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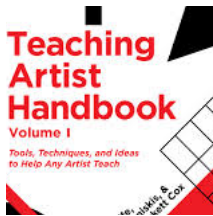
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## **Perpich Center now managing Crosswinds Arts & Science School in Woodbury**

Crosswinds Arts & Science School opened for the 2013-14 school year Sept. 3 under a management agreement with the Perpich Center. Crosswinds will maintain its current curricular focus in the arts and science, its IB program, year-round schedule and strong commitment to integration. It is now an open-enrollment school, meaning parents and students from any Minnesota district may choose to enroll there. Perpich intends to seek and receive formal legislative approval this fall to govern the school beyond the current school year.

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## **Perpich professional development arts coordinator celebrates book publication**

Barbara Hackett Cox, arts coordinator for Perpich's professional development and outreach, is the co-author of the just-published "Teaching Artist Handbook," along with Nick Jaffe and Becca Barniskis. The book, published by the Columbia College Chicago Press and distributed by the University of Chicago Press, shows how artists can develop interesting and effective teaching practices based on their own specific expertise and interests.

The book's publication was celebrated at the Walker Art Center in August. Hackett Cox suggests reading the July 25 post by her co-author, a guest blogger on the Walker website: [blogs.walkerart.org/ecp/](http://blogs.walkerart.org/ecp/) to understand more about the book. Eric Booth, author of "The Everyday Work of Art," reviewed the book, saying, "The growing field of teaching artistry has needed the "Teaching Artist Handbook" for a long time. Needed it badly. And here it is, even better than I hoped . . . This book belongs on every teaching artist's bookshelf—no, on their bedside table." More info: [teachingartisthandbook.com](http://teachingartisthandbook.com)

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## **Trip to Ghana a great success**

Music instructor Janice Hunton and communications director Debra Kelley led a student group to Ghana in June to learn traditional music and cultural skills at Dagara Music Center in Medie. The center was founded by Bernard Woma, director of Saakumu Dance Troupe that performed at Perpich last year while on tour in the U.S.

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## **Assistant principal featured in University of Minnesota student publication**

Antwan Harris, assistant principal at Perpich Arts High School, is an alumnus of the kinesiology program at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and was featured in a profile in "The Minnesota Daily," the student newspaper on campus. You'll find interesting facts about the assistant principal, including his nickname, here: [mndaily.com/sports/mens-basketball](http://mndaily.com/sports/mens-basketball)

**Pat Benincasa****Wesley Wallace****Sandra Woodhall****Aki Shibata****Jessica Leibfried****Andy Jensen**


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### **New faces at Perpich this fall**

Visual arts has two new teachers and Bill Jeter, long-time visual arts faculty member, has moved into a part-time role as a teacher this year.

**Pat Benincasa** is a new full-time visual arts teacher. She was adjunct faculty in the foundations department at the College of Visual Arts for six years until its closing in June. She also is on the faculty of St. Mary's University of Minnesota Graduate School of Business & Technology where she is teaching advertising design this fall. In her current work about Rust Belt Cities, Benincasa paints with industrial materials on sheet metal. She recently received an Award of Excellence from the American Juried Art Salon and was one of four artists selected for an artist residency and exhibit at the Toronto School of Art. She has a MFA and MA from Wayne State University in Detroit and K-12 licensure from St. Catherine University, St. Paul.

**Wesley Wallace** who began teaching at Perpich in 2001, has returned from a three-year sabbatical in London and is teaching biology and physics. While on sabbatical he earned a master's degree in sustainable development at Middlesex University.

**Sandra Woodhall** is a new part-time teacher in visual arts who will provide classes in watercolor, illustration-drawing, advanced drawing, ceramics, jewelry and animation. She taught in the Wayzata and Anoka school districts before coming to Perpich. Woodhall has a BA in studio arts from St. Cloud State University and an MA in art education from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. In 2011 she received a grant from the Minnesota Education Association, "Celebrating Our Similarities and Differences in Our Life and Learning Styles," with artist-in-residence Ta-Coumba Aiken.

