

October 16, 2013



### **Chinese exchange students traveling around Minnesota**

Perpich's exchange students from the No. 1 Senior High School in Luoyang, China, have toured Duluth; Perpich's sister state schools, the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind in Faribault; the University of Minnesota; and Crosswinds Arts and Science School. They will return to China on Sunday. Thanks to all of the terrific Perpich families and students who hosted the Chinese students in their homes every weekend!



### **Janika Vandervelde, music instructor, commissioned for centennial**

"The Analogy of the Bee and the Soul," commissioned to celebrate the College of St. Benedict's (CSB) centennial made its official debut Oct. 11, directed by its composer, Perpich music instructor Janika Vandervelde. The Pastiche music ensemble, made up of CSB and St. John's University music department faculty, played the new composition. The music was set to a poem written by S. Eva Hooker, CSC, former St. John's vice president of academic affairs (1983-92). "It's about a journey at the end of which there's kind of a transformation," Vandervelde said in a "[St. Cloud Times](#)" story. "At a critical point like a centennial, you're looking back and looking forward."



### **Perpich hosts a performance of the 22nd Annual Black Storytellers Festival**

The Black Storytellers Alliance held its 22nd Annual Black Master Storytellers Festival in various locations throughout the Twin Cities on the last weekend in September, including one event at Perpich. Storytellers hailing from all over the United States came together to celebrate the art of spoken word and its relevance in the African-American community. The title of this year's festival was "Signifyin' & Testifyin'." To see photos of the performance at Perpich and read more about the festival and the alliance, [www.insightnews.com](http://www.insightnews.com)



### **Portfolio/Performance Day a big success**

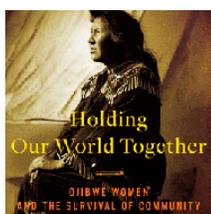
Portfolio/Performance Day was a big success with more than 40 colleges and conservatories attending to share information with Perpich students. A hospitality room for the college and art school representatives was sponsored by Perpich Foundation and made possible through the generosity of visual arts parents. A big thanks to the day's co-organizers Leah Larson and Carl Anderson!

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### **Sodd Memorial scholarships granted by Perpich Foundation**

Perpich Foundation has announced the award of \$3,600 in Joseph Sodd III Memorial Scholarship funds to arts high school dance alumni Emma Barber ('10), Shena Tschofen ('12), Katrina Dworschak ('13) and Annika Hansen ('13). All are receiving their second award from this scholarship program. Selection is based on academic excellence, outstanding artistry and involvement in the community. Emma and Annika are attending the University of Minnesota, Shena is at the Ecole Nationale De Cirque in Montreal, and Katrina is attending Columbia College in Chicago. Congratulations to all!

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### **Perpich launches author appearances on campus**

Brenda Child, author of "Holding Our World Together: Ojibwe Women and the Survival of Community," will read from her work in the Performance Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7-8 p.m. She will be signing books 6:30-7 p.m. She is the first in a series of author readings at Perpich sponsored by Perpich Center's arts in cultural context professional development program. For more information about future author appearances, contact librarian Leah Larson at [leah.larson@pcae.k12.mn.us](mailto:leah.larson@pcae.k12.mn.us) or 763-279-4171 or go to [www.pinterest.com/PerpichLibrary](http://www.pinterest.com/PerpichLibrary).

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### **Innovators and Entrepreneurs of the Twin Cities to meet at Perpich**

Perpich will host a meeting of the Innovators and Entrepreneurs of the Twin Cities on Thursday, Nov. 14, 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the Large Glass Box in the Gaia Building. Tory Peterson, arts/science instructor, and Debra Kelley, director of communications, will make a presentation to the group about the arts/science program of the high school.

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### **Adam Jacobs, media arts alumnus, wins at Indie Film Festival in Colorado**

Adam Jacobs ('13) won Best Student Feature at the national Indie Spirit Film Festival in Colorado Oct. 3-5 for his feature film, "Weekend Hat," made while he was a student at Perpich. Luke Davidson ('13, theater) starred in the movie and many other Perpich students and bands were featured. The winners are listed at [indiespiritfilmfestival.org](http://indiespiritfilmfestival.org). Congratulations, Adam!

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### **Visual arts senior scores in top 3% of 2014 National Achievement Scholarship**

Emma Eubanks, a senior in visual arts, scored in the top 3% of more than 160,000 African-American students who requested consideration of their SAT/National Merits Scholarship Qualifying Test scores with the National Achievement Scholarship Program. Her name, along with those of other high-achieving students, will be sent to 1,500 college and universities as highly recommended for consideration in admission and scholarship awards. The National Achievement Scholarship Program was begun in 1964 to honor academically promising African-American high school students. Congratulations, Emma!



### Museum studies class features guest speakers this month

Representatives of the internationally acclaimed museum web content company, [Sand Box Studios](#), spoke at Craig Farmer's museum studies class Oct. 9. On Oct. 10, architect Bob Russek presented on the history of museum architecture. On Monday, Lin Nelson-Mayson, director of the Goldstein Museum of Design and the University of Minnesota's museum studies program, will speak.



