

Ryan St. Clair to be Reader At Upcoming Poetry Festival



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Ryan St. Clair, a student at Westfield High School and a winner in the ninth New Jersey High School Poetry Contest, has been invited to read at the upcoming Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival in Waterloo Village on Festival Student Day, Thursday, September 24.

The biennial festival, held from September 24 through Sunday, September 27, is the largest poetry festival in North America, according to

Kathy Hall, a spokeswoman for the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. More than 100 poets will participate in the event.

The New Jersey High School Poetry Contest is co-sponsored by the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences for Rutgers/Newark, and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

Initiated in April of 1990, it is open to all high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. The contest is held annually and receives nearly 700 entries from more than 200 high schools throughout the state, according to the spokeswoman.

Poems by 20 winners from each contest are published in successive issues of "News From Poems," a chapbook which is distributed to every high school in New Jersey.

For additional information on the festival, please call the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation at (973) 540-8442, Extension No. 139. To learn more about the New Jersey High School Poetry Contest, individuals may visit the foundation's Web site on the Internet at www.grdodge.org/poetry.

Tobie Baldwin to Perform At June 25 Concert in Park

Tobie Baldwin, a 1993 graduate of Westfield High School, will perform in concert with the Westfield Community Band on Thursday, June 25, at 8 p.m. in Mindowaskin Park on East Broad Street in Westfield.

Mr. Baldwin will perform during the trombone feature "Morceau Symphonique," a solo for trombone and band by Alexandre Guilmant.

Now a Piscataway resident, he is completing his first year as a music educator in the South Plainfield elementary school system.

Mr. Baldwin is a member of the Plainfield Musical Club and a bass trombonist for the King's Road Swing Band. He previously was a member of the New Jersey Youth Symphony and the New Jersey All State Orchestra.

The Westfield Community Band, under the direction of Elias J. Zareva, continues its 86th season of Summer Concert performances in Mindowaskin Park.

With next Thursday's concert, the

band will continue its tribute to the 100th anniversary of George Gershwin's birth. The band will perform "A Gershwin Portrait," featuring "Swanee," "I Got Rhythm," and "Strike Up the Band."

Other performances for the evening include "Over the Waves," "Trombone Rag," and "Pineapple Poll," based on the music of Arthur Sullivan, of Gilbert and Sullivan fame.

The Westfield Community Band's Summer Concert series will continue on Thursdays, July 2, 9, and 16, in Mindowaskin Park in Westfield.

In the event of inclement weather, the concerts will be held in the Westfield Community Room at the Municipal Building next to Mindowaskin Park.

All events are free to the public and it is suggested that audience members bring lawn chairs or blankets.

The Westfield Community Band is sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Commission, under the direction of Glenn S. Burrell. For more information, please call (908) 789-4080.

Nicole's Yoga Center To Begin New Session

Nicole's Yoga Center, located at 94 North Avenue in Garwood, will begin its early autumn session the week of Monday, July 20.

Nicole Mode is a certified hypnotherapist and yoga therapist. Nicole's provides a comprehensive, gentle step-by-step program.

The content of that program covers basic and advanced exercises for breathing, posture, flexibility, strength and balance, includes adjusting the sacrum and a lumbar stretch and manipulation.

Personalized attention is administered and Mode will pinpoint the source of imbalance and from this be able to ascertain which yoga postures will be appropriate for the individual. Each class ends with relaxation, meditation and visualization.

Offered after the classes are breathing, heart and back care, and meditation classes.

The Yoga Center also offers private yoga therapy, meditation and personalized tapes customized for beginners and advance.

The Yoga Center will also be open for general registration on Mondays, July 13 and 20, from 4 to 7 p.m.; Thursday, July 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, July 18, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Ms. Mode is celebrating 41 years of teaching yoga and her 10th anniversary in Garwood. For further information, please call (908) 789-6426.

Playground Program To Commence June 29

The Westfield Recreation Commission has announced that its Summer Playground Program will begin again on Monday, June 29, which is the official sign-up day.

Sign ups will take place at each elementary school between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. A parent or guardian should be present to fill out paperwork. The normal schedule will go into effect after that and will continue through Friday, August 14.

The program will take place at every public elementary school in Westfield. Children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade are eligible to participate in this free drop-in program, which features counselor-supervised games, sports, arts and crafts, swimming, picnics and other activities.

For more information on the Summer Playground Program, please call (908) 789-4080.

Two Westfielders Receive Awards From Academy

Mark Forscher and Matthew Steenberg, both of Westfield, received awards at the annual Honors Day Assembly at Newark Academy in Livingston on Friday, May 29.

Mark, an 11th grader, was presented

with The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award in recognition of his "outstanding achievement in the field of jazz, as demonstrated through his superior musicianship, character and individual creativity," according to school Director of Communications Denise Goldman.

Matthew, also a junior, was the recipient of The Edward L. Behr, Jr. Award for Excellence in Technical Theatre.

According to Ms. Goldman, Matthew received this award for his "generous and selfless contributions to the technical theatre program."

In other Newark Academy news, freshman Mindi Rock of Westfield was presented with a cum laude certificate in recognition of her success on a competitive examination sponsored by the American Classical League.

Recreation Commission Announces Schedule For Summer Concerts

The Westfield Recreation Commission has announced its schedule for the 1998 Summer Concert Series, which will take place in Mindowaskin Park on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

- June 18 and 25, and July 2, 9 and 16 — Westfield Community Concert Band.
- July 23 — Music Studio Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band.
- July 30 — Salaam Temple String Band.
- August 6 — Rick Langmaack Quartet - Jazz.
- August 13 — Gordon James Band - Smooth Jazz.
- August 20 — Ken Serio Trio.



SALESWOMAN OF MONTH... Faith Maricic has been named Saleswoman of the Month for May, with sales of seven units sold and dollars amounting to over \$2 million.

Ms. Maricic is a Sales Associate with the Burgdorff Realtors ERA's Westfield office. She was named Saleswoman of the Month three times in 1996 and four times in 1997. She has won several office awards for highest sales, listings and production in closed units and closed dollars.

Ms. Maricic has been a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Million Dollar Sales Club for 11 years; winning the Silver Achievement Award in 1992, 1996 and 1997. In addition Ms. Maricic has earned membership in Burgdorff's President Elite for 1997 and 1998. She has also achieved NJAR's Lifetime Membership in the Distinguished Sales Club for over 10 years, and the ERA Leader's Circle Award for production of over \$5 million.

Isoldi Has Copies Of Nursery Survey

Isoldi Associates Realtors announced that it has copies of the new 1998 Nursery School Survey available, compiled by the Junior Woman's Club of Westfield.

The Junior Woman's Club does the survey as a community service. This year, Isoldi Associates was one of three local sponsors whose donation towards printing costs made the survey possible.

"We were thrilled to be able to assist the Junior Woman's Club with such an important community service. The Nursery School Survey is invaluable to families currently living in the area as well as families who are moving into our community.

"By providing so much information about each facility it is a great time saver. We have always had such positive feed back about the survey and a demand for them that we want to do our part in helping this year's survey be possible," stated Frank Isoldi.

For a free copy of the survey, please call Isoldi Associates Realtors at (908) 232-5556 or stop by the office at 200 North Avenue, East in Westfield.



Matthew Steenberg