**Aki Shibata** is a new part-time teacher in media arts. She taught high school media arts and visual arts at FAIR downtown and book arts at the Minnesota Center for Book Arts. She received a BFA in photography from the College of Visual Arts. While she was in the undergraduate program, she had formal training for teaching as an artist by Lynda Monick Isemberg. She is currently enrolled at St. Mary University to complete her MA in instruction.

**Jessica Leibfried** has joined the professional development staff as a music education coordinator. Leibfried earned a BM in music education from St. Olaf College and an MA in music education with a concentration in Orff-Schulwerk pedagogy from the University of St. Thomas. She specializes in elementary music education and has taught in Hong Kong, Japan and several districts in the state of Minnesota.

**Andy Jensen** has joined the arts integration Legacy team as a new facilitator. Jensen was a participant on the arts integration team from Triton High School last year where he served as a teacher in the band program. This past summer he worked at the band camp at Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan.

**Greg Haux** is a new member of the Perpich technology support team, working with Nathan Duffy. Before coming to Perpich, Greg worked in the Minnesota Office of Higher Education. He's a graduate of Brown College and is married with four children.



Lynn Claftin

**Lynn Claftin** is the new cafeteria manager and chef at the high school. He is part of the new team of Treat America that is now managing the food program for Perpich.

**Cassandra DuRose** is the new manager of human resources for Perpich Center for Arts Education. She is working from a St. Paul office and may be reached at [cassandra.durose@state.mn.us](mailto:cassandra.durose@state.mn.us) or 651-201-2601, or through her assistant at 651-201-2602.

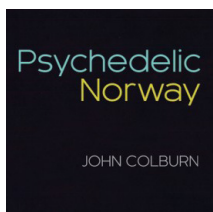
**Alvin Johnson** is a new security guard hired to work in the residence hall this year.

Welcome everyone!

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### **New cafeteria management named**

The cafeteria at Perpich Arts High School is being managed by a new team from Treat America Food Services. The team is headed by Lynn Claftin, manager and chef. He can be reached at [lynnc@tafoodsolutions.com](mailto:lynnc@tafoodsolutions.com). Treat America Food Services, family-owned since 1987, has more than 1,000 employees and operations in 15 states. In 2001 Treat America merged with Myron Green, a company begun in 1909. The founder and namesake of Myron Green created the National Restaurant Association. Treat America operates in California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and West Virginia.




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### **Literary arts teacher John Colburn has new book of poetry coming out in October**

John Colburn's new book of poetry, "Psychedelic Norway," published by Coffee House Press, arrives in bookstores Oct. 13. The publisher describes the book as a: "site of play and a place for the rupture of expectations. Sentence, folktale, confession, pop quiz—all allow for the chaotic impulse behind the imagination, defying the tyranny of orthodoxies with a visionary Midwestern populism that argues for enchantment as the moral imperative of our time."

As part of the promotion of this book and another that was recently published, "Invisible Daughter," Colburn has been doing readings around the Twin Cities including one at Magers & Quinn Booksellers in June, and Soap Factory and Common Good Books in August. He will be reading from his work at Maeve's Café, 300 13th Ave. NE, Minneapolis, at 7 p.m., Oct. 3.

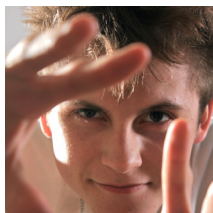
Colburn also is publisher of Spout Press and "Spout," the literary magazine, which hosted its annual cover song contest and fundraiser in July at Mario's Keller Bar in northeast Minneapolis. Read an interesting interview with Colburn: [millwind.wordpress.com](http://millwind.wordpress.com)




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### **Perpich graduate wins new honors for her photography**

Eliza Lynard, who graduated in media arts from Perpich in June, will have her photograph, "Hold On," in a display at the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities as part of ART.WRITE.NOW.DC, a special exhibition of national award-winning work from the 2013 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Congrats, Eliza!




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### **Perpich media arts graduate continues to show work**

Adam Jacobs, who graduated in June, has had various shorts and features shown at festivals around the county:

- "Weekend Hat" at the Indie Spirit Film Festival in Colorado Springs
- "Hank" at the Chicago International Film Festival (in conjunction with Cineyouth)
- "Hank" and "Lesbie" at the Vancouver International Film Festival (in conjunction with Reel Youth)
- "Through the Eyes of the Wind" at the Visible Verse Festival in Vancouver, B.C.