### Annual exhibit of media and visual arts students at Golden Valley Public Library

Media arts and visual arts students from Perpich are exhibiting their work this month at the Golden Valley Public Library gallery, 830 Winnetka Ave. N., Minneapolis. The exhibit is in celebration of Teen Read Month in October.



### JamStik inventor enlists artsience students as beta testers

Perpich artsience students were impressed with inventor Dan Sullivan's perseverance, patents and product during his presentation to the class on Oct. 8. Students will help test JamStik prototypes, a digital instrument that beginners can use to learn guitar and advanced musicians can use to play thousands of instrumental sounds, compose and perform.

### Scholarship opportunity alert

Lisa Quiring, guidance counselor, wants seniors to know about the [Horatio Alger Scholarships](#), applications for which are due Oct. 25. Because it is not a local scholarship, students need to apply directly on the website.



### Bobium looking for more talented student artists

The last issue of the Perpich Center newsletter featured student Madalina Kelner, a junior in visual arts, whose work is sold at Bobium, a Minneapolis store in Uptown that commissions student artists to create work that is used on T-shirts, cellphone covers and other items. Joel Beardseth, general manager of Bobium, invites any other Perpich students who are interested to submit work for an exhibit at the store. He plans to have the show up and running by the end of October and keep it up through the holiday season. If interested, contact him at [joel.baardseth@bobium.com](mailto:joel.baardseth@bobium.com) or 612-462-8203.



### Dance program hosts teaching artist and alumnus

Orlando Hunter ('09, dance) is teaching a series of classes with the high school dance students this fall. He received a BFA from the University of Minnesota in 2013. He has worked with Ananya Dance Theater and TU Dance.



### Want to go abroad? Deadlines are looming!

Deadlines for Perpich Global Initiatives trips are coming up fast. For the trips to Costa Rica and France, the deadline for application and first payment is Monday. The China application and first payment is due on Friday, Oct. 25. For those students planning to go to Ghana, the deadline for applications is Nov. 1 with first payment due Dec. 6.



### Alumni Day 2014!

The annual Perpich Alumni Day is Friday, Jan. 10, at the school. Join your former classmates to reminisce about old times, visit with instructors and check out the opening of the Visual Arts Alumni Show at Perpich Alumni Day 2014. Light refreshments will be provided and good times will be had. For updates and to RSVP: [facebook.com/events](https://www.facebook.com/events)

Alumni interested in exhibiting at the Visual Arts Alumni Show should contact Carl Anderson at [carl.anderson@pcae.k12.mn.us](mailto:carl.anderson@pcae.k12.mn.us) or fill out a submission form here: [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)



### Visual arts instructor involved in theater productions

Bill Jeter, visual arts instructor, designed the visual stage elements for a show, "Only Human," by the Karen L. Charles Threads Dance Project at the Lab Theater, 700 N. 1st St., Minneapolis, Oct. 25-27. Find out more at [threadsdance.org](http://threadsdance.org). Student tickets are \$15, general admission, \$20, and can be purchased at [showclix.com](http://showclix.com)



### First information session attracts big crowd

The first information session on Oct. 12 attracted a crowd that almost filled the Performance Hall. Executive director Sue Mackert greeted the students and school director Carla Hines presented information about the school and admission process. Students joined them on stage to answer questions from the audience and then led tours through the school and dormitory. Two more sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 11, 1-3 p.m. Please share these dates with any families and students you think might be interested in Perpich Arts High School. Deadline for applications is Feb. 1, 2014.

### Would you rather . . . ?

The library's Friday fun polls continue. On Sept. 27 students, staff and faculty said they would much rather be the children of celebrities (74%) than of the First Family (26%). And on Oct. 4, the results showed that 57% would rather be reborn as a boy than as a girl (43%). The newsletter editor, a female, is somewhat disappointed in that result.




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### 'Brasslands' giveaway wraps up at 3 p.m. on Friday

As mentioned in our last newsletter, alumnus Adam Pogoff ('01, music), director of the documentary "Brasslands," is giving away tickets to the film's showing at the Twin Cities Film Fest this weekend, the film's soundtrack and DVD. The contest ends Friday, Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. To enter, simply "join" the giveaway page on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com). For more info on the screening, which takes place Sunday, Oct. 20, and for tickets: [twincitiesfilmfest.org](http://twincitiesfilmfest.org)

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### Artsience investigates corn ethanol

On Oct. 15 Perpich artsience students toured the Heartland Corn Products plant, a 900-farmer-owned cooperative that produces 100 million gallons of ethanol annually. The artsience theme this year is energy.

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### Perpich students and alumni are freaking out the crowds at ValleySCARE

Among the almost three dozen Perpich students and alumni acting at ValleySCARE this year are seniors Anna Jameson, visual arts Paige Nordquist, theater and Joya NaShae Horne, theater.

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## Calendar

### Dates

Oct 17, 18	Education MN Conference
Oct 23–24	Music Concert 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Oct 24	Jr. Media Arts Exhibition 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Oct 26	ACT Test
Nov 2	SAT Test
Nov 7	1/2 Day Schedule Conferences 1 p.m.
Nov 8	Conferences 11–5.p.m.

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