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A Newsletter of the S.T.Arts Program

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SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT >>>

*Touhey Family Foundation
Cheers to a longtime supporter.*



The Touhey family's philanthropy can be felt and seen throughout the Capital region. Scholastic is only one of many critical institutions they support.

The Touhey Family Foundation has been supporting Scholastic programs since Scholastic's earliest iteration as a single annual showcase of young talent. Thanks in no small part to their support, we have grown into a year round incubator and showcase of young talent!

The Capital region is a better place because of the Touhey Family Foundation's generosity. Because of it, Scholastic is equipped to serve the region's most vulnerable citizens and help them grow into productive residents of the region.

If you or your business would like to sponsor programs that keep kids safe, active, and prepare them to take on the world, contact us at:

scholastictalent@gmail.com.

We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization, so your donation is tax-deductible!

S.T.ARTIST STORIES >>>

*Under the Sea
Off-site excursions unlock new worlds.*

For S.T.Artist Julius, a visit to the aquarium is a visit with friends.

He visits the aquarium often, so he recognizes the fish, and the fish recognize him!

Most people probably don't think of fish as being as affectionate as other pets. But many species of fish recognize patterns. So seeing the same face regularly helps them recognize and respond to it with their own version of affection like approaching the person or allowing the person to touch them without moving.



For example, Julius' friends "always kiss his hands." He has named some of his fishy friends and was excited to hang out with them on our recent trip to the aquarium.

The trip is one of the weekly off-site excursions that opens up the Capital community—and beyond—to our S.T.Artists. For Julius, this week's excursion was a chance to meet up with some special friends in their aquatic community!

BONJOU! >>>

*A Cultural Curriculum
S.T.Arts makes culture part of the curriculum.*



S.T.Artists took a trip to Haiti—without passports!

S.T.Artists learned some common phrases spoken in Creole, also spelled Kreyol. One of two official languages spoken in the Caribbean nation of Haiti, Creole is a unique blend of French, Portuguese, and West African languages.

Learning new languages helps develop cultural awareness and sensitivity. Both have been hallmarks of our programs at S.T.Arts this summer. From Brazilian jiu jitsu to learning traditional Nigerian and Japanese dance styles, culture is part of the S.T.Arts culture!

COMING TO THE STAGE >>>

Dancers Showing Up To Show Out

S.T.Artists practice choreography for year-end gala.

There is a saying that goes "Dance like nobody's watching." For our S.T.Artists, everyone will be watching when they take the stage at our 3rd annual gala on August 23rd at the Kenmore Ballroom!

Our young dancers are practicing choreography to contemporary artists like Beyonce and Burna Boy and learning about various cultural dances from places like Japan and Nigeria.

They are excited to show what they are learning and we are excited for you to



see it! So, please purchase your tickets today because space is limited.

Pssst—want a sneak peek? Check out our social media pages!

RED CARPET READY >>>

Preparations Underway For Annual Gala

Third Annual Gala to be held at Kenmore Ballroom.



Do you have your tickets yet? Have you chosen your outfit? If not, hurry and do both because tickets are now on sale for the third annual Year-end Gala and space is limited!

This year's event will take place at the fabulous Kenmore Ballroom. Please come dressed to impress so you can strut your stuff down our red carpet.

Featuring the sounds of our very own DJ Siroc, there will also be special guest performances and the honorees of the evening, our S.T.Artists, will put on a show you do not want to miss!

Gather your friends, gather your family, and join the celebration on Friday, August 23rd starting at 6:00 p.m. Purchase your tickets for \$20 at Eventbrite.com. Proceeds support Scholastic programs.

THE RIGHT MOVES >>>

Exercising the Brain With Chess

Women's FIDE Master visits S.T.Arts.

Concentration, strategy, discipline—these are all required to excel in sports; usually physical sports. Did you know mental sports require the same skills? Women's FIDE Master and 2x Nigeria Women's Chess Champion Perpetual Ogbiyoyo visited S.T.Arts to talk about the benefits of the mental sport of chess.

A native of Nigeria, Perpetual began playing chess at age 19 and quickly mastered the sport. These days, she shares her love of the sport with girls through her organization.

Promoting Queens empowers girls to realize their full potential through the skills they learn in chess, a typically male-dominated sport.

S.T.Arts offers chess year round so maybe someday a S.T.Artist will become a master of the sport like Perpetual!



Thank you for inspiring us, Perpetual! To learn more about her and her organization visit www.promotingqueens.org.

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Your face belongs HERE!!

Thank a special staff member and see them recognized HERE every week!

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Fall programs begin in September! This year, S.T.Arventures will take place at sites throughout the Capital Region including at the Albany Free School. Visit our website to register and learn more!



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