"Hank" was a joint project made by Lukas Sorensen, Alissa Reynolds, Xiaoye Jiang and Jacobs, all 2013 graduates.

"Weekend Hat" will be featured at the Minneapolis Underground Film Festival at 5:15 p.m. Oct. 3, at the St. Anthony Main Theater in Minneapolis.

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### **Nick Johnson's animation shows at Los Angeles festival**

An animation, "Dreamgivers," by Nick Johnson, senior in media arts, screened at the Future Filmmakers Showcase, part of the 19th annual Los Angeles Film Festival. Nick attended the festival and associated events. The Los Angeles Film Festival showcases the best of American and international independent cinema and is presented by "The Los Angeles Times." Way to go, Nick!

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### **Nineteen Perpich students accepted in film festival in June**

Congratulations to the 19 junior and senior media arts students of 2012-13 whose works were selected for the Reel Youth Film Festival in June at the Free Range Farm in Wrenshall, Minnesota. Those featured were: Piper Sigel-Bruse, Adam Jacobs, Xiaoye Jiang, Arielle Farness, Roisen Granlund, Grett Goldstein, Alissa Reynolds, Lucy Moroukian, Kimberly Atchley, Victoria Petelin, Matt Endres, Nick Johnson, Jonah Reid, Kimberly Atchley, Marykate Foley, Jazmyne LeBeau, Abby Harer, Emma Smith-Coppes and Cooper Smith.

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### **Perpich dance education coordinator performed at Cowles over the summer**

Diane Aldis, dance education coordinator for Perpich's professional development team, performed in Off-Leash Area's production of "Psst!" in June at the Cowles Center for Dance. "I loved delving into mask work for the first time and learning about the design elements in early film and 1930's cartoons," Aldis said.

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### **Visual arts student also an excellent tennis player**

In late May, Tom McCallie, senior in visual arts, was featured in a "[Star Tribune](#)" article about his talent as a tennis player for the Burnsville Blaze tennis team.

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**Perpich Foundation sends thanks to parent volunteers**

Linda Henning, president of the Perpich Foundation thanks the many parents who donated time and talent last school year as volunteers for Perpich Foundation. "Their generosity of time and spirit helps ensure an outstanding education in and through the arts at Perpich Center for Arts Education and for all Minnesota students," Henning said. "We had a record number of parent and alumni volunteer hours or other resources donated to the almost 50 Perpich student performances, exhibitions, openings and readings held last year. Nearly 200 volunteer slots were filled with close to 500 hours of time donated in all!"

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**Alumnus in Fringe Festival production**

Alumnus Rick Ausland and his brother Andy appeared as Buckets and Tap Shoes in excerpts from "Dreams" during this year's **Minnesota Fringe Festival**. The show included classical dance, physical theater, clowning and magic.

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**Dance alumna to visit Perpich and perform with company**

Alumna Rachel Damon, '99 dance, and the rest of the Synapse Arts company are bringing their performance of "Swath" to the Twin Cities Sept. 13 and 14 as part of the Midwest Nexus Program. In addition to performing at the Cowles Center Tek Box, Rachel and other members of Synapse Arts will be teaching a Sept. 11 class for Perpich dance students. For more information, or to purchase tickets for the Cowles performances:

[www.thecowlescenter.org/calendar-tickets/](http://www.thecowlescenter.org/calendar-tickets/)

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**Technology advice from the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center**

As consumers of online services, we create information through our use of social media, online shopping and many other activities. Public records are also a source of information about individuals that can get posted online. The information you felt comfortable sharing publicly a few years ago may seem like information that you'd now rather take back. You may have found information about you online that is incorrect, misleading, or you simply want to get it removed. Here are some sites that can help:

- Privacy Rights Clearinghouse Opt-Out URLs: [www.privacyrights.org](http://www.privacyrights.org)
- Google support page for removal of data: [support.google.com](http://support.google.com)
- IT World Article, "Rescue your Online Reputation": [www.itworld.com](http://www.itworld.com)
- Times Article, "How to Fix (or Kill) Web Data About You": [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)



### State Fair hot but successful

The Perpich booth at the State Fair became the Perpich-Crosswinds booth this year and, despite the heat, drew plenty of interest with its coloring table, big-screen slide show, Crosswinds temporary tattoos and a Perpich Merch give-away basket (winner's name pending!).

