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## Foley students <sup>188</sup> host An Evening of the Arts

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Foley Middle School's Fourth Annual December Evening of the Arts Show was open to the public on Monday, Dec. 10. The show is a collaboration of work from the teachers, staff and students, as well as, the Berea College GEAR UP Program and the FACTS center.

The showcase demonstrates a variety of skills, techniques, critical thinking skills, and other applications of what the students have been learning. Body of works on display were produced in visual arts, music, drama, dance, technology, wellness, science, reading, language arts, social studies and mathematics classes from sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Local guest artists, performers and authors were invited to discuss career opportunities in the arts and humanities field with students and parents/guardians. Berea College Professor Dr. Jackie Burnside, and Berea College Director of Special Collections Shannon

Wilson, displayed copies of their recent books and provided detailed explanations about the steps needed to publish a book. Jewelry artisans Jimmy Lou Jackson and Kathy Steffey provided an insight on how to become professional artists in today's economy.

Berea College Professor and Director of the Music Department Charles Turner provided handouts explaining the college courses needed to major in a musical field. Local photographer Rob-

ert Elam explained the processes of the business side of photography.

Berea College costume designer for the Jeckyll Theater Mary Ann Shupe displayed various costumes and sketches detailing the steps needed to bring a character to the stage. Local actress Sarah Evans, an Eastern Kentucky University Arts and Humanities Collaborator, and actor Dane Holser provided an insight to the theatrical world. In addition to these professional guests, Foley Middle School's own eighth grad-

er Dillon Phelps, an aspiring ceramicist, displayed his recent pottery and demonstrated for guests the process of hand building with clay.

The event brought in around 250 guests. Student volunteers demonstrated visual art techniques with traditional pen and ink, printmaking and ceramics. A kids coloring station was also set up for the younger guests and those "young at heart." Volunteers also dressed up as waiters/waitresses and personally served refreshments to the guests as they viewed the works of art on display.

Foley Middle School's Fourth Annual May Evening of the Arts Show is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 8. With the collaboration of the teachers, staff, students, Berea College GEAR UP Program and the FACTS center, Patricia Weiner, visual art teacher, is "hoping the show becomes bigger and better each time. It is a showcase for our students and a collaboration that involves the entire school."