

# Students to present musical meditations

Students from The Albany Academies will present "Meditations on Metamorphosis," an original musical inspired by elements of both Kafka ("The Metamorphosis") and Ovid ("Metamorphoses"). The musical is free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Caird Chapel at The Albany Academy.

"Meditations on Metamorphosis" is a series of original songs, short plays, mini-musicals, monologues, photographs, films and dances exploring the theme of transformation. Each transformation focuses on the isolating aspects of adolescence and the longing for childhood.

"Attempting a production like this is a testament not only to the creativity of the students at The Albany Academies, but also to the dedicated faculty who see the benefit of collaboration and interdisciplinary education," said theater department Chairman Greg Cummings. "This show was truly developed as part of an exciting interdisciplinary approach between the theater, music, dance, English and Latin departments."

Broadway lyricist and author Dan Elish visited The Albany Academies to work with Upper School students composing the winter musical. Students worked together writing song lyrics, screenplays, and scripts. Dance students crafted the "Narcissus and Echo Ballet," set to an original score by sophomore student George Miller.

## Student art now on display

The Capital Area Art Supervisors, in conjunction with The College of Saint Rose and the Esther Massry Gallery, 1002 Madison Ave. in Albany, opened the 2012 High School Juried Regional student art exhibition, now on display through March 15 at the Massry gallery.

The exhibition includes 88 two- and three-dimensional works by stu-

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dents from 20 participating Capital Region high schools.

A reception honoring students will be held in combination with Albany's First Friday Events on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. A keynote address by Tim Rollins and K.O.S. and awards will follow at 7 p.m. in Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave. Both events are free and open to the public.

## Youth art contest winners

Albany Barn and the office of the Albany County district attorney have named winners of the 2012 "Building Communities" youth art contest. All winners attend school in Albany and created artwork that portrayed their vision of a strong and safe community. The winners were selected

by Albany County District Attorney David Soares; Mary Milham, director of the Albany County district attorney's Community Justice Outreach Center; and Albany Barn board members Craig Shufelt, president of The Shufelt Group, and Jon Huther, president of Elite Venture Media.

All winners will receive a gift certificate to Arlene's Artist Materials, two tickets to the Albany Institute of History and Art and a gift certificate for lunch in downtown Albany.

The winners in the K-5th-grade category are:

■ Colette Stapp, a fifth-grader from The Free School.

■ Helen Chuang, a fourth-grader from The Free School.

■ Khalil Bass, a fourth-grader at Thomas O'Brien Academy of Science and Technology.

The winners in the grade 6-8 category were:

■ Emily Maria Ha, a seventh-grader at Stephen and Harriet Myers Middle School.

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The winner in the grade 9-12 grade category is:

■ Alexa Nicole Pettit, an 11th-grader at Albany High School.

A "Building Communities" exhibit showcasing all entries will open on Friday, with a reception from 5 to 9 p.m. in conjunction with the 1st Friday arts walk, at Stage 1, 46-48 N. Swan Street.

Winning entries will be featured at Stage 1 for the Friday reception before returning to the Community Justice Outreach Center at 155 Clinton Ave., Albany, which is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Building Communities will remain on display at Stage 1 for the month of March. Admission is free. For Stage 1 gallery hours, visit <http://www.albanybarn.org>.

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