At the booth we explained Perpich's role at Crosswinds this year, walked parents through the school programs at both Crosswinds and Perpich, snagged plenty of new library members and found many educators and artists who want to know more about our professional development programs and Legacy arts integration work.

Last, but by far not least, the volunteers were fabulous! So many parents! Staff! Alumni! Students! Perpich and Crosswinds both really stepped up to the table—literally. Many, many thanks to those who worked during what was the hottest State Fair on record. You went above and beyond.



### First visual arts exhibit opens next week!

Mark your calendars for the returning visual arts seniors' opening exhibition on Thursday, Sept. 5, at 5:30 p.m. in the gallery. Seniors spent their summer creating self-portraits and you will see amazing work on the walls and pedestals. As always, the opening will feature refreshments and music.

### Find the latest on new additions to the Perpich library on Pinterest

The newest DVDs and CDs that the library has added to the collection have been posted to Pinterest. Here is the link: [pinterest.com/PerpichLibrary](https://www.pinterest.com/PerpichLibrary)

**Todd Goetze** has been promoted from purchasing to accounting officer. Goetze will be responsible for accounts receivable, assisting with agency budgets and all reporting to Minnesota Management and Budget, administration and Minnesota Department of Education.

### Dance alumna featured at Red Eye Theater

Tamara Ober, dance alumna from Perpich and speaker/performer at last fall's Dedication Day, performed "Sin Eater" at Red Eye Theater this past summer. She performed part of the show for Dedication Day. Red Eye describes it as "a solo show integrating dance, music, video and spoken text to tell the story of a girl named Glory who is called home to her estranged father's deathbed. She is sent on a mission to find a Sin Eater and pursues the beast through a haunted forest in attempt to save her father's soul." "Sin Eater" is an original creation written, composed and performed by Ober, who was awarded Best Video Trailer, People's Choice Encore and Best Dance of the Fringe Festival 2012, and received three Sage Award nominations for performance, performer and design in 2012.

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### Alumni honors

**Taylor Anderson**, media '11, received the Gina Jacobson Prize in Mathematics, given annually for excellence in mathematics during the sophomore year at Mount Holyoke College.

**Nina Ewest**, literary arts '13, has received the Nancy Kelly Female Writer Award of \$2,000 from the Philanthrofund Foundation, an organization that advances social justice for LGBT communities in the Upper Midwest. She was cited for her education aspirations and dedicated service and leadership within LGBT communities.

**Zofia Warpeha**, music '13, was selected to participate in the Great American Songbook High School Vocal Academy & Competition regional event in Chicago in June, sponsored by the Michael Feinstein Great American Songbook Initiative. Students from 22 states auditioned to participate in one of five regional events around the country.

Congratulations to all!

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### Construction at Perpich should make life less “watery”

New drainage piping leading to the pond on campus and replacement of clay soils under the main driveway in front of the school building took place over the summer and should mean a drier campus for everyone this year. It has been reported that the Perpich geese were displeased with the elimination of two “ponds” by the parking lot.

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### Calendar

#### Dates

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| Sept 3  | Classes Resume            |
| Sept 5  | Visual Arts Opening       |
| Sept 6  | SAT Registration Deadline |
| Sept 21 | ACT Test                  |
| Sept 24 | National College Fair     |
| Sept 25 | Dance Performance         |
| Sept 27 | Parent Open House         |

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| Perpich Arts High School | 6125 Olson Memorial Highway                        | Sue Mackert        |
| Perpich Arts Outreach    | Golden Valley, Minnesota 55422                     | Executive Director |
| Perpich Arts Library     | <a href="http://perpich.mn.gov">perpich.mn.gov</a> | 763-279-4160       |

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