

January 10, 2014



Perpich faculty helped to write inauguration poem for new Minneapolis mayor

John Colburn, literary arts instructor, and Sun Yung Shin, English instructor, are two of 13 Minneapolis poets (one from each ward of the city) asked to write eight lines of a poem to be read at the inauguration party of new Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges tomorrow evening. The poem is entitled "One Minneapolis: A City in Verse," echoing Hodges' campaign theme. Colburn and Shin will be among those reading the poem at the inaugural party, which is a public, free event. The venue is the Historic Thorpe Building in NE Mpls. Full information and tickets can be found at oneminneapoliscelebration.com. The other poets involved are Sarah Fox, writing in collaboration with Colburn, Juliet Patterson, Paula Cisewski, Ed Bok Lee, Kirk Washington Jr., Heid Erdrich, Andrea Jenkins, Bao Phi, Allison Broeren, Brian Beatty, Doug Wilhide and Nimo Farah.



Perpich alumna's documentary showing at Sundance

Yoko Okumura ('06, media), who is currently attending the American Film Institute in Hollywood to get an MFA in the film directing program, wanted to announce that a film she associate produced is going to be premiering at the Sundance Film Festival this month. The film is a documentary feature film called "**Fed Up**" about the childhood obesity epidemic in America. It is executive produced by Katie Couric and features interviews with obesity activists like Bill Clinton as well as major health experts such as Michael Pollan. Okumura says, "My role as associate producer was to find many of the kids to be in the film and to develop a relationship with them to get them to share their stories in the film."

The synopsis of the film: "'Fed Up' blows the lid off everything we thought we knew about food and weight loss, revealing a 30-year campaign by the food industry, aided by the U.S. government, to mislead and confuse the American public, resulting in one of the largest health epidemics in history."



"Death to Prom" gets special Perpich screening

"Death to Prom" filmed in part at the arts high school, will have a special screening on Tuesday, Jan. 14 4:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall. The screening is free and open to all students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff. Vincent Balbo ('13, dance) has a speaking role in the movie. The co-directors, Jeremy Wilker and Matthew Stenerson, will be here along with others involved in the film and will be available for discussion with the audience after the movie. Students are invited to attend dressed in prom attire.

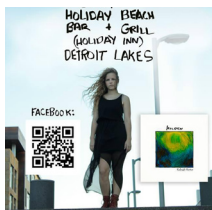
The plot summary on IMDb: "Two best friends make the best of going to high school by dreaming up fashion magazine photo shoots, and bribing their siblings to model for them. Rene indulges his fantasies and loves designing clothes. Frankie lives for her camera and punk rock. They both fall for Sasha, the shy soccer player with a soft spot for poems by Pushkin. When the three of them get caught between competing invitations to prom, their high-fashion drama could destroy their friendships along with the entire prom.

The screening is open only to students, alumni, family and school staff due to space limitations. As usual on weeknights, the building will close promptly at 7 p.m.



Visual arts student wins grand prize in Richfield Teen Art Show

Visual arts junior Madalina Kelner's drawing of a koi fish won grand prize in the Richfield Teen Art Show in December. Her accomplishment was featured on the front page of the Richfield "Sun Current." One of the judges was quoted in the story saying that Madalina's work is "college-level." Congratulations, Madalina!



Perpich music student releases album

Kaleigh Herter, senior in music, is hosting an album release party Jan. 19 in Detroit Lakes for her new CD, "Hilden," named in honor of the late Perpich and Crosswinds music instructor, Aaron Hilden. On her Facebook page, Kaleigh explains that she named the album after Hilden because "the album was originally Aaron's and my project. So, it's dedicated to him to make certain that he's recognized for his influence on my and Brent's entire outlook on music." She also thanks other Perpich music students involved on the album: Brent Ericson for recording/producing, Sarah Rose Buezis for playing cello and Elena Hansen for singing harmonies—as well as alum Adam Jacobs ('13, media), who made her [video](#).



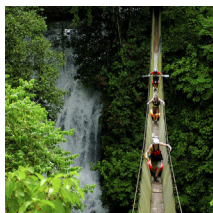
Horticulture therapy researcher visits Perpich to consult with artsience

Jean M. Larson, manager of nature-based therapeutic services at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and assistant professor of nature-based therapeutic studies at the U, visited Perpich yesterday to discuss her work and consult with artsience students. Therapeutic Horticulture (TH) services are a successful and long-standing tradition at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. TH services at the arboretum demonstrate accessible gardening techniques and the use of horticulture as an effective means to grow individual independence and decision-making skills. They provide unique learning and therapeutic opportunities to a wide range of individuals and groups in five domains: physical, social, emotional, cognitive and spiritual.



