EVENTS

The Wooden Floor in Santa Ana has been awarded a grant for $10,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support The Wooden Floor’s mission of transforming lives through dance.

“With deep gratitude, I would like to thank Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez for her support of the NEA’s Challenge America Fast Track Grant, which will be used to produce The Wooden Floor’s 30th Annual Concert in June 2013 at the Irvine Barclay Theatre,” said Executive Director and Co-CEO, Dawn S. Reese. The Wooden Floor is an after-school organization formed in 1983 that delivers hope and opportunity to 375 low-income youth annually. Dance education and performance are the core transformational elements through which youth change the way they think about themselves and aspire beyond the grip of the poverty cycle.

The National Endowment for the Arts awards the Challenge America Fast Track grant in an effort to provide opportunities in the arts for underserved populations and those limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. The Wooden Floor was recognized for their values of respect, excellence, community, and stewardship.

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Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez district includes Anaheim, Garden Grove, Santa Ana, and parts of Fullerton.

$10,000 NEA Grant for The Wooden Floor by Steve Chapin

When I celebrated my seventh birthday, my mother surprised me with a birthday cake decorated with a landing strip and toy jets on top! It is that birthday cake from my childhood growing up in Fullerton in the 1960’s that I have remembered all my life.

The cake came from Judy Lynn’s Bakery located on Commonwealth Ave. in downtown Fullerton. Named after the owner’s daughter, Judy Lynn’s opened in 1951, and became a Fullerton landmark. As I grew older, I continued going to Judy Lynn’s to buy cakes, pies, cookies, pastries and other delicious bakery treats. Imagine my surprise after last Christmas, when I went to the door and found it locked. No one seemed to know what had happened except that after 60 years they and their sister bakery in Orange, Poul’s Bakery, had shut their doors and would not reopen. I thought to myself, “Another beloved Fullerton store closed that will probably reopen as another tattoo parlor or bar.”

Recently, I was walking by and noticed a new sign reading “Hansel N’ Gretel’s Bakeshop” in the store window. The door was open, so I walked in and was greeted by the wonderful smell of fresh baked goods. At the counter stood the new owner/baker Sarah Pagana who was able to fill me in on what had happened. Like many small businesses in this economy, Judy Lynn’s and Poul’s Bakeries had suffered. The family trust that ran them had decided to close and sell them both off. Sarah found out that Judy Lynn’s was available. So she decided to fulfill her dream of owning her own business and bought it.

Sarah learned how to bake from her Danish grandmother at an early age. Over the years she worked at several bakeries and also had a home business making special order cakes for co-workers, friends and family. She was getting so many orders that she thought she should open her own bakery and pursue it full time. Opening Hansel N’ Gretel’s Bakeshop has allowed her to do this. It has become a real family business with her husband Mike, children and assorted relatives and friends helping out.

Sarah specializes in wedding cakes, birthday cakes, 3-D cakes and creative decorating. She also makes contemporary, stacked and tiered cakes for all occasions.

With the holidays fast approaching, she wants everyone to know that she will be offering an assortment of cookie plates, pies, challah breads and other seasonal specialty bakery items. Please stop by and say hello and try her delicious wares. She told me she can bake or create anything that you might want. She even told me she could make me a cake with a landing strip and toy jets on top just like the one I had on my seventh birthday!

Hansel N’ Gretel’s Bakeshop is located at 113 E. Commonwealth Ave. in Fullerton. The phone number is 714-525-5259 and the hours are 6am to 5pm, Monday through Saturday.

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**2013 TIMELINE**

Feb 28th...Deadline to submit couples pictures
April 4th...Deadline for artwork submissions
May 3rd...Exhibit Opening Night, 6 - 11 pm
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