



July 2013

City of Philadelphia Celebrates 'Jerry Pinkney Day' to Honor Renowned Illustrator/Alumnus

To celebrate "[Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney](#)," an exhibition by noted illustrator **Jerry Pinkney DIPL '60 (Advertising Design)** [right] on display through September 22 at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, June 26 was declared "Jerry Pinkney Day" throughout Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The exhibit comprises more than 100 drawings and watercolors, including designs for record album covers, commissions for African-American historic sites and luminous illustrations from his books, including his 2010 Caldecott Medal-winning picture book *The Lion & the Mouse*. "Witness" has garnered glowing reviews from such media outlets as the [Philadelphia Daily News](#), [Publisher's Weekly](#), [MainLineMediaNews.com](#) and [The Huffington Post](#).



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Annual Fund Completes Challenge and Exceeds Goal

Thanks to the strong support of our alumni, friends and parents, we have surpassed our \$50,000 Samuel P. Mandell Challenge Grant and exceeded our fundraising goal for the year. In response to the success of these efforts, Trustee **Samuel "Sonny" Mandell** added an additional \$5,000 to match the surplus that was raised. The completion of this challenge resulted in \$110,000 in new or increased funds for the University - a true vote of confidence in a UArts education and in our students. This in turn helped us exceed our annual goal, raising just over \$1,083,000, nearly a 7 percent increase over last year's total and an almost 20 percent increase over the past two years.



Thank you to everyone who made a gift this year. UArts' faculty and staff could not do what we do without the support of our many generous donors. Gifts to the Annual Fund provide unrestricted support for our students and faculty, with the majority of those dollars benefiting student scholarships, ensuring that talented students have access to a top arts education.

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Cross-Cultural Learning Exchange Takes Art Ed Students, Faculty to Ghana

Dr. Teresa Unseld, associate professor of Art & Design Education, and graduate students **Lauren Chaika BFA '10 (Illustration)**, **MAT '14 (Art Education)**; **Lauren Fields MAT '14 (Art Education)**; and **Kate Bisono BFA '11 (Multidisciplinary Fine Arts)**, **MAT '14 (Art Education)** spent the month of June in Abor, Ghana, as part of Dr. Unseld's Ghana Independent Study course. The team was in West Africa working with orphans at In My Father's House, disabled children at [St. Theresa Centre for the Handicapped](#) and students in Abor High School's art department.



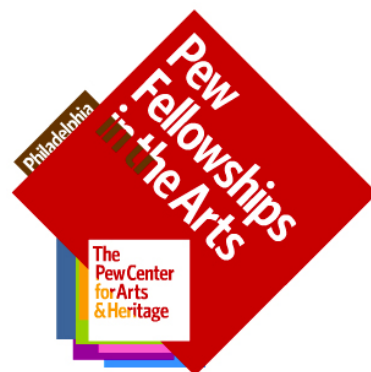
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Above right: Grad students Lauren Fields, Kate Bisono and Lauren Chaika (l-r) are surrounded by students at the Children's Village.

Liberal Arts Faculty Member Named 2013 Pew Fellow

Liberal Arts Senior Lecturer **Sueyeun Juliette Lee** was among the winners of the **2013 Pew Fellowships in the Arts**, announced recently by the **Pew Center for Arts & Heritage**. Lee, who won in the Literature category for her poetry, will receive a \$60,000 award, which is given annually to up to 12 artists of exemplary talent in the five-county Philadelphia area.

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MID Students, Faculty Explore Cross-Cultural Design Methods in Beirut

Master of Industrial Design Associate Professor **Jonas Milder** and graduate students **Jordan Shade MID '14**, **Min-Wen Yeh MID '14**, **Nidhi Jalwal MID '14** and **Vrouyr Joubanian MID '14** (pictured left to right) spent the month of June in Beirut, Lebanon, exploring the translation of design methods and tools across cultures. The month-long project culminated in an exhibition and public presentation during **Beirut Design Week 2013**, held June 24 - 30. The four grad students were joined by Assistant Professor and MID program head **Jeremy Beaudry** during the second annual conference to discuss their experiences in Beirut.



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Alumni Association Elects New Council Members

The **Alumni Association** has elected **Carrie Galbraith MFA '01 (Book Arts / Printmaking)**, **Natasha Levitas BFA '00 (Dance Education)** [pictured left] and **TJ Walsh BFA '07 (Graphic Design)** [pictured right] to join the **Alumni Council**. These new members began their three-year terms on July 1, 2013. The mission of the Alumni Council is to represent the alumni base of the University of the Arts, evaluate and support Alumni Relations programming and communication efforts, offer input and guidance in outreach to all alumni, provide leadership, and serve as advocates for the University.



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