of an important day, not knowing what lies ahead but remaining in good spirits despite doubt or fear that something might not go as planned.

HIGHLIGHTS OF the album include “Say Goodbye,” with its staggeringly rich guitar line, and the subsequent track “Blue Moon,” a softer, more lullable turn on this previously folk and country-heavy album.

Piccolo Mondo offers classic atmosphere, dining

By Raghu Somala
Dining critic

Hidden on 56th Street between Cornell Avenue and Hyde Park Boulevard lies the obscured entrance to Hyde Park’s gem of an Italian restaurant, Piccolo Mondo.

Nestled into a classic residential building, Piccolo Mondo is located in the former Hotel Windermere’s west wing. The Hotel was originally built for the 1893 Columbian Exposition. Attracting University of Chicago students and tourists visiting Museum of Science and Industry across the parkway, Piccolo Mondo offers a semi-formal alternative to the usual casual restaurant options in Hyde Park.

Founded 30 years ago by Norberto Zaa, the venue underwent a remodeling last August, reopening after two weeks with the addition of an Argentinian bakery, Piccolo Bakery. The spacious restaurant was outfitted with white and dark orange wallpaper, Tiffany-style lamps, wooden chairs and tables covered with white tablecloths.

Giant arched windows look out onto the parkway and Museum of Science and Industry. Operatic music playing through the restaurant added to Piccolo Mondo’s classy vibe.

Because we were visiting on a Wednesday afternoon, Piccolo Mondo seemed almost empty. Other than my party of five, there was only one other group in the restaurant. It wasn’t the best place for friends to chat, but seemed ideal for dates or business meals.

The menu includes all the staples of a classic Italian restaurant, including bruschetta, paninis, soups and various meat dishes. Browsing through the menu, I chose to stick to my usual choice, chicken, and went with the pollo Vesuvio. While we waited, I ate a sliced baguette with olive oil.

My dish arrived on a large plate with a layer of gravy sprinkled with fresh rosemary. Placed at the center of the dish, the chicken breast was surrounded by baked potato wedges and two chicken legs. The chicken was tender and perfectly complemented by the gravy surrounding it. The baked potato wedges were well-seasoned and rounded out the dish. For $15, Piccolo Mondo’s pollo Vesuvio proved an expensive choice.

Though not economic, Piccolo Mondo is great for a romantic evening out.
Winning Model U.N. team gears up for Cornell trip

By Willis Weinstein Midway reporter

Facing several of the top-ranked Model U.N. teams in the United States, U-High's Model U.N. team will travel to Cornell University's prestigious conference to compete against 650 other participants Thursday, April 10 on the campus of the Ivy League school in Ithaca, New York. Model U.N. has already completed this year's competition at Southern Illinois University, U-Nevada-1, earning the 1st-place award, Best Large Delegation of the Conference. Additionally, the U-Highers won 2nd place Outstanding Large Delegation at both Princeton/Brown/Stanford's and Harvard's conferences, December 5-6 and January 19-20.

AS OF MIDWAY press time, a small delegation of 12 U-Highers had tackled Boston University's Model U.N. conference, at the Park Plaza Hotel Friday-Saturday, February 21-22, facing around 200 other delegations.

Linguistics Olympiad

After qualifying for the invitational, Clare Keenan prepared for U-High's participation in the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad open round at Northeastern Illinois University January 30. Open round results come out this Saturday.

By Maia Boussy Associate editor

After placing top 16 with the freshmen-sophomores and top 32 with the varsity team at the Fremd Invitational January 18 and 19 at Ma-sonic Sectionals February 15, the Scholastic Bowl team will compete at IHSA Regionals, March 10.

The Fremd Invitational offered tough competition in northwest suburban Palatine. Sophomores Lauren Onel, Harry Ni, Miscia Bueh-heim-Jurisson, Daniel Zhu and Marcel Dupont competed against other freshmen-sophomores and won four of their seven matches. Juniors Adam Fine, Raghu Somala, Alex Schonbaum, vice president Clare Keenan and senior and president Carah Alexander composed the var- sity team, winning four of their six matches. Clare Keenan, Adam Fine, Carah Alexander, Kevin Lu, Daniel Zhu, Harry Ni and Madhi Ross competed at Masonic Sectionals at Fenwick High School in west suburban Oak Park.

Fremd placed disappointing for varsity, Clare said. "For the varsity, the Fremd Invitational was disappointing, as we did not place as well as I know we could have," she explained. "We had to play on a faulty buzzer system and even though each packet was 20 questions long we only went through 16, which we felt affected the outcome of some of the matches. The freshmen-sophomore team was composed of only freshmen and sophomore, the player and the rest were new this year so it was very impressive that they did so well. "At Masonic, we were undefeated in the morning five rounds, but we lost our two afternoon matches. The Masonic structure is differ- ent from other tournaments. Every team gets the same number of bonuses rather than the teams having to answer a question correctly to earn them. "The bonuses seemed really stacked against us and that led to some disappointing results."

Math Team eyes rebound with Evanston competition

By Mia Lu Associate editor

After placing 3rd among four schools at a North Suburban Math League competition at Whitney Young High School on Friday, February 5, the Math Team hopes to rebound at their final competition Thursday, March 6 at Evanston Township High School. The team is one of 15 schools in the league. The five best-scoring U-High- ers from previous competitions from each grade level- el will compete at finals.

