Scholar-artists find audience at Gallatin

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The Gallatin Arts Festival (GAF), held from April 10-12, proved to be a tremendous success, drawing crowds of students, alumni, faculty, staff, family and friends over the course of three evenings.

Every year, students from New York University's Gallatin School of Individualized Study cooperate to produce the Gallatin Arts Festival. The festival has become known as an opportunity for the scholar-artists of Gallatin not only to collaborate but also to showcase individual works.

This year's festival began on Thursday night with a stirring piano and violin duet by Samina Iqbal and Jade Jossen at the Violet Cafe. Other performances on opening night included open readings of drama, poetry and performance art, concluding with three songs written and performed by Daphne Denniston.

Friday's events included another evening of cabaret performances at the Violet and a visual arts exhibit at Loeb Student Center, which featured a film screening.

There was a tap performance by Angie Garcia and Laureve Blackstone in Eisner & Lubin Auditorium on Saturday. They were followed by Kathleen Clancy, Lara Milian and Jael Sager, who performed a piece written and directed by Kris Diaz. Other Saturday performances included a stunning monologue by festival director Nicole Adelman and assorted dance, musical and performance pieces in the auditorium.

The GAF was coordinated by performer, director and organizer, Nicole J. Adelman, who commented, "The GAF gives the highly committed, creative and talented students of Gallatin the chance to collaborate in a three-day showcase. Many of their pieces develop out of the interdisciplinary art work that Gallatin students do in Gallatin art workshops, private lessons and the First Friday Club. The festival was a fulfillment of this mission!"

Adelman also offers special thanks to the cast and crew, especially the staff of the GAF: Sheffield Cairns, tech director; Daniel Martinez, stage manager; Nadine Wolff, tech staff; Ben Hagan, visual arts director; Brooke Nessel, cabaret director; Pay Simpson, performance director; Amity P. Murray, film coordinator; Jacob Wunsch, program design; Kris Diaz, advertising; Angie Garcia, events coordinator; and Tom Beyer, musician and music.

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