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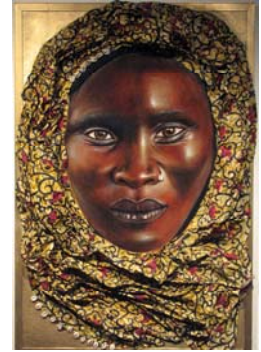
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“BLACK” Fun in the Summertime

By Kim Curry-Evans

Who says art can't be a part of a terrific summer? The 40 Acres Art Gallery's current exhibit, *BLACK: A Celebration of African American Art in Sacramento-Area Collections*, is living proof that art can be fun, popular and entertaining. Since opening in July, the exhibit has seen record-breaking crowds - many of them families wanting to share their knowledge about the artists exhibited. *BLACK*, curated by the 40 Acres Art Gallery and art collector Felicenne Ramey, showcases over sixty works of art from public and private collections in the region. It features nearly forty artists who are locally and nationally known. Additionally, educational programming has included a hands-on printmaking workshop; a gallery talk on collecting African American art; and a panel discussion moderated by former St. HOPE artist-in-residence and Oakland-based artist Milton Bowens, which focused on the need for collectors to acquire more art by emerging artists. As a result of the exhibit's success, the date for its closure has been pushed to September 13, 2008 (it was originally scheduled to close August 30th.) For more information about *BLACK*, to go www.40acresartgallery.org or call (916) 456-5080.



The Black Madonna by Shonna McDaniels is one of the pieces featured in “Black”.

From the top to the bottom

By Jim Scheible



PS7 students enjoy their final days as 8th graders before entering Sac High.

It's easy to be on top. At least it's been easy the last five years while PS7 expanded from a K-4 to a K-8 program as the first class of 8th graders were the oldest group on campus for 5 years running. But now the tables have turned as 21 PS7 alumni enter Sac High as 9th graders. Their four years at Sac High have started off strong, with most students earning a placement in geometry and all looking forward to access to the choices four small schools and a high school program rich with extra-curricular activities has to offer. Alumni were greeted at the end of the first day of school by their 8th grade teachers to cement the connection between PS7 and Sac High. The most striking fact that shows PS7's success with our first class at Sac High occurs every day at dismissal, when several PS7 alumni walk over to the Middle School to tutor their peers from last year, complete community service hours, or just check-in with their teachers to

see if they can help. This shows that these scholars have truly been “trained to lead, empowered to serve.”

Welcome to Oak Park

By Torry Winn

On August 18th, 2008, St. HOPE welcomed four recent college graduates to the organization. Mo Elmi, Evelyn Escobedo, Heather Barnes, and Marcus Atkins, who have committed one year of service to Neighborhood Corps (Hood Corps). The Fellows who are alumni from Hampton University, Xavier University and two from Loyola Marymount University, represent a wide range of interests and accomplishments: pre-med majors, marathon runners, inspiring teachers, youth program coordinators, and international experiences. The Fellows will spend the majority of their day tutoring students at PS7, mentoring high school and college students and implementing community service projects. This talented group will provide the energy and skills needed to motivate both underperforming and excelling students and to revitalize the inner-city. After one year of service, the Fellows will pursue careers in medicine, education, and foreign relations. The Fellows represent our next generation of result focused and goal orientated leaders who will always put others before self and fight for social justice for all. Let us all be inspired by the work of the Hood Corps Class of 2009.



New Hood Corps class walks the street of Oak Park.

A new Look for the Guild

The Guild Theater has a newly designed website that allows users to view upcoming events and provides prospective leasers with facility rental information. The 200-seat state of the art historic theater, managed by St. HOPE, has hosted movies, concerts, plays, lectures, town hall meetings and more. As a community theater, it is available for lease by outside organizations. View the new website to see how the Guild may be able to work for you! <http://www.guildtheater.com/>

2008 St. HOPE Dinner

It's that time of year again! The 2008 St. HOPE Dinner will take place on Thursday, October 2 at the Hyatt Regency. As the only major fundraising event of the year, the St. HOPE Dinner is responsible for a significant portion of the organizations budget for the year. With more than 1,000 guests, the Dinner has sold-out each year, making it one of Sacramento's largest fundraising events. This year's event will celebrate St. HOPE's commitment to Public Education with the theme "Unlocking Potential". For more information and for ticket and sponsorship information, please visit <http://www.sthope.org/StHOPEdinner.php>

Back to School

Over 300 freshman and more than 50 kindergartners joined SHPS as Sac High and PS7 opened their doors for 2008-2009. If the standing room only crowd at Sac High's Back to School night on August 19th is any indication, both new and returning parents and students are feeling the SHPS pride.

Triumph Preschool Enrolling

Triumph Center for Early Childhood Education is a new standard in early childhood education. We are a first-rate, year-round, affordable preschool designed for all children and is now accepting applications for pre-schoolers ages three and four. To learn more about Triumph Center for Early Childhood Education, visit www.thetriumphcenter.org or call (916) 731-8200. Don't wait, enroll now!

Upcoming Events

Now – September 13	"Black" art exhibit
September 13	Sac High Football vs. Valley
September 20	Anita Royston & Joslyn Gaines Vanderpool book signing - authors of <i>Our Black Fathers..Brave, Bold & Beautiful</i>
September 23	Hispanic Scholarship Fund presentation and Sac High College Night
September 29 – Oct. 10	Sac High Fall Break
October 2	St. HOPE Dinner
October 4	Dr. Cordell Adams book signing - author of <i>Light Bread</i> .
October 14	Jason Miccolo Johnson art exhibit

What's new at underground?

Underground books is excited to host a discussion and book signing for Alretha Thomas, author of *Daughter Denied*, **Saturday, September 13, 2-4 pm**. Ms. Thomas resides in Southern California. *Daughter Denied* is told through the eyes of seven year old Tina, a sensitive and precocious girl, and her mother Earnestine, who's trapped in a cycle of heroin addiction and co-dependency. This grim routine leaves Tina and her siblings trapped in a grueling cycle themselves: bouncing from one hole-in-the-wall to another; vacillating between faith and despair as Earnestine makes and breaks promise after promise. A great read!

St. HOPE Opens New School

On Wednesday, August 13, St. HOPE opened its first school outside of Sacramento in Harlem, NY. St. HOPE Leadership Institute opened its doors with 150 students in grades five through seven and a waiting list of 200 students. During a first day assembly, the students were addressed by founding principal Ventura Rodriguez and St. HOPE founder Kevin Johnson.

In the News

August 14, 2008 (Sac Bee)

New St. HOPE charter school is an academy in Harlem
<http://www.sacbee.com/education/story/1156027.html>

August 7, 2008 (News 10)

Going to College? Get a Four-Year Plan
<http://www.news10.net/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=46060&catid=2>

August 7, 2008 (Sac Bee)

Sac High boys basketball player Tapley prepares to pick college

<http://www.sacbee.com/100/story/1138346.html>

July 11, 2008 (Sac Bee)

'Black' – and beautiful

<http://www.sacbee.com/entertainment/story/1072177.html>