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Jeff Dinitz, Mathematical Sciences faculty, was one of the invited speakers at a conference this past summer in Bratislava, Slovakia. The conference honored the 70th birthday of Alex Rosa. The website for the conference may be found at: <http://www.d.umn.edu/~dfroncek/alex/alex-confpage.htm>. He is also one of the invited speakers at "The Midwest Conference on Combinatorics, Cryptography and Computing" in Charleston, South Carolina. Jeff was recently interviewed on the VPR program, Vermont Edition. The link to that interview (Jeff's segment is about 2/3 of the way through), is: http://www.vpr.net/xml/podcasts/vt-edition/2007/vted_091207.mp3

Elizabeth Dotson-Westphalen, GIA alum (1994) and GIA staff, has released her debut CD of jazz standards, "Hot & Silver," now available from her website. She's also been traveling a lot—to a jazz festival in Switzerland, a theatrical production in Philadelphia and Los Angeles, with more to come. You can stay in touch at <http://www.elizabethjazz.com>

Jennifer Jordan, GIA Theater faculty, is going into her second year as Drama and Dance Director at Miss Hall's School in Lenox, MA. She reports she has a terrific, intelligent, lovely diverse group of girls in her classes, who are also teaching her. She will direct the Anouilh version of "Antigone" this winter at the private girls' school.

Don Jordan, GIA Theater faculty, is teaching at Smith College. Don has been hired to teach a Commedia del 'Arte workshop this fall.

Christine Massey, Program Director for the Science & Technology Institute and Site Director of the Winter Weekend, will make a presentation on GIV's Winter Weekend at the National Association for Gifted Children in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in November 2007. She, her husband, Paul Bierman, and their daughters, went to Australia this past summer for work and for snorkeling and skiing (it was winter there).

Samuel Rowlett, GIA Painting faculty, is in his final year at Cranbrook Academy of Art working on his master's thesis. He has multiple exhibitions coming up, from Michigan to Texas. His wife, Markelle, is due to have their first baby in early November. He reports they are psyched and only a tiny bit nervous. No name has been settled upon yet except "Work in Progress Rowlett". They don't know if it will be a boy or girl, but secretly hope their baby is born with super powers.

Tom Tailer and Beth Tailer, RN, Co-Directors of the Engineering Institute, ran a one-week science camp this summer for pre-schoolers (4 year olds). They look forward to traveling to South Korea in October to represent the U.S. in the First International Earth Science Olympiad, taking with them two students from the 2007 UVM/GIV Engineering Institute, Christopher Fitzhugh and David Hu.

John Ungerleider, Institute Director, and Simon Norton, Program Director of the Current Issues and Youth Activism Institute, recently hosted a group of Serbian teens, who cooked their cuisine at John's house as part of the program. Their Child Labor Education and Action group at Brattleboro Union High School will be trying to get Vermont "sweat-free purchasing" legislation passed in the State Legislature this fall, and John reports they may be asking for GIV alum support statewide.

Verandah Porche, GIA faculty in Writing, is now available to work in communities through the Vermont Arts Council's American Masterpieces Program. Visit <http://www.vermontartscouncil.org/tabid/224/Default.aspx>. She is completing a poetry manuscript and a new website, and is working on Voices of the Uninsured, a writing project with the Vermont Citizens Campaign for Health.

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There are many individuals, businesses, foundations, school districts, and local organizations that made generous contributions to support students. We thank you, one and all. Our budget for 2007 was \$541,060. Funds which comprise this total were budgeted to come from: Student tuition (34%) restricted program grants (5%), legislative appropriation (37%) annual fund (13%), interest and other income (5%) and fees paid by local schools (6%). Our partners, and we mean you, make this extraordinary educational experience possible. Thank you.

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2007 Governor's Institute on the Arts Student

"Thank you GIV donors. I am very grateful that you have helped me and other teenagers in the community who could not normally afford such a wonderful experience."

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"To all the people who have donated money to the GIV scholarship program, I thank you. Without your help, many deserving students would not have been able to attend any of the Institutes offered by GIV. You have helped to empower many young adults."

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WHAT'S WHAT

GIV Factoids 2007

Summer Enrollment: 364 students from 73 Vermont high schools, 5 private schools.

Winter Weekend Enrollment: 75 students from 26 Vermont high schools, 1 homeschool

Summer Scholarships: 110 students received need-based aid and incentive grants.

Summer Scholarship Total: \$59,810

Winter Weekend Scholarships: 8 students received need-based aid.

Winter Scholarship Total: \$1,032.

Schools' Financial Involvement: All participating schools pay a School Fee which amounts to 6% of GIV's budget. In addition, 10 schools paid some, or all, of their students' tuition.

Governor's Schools: Offered in 25 states (30 states last year). www.ncogs.org

Governor's Schools in New England: 1 (Vermont)

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information about the Institutes, call Jean Olson or Coleen Austin at 229.4757 or contact the Principal's office in your local high school. Materials and registration forms for Weekend Institute '08 are available now (deadline December 15) and summer program applications will be available January 15, 2008. Information and registration forms will be in Vermont high schools and at www.giv.org.



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