

Local High School Juniors Display Artwork at OSilas Gallery

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Bronxville High School student Viktoria Schmuck's artwork



Bronxville High School student Lilly Martin's work

in the Donald A. Krenz Academic Center on the second level of Scheele Memorial Library. StArt 2018 is sponsored by the Heart of Neiman Marcus, which supports organizations that bring enriching arts experiences to youth.

In addition, 11 Bronxville High School students – Mimi Buendia, Claire Kraemer, Maggie Miller, Viena Pentikainen, Sally Reynolds, Lucy Rizzo, Kiki Shinsato, Oskar Thewlis, Martha Thomas, Xavier Zhang and Zach Zucker – will have their work displayed at the Katonah Museum of Art during the Young Artist Exhibition 2018 through Feb. 11.

New Owner Takes Over at The Dance Gallery in Tuckahoe

The Dance Gallery, the Tuckahoe-based dance studio that specializes in teaching a variety of dance styles to all ages, has changed owners.

Shannon DiNota, a dance instructor and former professional dancer, acquired the studio January 1, 2018 from original owner and founder Stephanie Urbina.

Mrs. DiNota, 46, a local resident, has taught and choreographed at The Dance Gallery from its inception in 2012. Since then, the studio has grown to serve 150 children in classes in ballet, jazz, tap, modern, hip-hop, contemporary and theater dance. Its instructors are all current and former professional dancers with extensive teaching experience.

"I am thrilled to continue to build a dance community in the Tuckahoe, Bronxville and Eastchester area, as well as nearby northeast Yonkers. Dance has provided me with so much throughout my life, and there is no greater joy than giving that back to dancers of all ages," said Mrs. DiNota, whose two daughters Simone and Vivian are students at the studio. Mrs. DiNota, who serves as the Dance Gallery's artistic director, will continue to teach and choreograph for the studio's dance company troupes.



Shannon DiNota

Mrs. DiNota said that the studio plans to add more weekly classes, such as Irish dance, and to continue to grow its junior and senior company troupes for dancers who want more performing opportunities. This winter the Dance Gallery will feature a master class by New York City choreographer Amy Marshall, who will also be setting a dance piece on the company troupes, as well as workshops by guest Broadway performers and a former New York Knicks City dancer.

Mrs. DiNota's business partner is Lori Mortensen, an Eastchester resident with a background in dance, musical theater and communications.

"The story of why I believe in The Dance Gallery is the story of my own family," said Mrs. Mortensen, whose daughters Lucy, Sarah, Meg are also students. "We moved to New York five years ago. I am a dancer and my daughters enjoy dance. So after trying two different dance studios, we ended up at The Dance Gallery because we love the amazing teachers and atmosphere there. And now I've been fortunate enough to teach and manage a studio I believe in."

The studio is located in the Main Street Depot, the restored former railroad substation located across the street from the Tuckahoe train station. In addition to its daily schedule of dance classes, the Dance Gallery offers musical theater classes and adult dance classes.

Local Artist Paints Beautiful Window Display for Vincents Fine Jewelry

The windows of Vincents Fine Jewelry, 227 Fifth Avenue, recently became a glass canvas for local Pelham artist and designer, Katy Garry, to prepare the store for Valentine's Day.

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