Visual arts instructor discussed Fulbright experience with art history class

Long-time Perpich visual arts instructor Bill Jeter discussed his Fulbright-funded travels in Japan with Craig Farmer's art history classes Dec 17. The presentation helped the class to prepare for its visit to the Minneapolis Art Institute's "The Audacious Eye: Japanese Art From The Clark Collection" exhibition after winter break.



Perpich travels to Costa Rica in March

Elaine Drivas, Spanish instructor at Perpich, has announced the school's trip to un pais hispanohablante March 20-29. She will be traveling with four Perpich students and three students from Richfield. The joint trip was arranged to keep down individual expenses. The Perpich students going on the trip are junior dance student Grace Gerloff, junior media arts student Nathan Lindberg, junior music student Ellie Kust and senior dance student Elizabeth Lantz. They will spend the first five days with host families. "This will be an amazing opportunity for all of us to be immersed in the language and culture in a very personal way," Senora Drivas said. The final days of the trip will be spent visiting Arenal. "I am really looking forward to experiencing 'la vida Tica' with a great group of students," Senora Drivas said.



Youth photography contest opens

The [Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs \(TCACCC\)](#) is sponsoring the Capture Minnesota Youth Photography Competition along with Twin Cities Public Television. The competition is for youth ages 13 – 18 and runs through the end of February. For details, please check their website.

Using QR codes to learn

Students in Craig Farmer's art history class can use their smart phones to scan QR codes to study for a quiz focused on images of Early American furniture and paintings by Late 19th Century American artists. When students scan the codes, posted in the hallway outside Farmer's classroom, their phones will bring up the images. Farmer emphasizes the activity is just a fun additional way to review the material and students without smart phones will not be penalized in any way. "This is purely an addition to a new online review I gave them over break and a thorough slide review I will present to them," he said.



New math instructor joins the arts high school

Glazell Toledo, who was teaching probability and statistics in the Anoka Hennepin school district, has joined the faculty at Perpich effective Dec. 16, 2013, replacing Katherine Nyseth, who retired in December. Toledo holds an undergraduate degree in mathematics from the University of California-Santa Barbara and a master's in mathematics education from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. In addition to experience at Anoka, Toledo has taught at several grade levels and in public, charter and private school settings and has extensive experience in math tutoring and in IT support at the university level.

Submissions accepted for anthology on social justice

Perpich librarian Leah Larson recently shared a great opportunity for students and adults to contribute their written and visual art to an anthology examining justice and injustice in our schools. The deadline is coming up fast, at midnight on Jan. 15, so be sure to check [here](#) for more information about student submissions and [here](#).



Alumni Day is today!

Alumni Day is today, 1-3:30 p.m. It's also the opening of the Alumni Art Show, with works hanging in the Laboratory Gallery and at the north end of the visual arts gallery. Feel free to share our [Facebook event page](#) for the day with any former Perpich students you may know. The exhibit continues throughout January.

December music concerts live online

Excerpts from the December music concert can be found on Vimeo:

vimeo.com/83347294 and vimeo.com/83509483

These links are also available on the [Perpich Facebook page](#), on [Twitter](#) and [Pinterest](#).



Visual arts students paint emotion on pizza packaging

The oil-painting class was assigned a self-portrait showing extreme emotion as conveyed by color system, composition and scale on a tondo (round painting surface) also known as a 20" pizza cardboard. Instructor Pat Benincasa has mounted them along the hallway outside the west studio.



Perpich students: Time to get Fringe-y!

You, too, can be a part of the Midwest's largest performing arts festival. At Minnesota Fringe you can: (1) perform your own work to an adventurous audience of over 50,000 people and (2) make money (the average show makes \$1,400). Applying is easy, cheap, and open to anyone. It takes five minutes ... seriously. Apply at fringefestival.org/apply. Applications are due Feb. 14 at 5 p.m.

Calendar

Dates

Jan 10	Alumni Day 1–3:30 p.m.
Jan 10	Winter Dance 7–10 p.m.
Jan 11	Information Session
Jan 17	1/2 Day of School
Jan 20–21	No School
Jan 25–28	Scholastic Drop Off Days

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Perpich Arts Outreach	Golden Valley, Minnesota 55422	Executive Director
Perpich Arts Library	perpich.mn.gov	763-279-4160

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