U-High's small team proved a disadvantage when facing competitors from large public schools includ- ing Whitney Young and Walter Payton College Prep at the Whitney Young competition, said team mem- ber Alice Yu, senior.

"The top three scores from each team count, but even so, the team dynamic definitely does change a little bit with a bigger school," Alice explained. "Naturally there will be more high scorers coming from a school with more people on the team in total. So these two huge teams are what made Whitney Young a really hard meet." Math teacher Ross McCullagh, head coach with math teacher Paul Gunty, said that the U-Highers could at least expect high individual scores from some members at Finals.

"The competition is tough," Ms. McCullagh commented. "But we will definitely have individuals that will do well at the final competition. For example, freshman Waneqi Zhu has scored a perfect score at each of the four NSMLs he has attended so far, and there are definitely other standout kids like freshman Emma Mueller, sophomore Hajira Afreen, junior Adam Fine and senior Mohammed Mumin."

Perfect score advances Science Team to Sectionals

By Micahia Buchheim-Jurisson Midway reporter

Securing a perfect 500, Science Team's World- wide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) Sectionals Competition at Fremd High School March 4 at Fenwick High School in Oak Park. The team's win at Regionals advances them to Sec- tionals Competition March 20 at Metea Valley High School in Aurora.

The team consists of four individual teams: WYSE, International Science Olympiad (ISO), Junior Engineering Society/Tests of Engi- neering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science (JETS/TEAMS) and Envirothon. Only WYSE and ISO have attended competitions this year. Replacing biology teacher Dan Jones and ISO team's captain of the team, junior Jay Dhanoa, deputy captain Sharon Housinger after many years, chemistry teacher Jim Cattlett advises the Science Team this year.

COMPETING IN EVENTS including Computer Science, Engineering Graphics and Eng- lish, the WYSE team brought 26 competitors to Regionals, 18 new.

"I'd say our success was due to the composi- tion of the team, with individual members fo- cusing on their own subjects and contributing to the team's overall success," WYSE captain and ISO deputy captain Emily Xiao, senior, said. "WYSE tends to work host when prepara- tion is self-directed and individual." Much-traveled debaters rack up wins

By Jackie Walker Midway reporter

Coming off a successful tournament at the Cal Invitational at UC Berkeley February 14-17, U- High debaters finished their season last week end at the Homewood-Flossmoor Tournament - (continued on page 8)
Despite hard pressure from a Parker defender, Xavi- er Smith powers forward to the rim in the JV Ma- roons’ 44-37 win January 14 at home.

Boy basketballers steamrolling as IHSA 3A playoffs approach

By Mike Glick
Editor-in-Chief and Sports editor

After beating Northridge to finish undefeated in the Independent School League, boy basketballers will look to make a deep run in the IHSA 3A play- offs beginning next week.

The Maroons (17-6 as of press time) defeated Northridge 52-34 February 14 at home to wrap up a 12-0 ISL season and 1st place in the conference.

Though each Maroon starter, defeated each team in the ISL twice, once at home and once away.


DESPITE THEIR ISL play, junior-Jordan Moran, co-captain with seniors Logan Crowl and Max Roth, says the Maroons have remained grounded.

“I think the game against Westinghouse really humbled us,” Jordan said. “We went through conference beating up on teams, but we came out slow against Westinghouse. They were the aggressor in that game. Coming into the playoffs, playing a 3A team like that was a good experience. We were well-prepared for the game, but we didn’t come out with enough energy. If we approach every game with the same energy, we’ll come out on top.”

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With an experienced core of swimmers, including senior Zach Law- son, Jack Reese and Domagaj Jureta, JV used harder practices to cut down on mistakes earlier in the year. “We really had a diverse team, in terms of grade level, this season,” ju nior point guard Kendall Rallins said. “Some of our freshmen, including Nobby Woorff, Kyle Adlaka, Tobias Ginsburg and Laton Bellman, combined to make a really good relay team that won just about every race.”

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Rainbow of Color glows for ‘Black & White’ night

Whatever went wrong with last Fall’s Homecoming Dance at Kovler Gym seemed to go exactly right at this month’s Semiformal Dance (which evolved into a Formal Dance) Saturday, February 1 back at U-High’s usual dance home, International House. A large and happy crowd of U-Highers turned out in a rainbow of classy fashions with plenty of black and white to enjoy music, dancing, socializing and a nice selection of snacks and soft drinks. Even the faculty chaperons seemed to enjoy the evening.

“I think securing our spot back at the I-House avoided the problems we experienced in Upper Kovler,” said Cultural Union President Tiffany Davis, senior. “The lighting was dark enough where students could feel like they could enjoy themselves but bright enough where teachers could monitor student behavior without being too intrusive. DJ Jamal Smallz did a good job of changing the music every now and then to satisfy the wants of the students, while still being appropriate. “I think our theme prompted cohesive and appropriate attire throughout the students. Similarly, our theme made decorating a bit easier as we used leftover black and white streamers from Homecoming. “I was surprised that so many students were willing to show up after our setback from Homecoming and, given the weather conditions on that night, I think overall, Formal was a very fun and appropriate dance that hopefully students enjoyed as well.”