

Talent

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sociated with or performed in all 17 shows.

Marcia D'Orsi brought her three talented grandchildren, who are visiting her for the summer, to try out for the first time. Drew, 7, impressed the audience with his Tae Kwon Do moves, his sister Tess, 9, sang "Big Girls Don't Cry, and older sister Hope, 12, sang the pop tune, "Don't Worry About It."

B. J. Whitehouse, director of the Jamestown Community Chorus, encouraged the audience to

sing along and helped Jessica Wilson of Narragansett perform her original composition of "Bouncer the Mini Poodle." The audience joined in and sang, "The fluffy wuffy poodle doodle day" under Whitehouse's able direction.

Whitehouse was on hand to give performance tips to the participants as needed and help them to relax and give their very best. He even showed a smiling young pianist how to curtsy when the audience applauded.

One of the highlights of the Monday night tryouts was a stirring rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Emma Joy, 11, a

Jamestown summer resident. The audience stood while she sang the national anthem and applauded wildly, impressed by the strength of her voice, and her dynamic performance.

Ava White, 11, a second year participant, played Sonata Opus 36 by Clementi on the piano. White, a Jamestown summer resident is a published poet and author.

Michael Bowen, a stand-up

comedian from Newport, got the last laugh as he had the audience in stitches with stories about his youth and family.

Don't miss out. Come to the 18th Annual Talent Show, "350 Years: Then and Now." Several surprises and at least two world premieres of new songs are promised.

Signed acts for tonight's performance include John Biddle, Emily Anthony, Ava White, the

Kathy Brownell follies, Janet Grant on piano, the Barbershop group, "Just 4 Fun," and the Providence Ballroom and Jazz Project, a competing dance troupe of five women and five men from Barrington.

Frank Darigan will once again serve as Master of Ceremonies tonight, at 7:30 p.m., at the Jamestown Community Center, 41 Conanicus Ave.

Schools

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Superintendent Marcia Lukon, who was attending the meeting on her first day as the head of Jamestown schools, told the audience that Fricklas had the unanimous support of the hiring committee that interviewed him.

Other new hires include Colleen MacIntyre, who will serve as a kindergarten teacher; Kristen Bennett, a grade 3 special educator; Brooke Grant, who was hired to a one-year post as a kindergarten intervention specialist. Jennifer Clark will serve as a math coach for a one-year term and Denise Florio was hired as a grade 4 severe and profound educator.

The School Committee accepted the resignations of assistant principal Michael Franco, school psychologist Steven Colucci, crossing guard Ethel Kitts and grade 3 teacher Erin Evans.

Leaves of absence were granted to Norma Gervais, a teacher assistant; Deborah Irwin, a kindergarten teacher assistant, and Carole Melucci, a grade 2 special educator.

Melucci was also endorsed by the committee to begin the aspiring principal program. Melucci,

who has taught in Jamestown for two years, has been a teacher for 12 years in both Rhode Island and Connecticut. Supt. Lukon said that Melucci will serve in a leadership capacity in the upcoming school year and will take on some of the duties of the assistant principal.

Melucci took a leave of absence from her position as a teacher to "preserve her options if she ever wanted to return to teaching," under the present Jamestown teachers' union contract, according to School Committee Chairwoman Cathy Kaiser. Melucci will not be asking for time off under the leave and will start her aspiring principalship at the beginning of the school year.

Other appointments include Nick Alfred as cross-country, track and field coach, and as the technology coach at the Lawn school. The girls' basketball coach is David Pritchard. Kristen DeSantis will serve as the Student Council advisor and Maureen McGuirl was appointed to the positions of yearbook advisor and high school scheduler. The technology coach at the Melrose school will be Philip Capaldi and Karyn Kauffman will serve as the jazz band director.

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August 18, 2007

Final date for registration and change of address at Town Hall, 245 Conanicus Ave., from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 28, 2007

Board of Canvassers meeting 1:00 p.m., Town Hall, to Canvass and correct the list of qualified voters.

August 29, 2007

NOTICE OF INTENTION – last day for a motion to increase or reduce by \$10,000 or more an appropriation recommended by the Town Council (Section 1106 of the Jamestown Charter).

September 18, 2007

SPECIAL FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING
7:00 p.m., Jamestown School, 55 Lawn Avenue

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