



HarlemLIVE Notes



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New Editors Announced as HarlemLIVE Begins Its 9th Year

This year's award ceremony was not to be outdone (until next year of course). With it, HarlemLIVE reached some important milestones



and is now in its 9th year.

Held on the top floor of the Times Square Reuters building, the ceremony gave us the opportunity to honor HL's graduating seniors, update everyone on the graduates' successes (see story on reverse side), introduce a self-made documentary, thank the adult volunteers, award prizes for the work over the summer and announce the new editors for the current year.

At the event, we were able to celebrate the older alumni that began graduating from college this year, and who were there to share the evening. We also recognized Shem Rajoon, the last of the original group that started HL to graduate high school, and who worked with us longer than any member of the youth staff.

Because of the efforts of Saidah Nash of Reuters, HL was able to enjoy a classy affair in spectacular surroundings, complete with enough food and drink for everyone and overlooking the lights and excitement of Times Square.

A new addition to the youth staff,

Jonathon Alcoran, hosted the evening's festivities, which were capped off with awards for the winning team, Vertigo, lead by Mera Beckford. They produced the most stories and video for the magazine.

The new editors for the coming year are: Kevin Benoit, 17, Editor in Chief, a sophomore at John Jay College; Mera Beckford, Managing Editor, sophomore at Brooklyn Technical HS; Shaunetta Gibson, 17, Marketing, junior at Martin Luther King; Brad Harbans, 17, System Administrator, senior at Bronx School of Science. Check out the site for a complete list of the new editors: << www.harlemlive.org/staff.html >>

HarlemLIVE would like to extend a gracious "Thank-you" to Reuters for the wonderful venue and to Saidah Nash who made the evening possible.

Frank Silvera Workshop Returns to 125th



Filling a void left by the closure of the Harlem Theater Company earlier this year, HarlemLive has been honored to begin

hosting The Frank Silvera Writers Workshop for their Monday Reading series that runs from September through June.

Each week, the reading series highlights a play in development during the FSWW Saturday workshops, also hosted by HL through our contacts at Teachers College.

The series kicked off with a packed house in September with Woody King conducting a book signing.

"It's fabulous," said Garland Thompson, FSWW co-founder and executive director. "What it's doing that's really powerful is the partnering of HAA members and also letting a whole new population

know about HarlemLIVE. It is the most definitive answer about how The Harlem Art Alliance is effective in building alliances. After all these years, Frank Silvera Writers Workshop is able to bring a cultural event back to 125th Street."

Up until now, HL has had a few sporadic events, including talent shows, spoken word contests, film festivals, birthday parties and an open house. Holding events and capitalizing on its 2400 sq ft loft on a regular basis is a goal finally realized. Alumna Danya Steele would like to inaugurate a symposium for writers beginning this December, kicking off with a panel of Latino woman writers.

The Frank Silvera Writers Workshop can be reached on the web <http://www.fsww.org>.



College Mentor Program

This fall, HL pro bono administrator, becomes available.

Cynthia Simmons inaugurated HL's



The college mentor program began in early October when Dale Gadsden, a Harvard PhD Candidate, spoke to the group about the nuts and bolts of the college application process.

This spring we hope to have a small college tour which would include Howard, Temple, and Harvard Universities.

first college prep mentor program.

HL seniors are paired up with adult professionals from various fields. Beginning in September and running through January, mentors will assist the teens in the college application process.

HarlemLIVE has always been a conduit for advancement for our youth and has been successful in helping teens garner college admittance through workshops, college tours, and making contacts. HL has initiated dozens of internships and has provided numerous leads over the years toward career opportunities.

The College Mentor program is a logical extension of this assistance. HL hopes to expand in coming years to include underclassmen as funding

Alumni Update

The following is a brief update on some of the HarlemLIVE graduates:

- Osakwe Beale - Joined HL in 1997. He just graduated from Moorehouse and now works for Bloomberg.
- Danya Steele - Joined HL in 2001. She just returned from a six month program at Oxford University, and prior to that, a six month program at University of Cape Town, South Africa. Danya will soon attend Harvard.
- Michael Wills - Joined HL in 2002 and is now at Polytechnic University. Michael has joined the

University's NCAA Varsity Basketball Team and is an active member of NSBE, the National Society of Black Engineers.

- Nicole Farrow - Joined HL in 1997. She is a senior at Cornell University majoring in industrial and labor relations. For the second summer in a row, Nicole interned at the Human resources department at Bloomberg.

- Melvin Johnson - Joined HL in 1999. He is now program director at Playing 2 Win, the nation's first community technology center. Melvin began HL-Designs, HL's new web desing initiative, with alums Shem and Justin (see below).

- Shem Rajoon - Joined HL in 1997. Shem is the longest serving member of HL and just graduated HS. He is working at The Fund for the City of New York through Public Allies NY, and will attend Parsons School of Design next year.

- Justin Young joined HL in 1999. He recently received his associate degree in Digital media. Currently, he is a graphic instructor at Playing 2 Win. Check Justin out on the opening credits of MTV's "Made" series.

- Katerina Vorotova - Joined HL in 2001, as a recent immigrant from Russia. She's now enrolled at Columbia University and has interned at Bloomberg through HL contacts.

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