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## BAC NEWSLETTER

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### **Letter from Jaime Nicklas, Educational Director:**

We are pleased to welcome two new instructors to the Brooklyn Autism Center this month! Caroline Strolin will be teaching in the big kids' classroom. Originally from Switzerland, Caroline has been a huge help at the BAC as an intern for the past three months. We are excited to have her on board in a full-time capacity.

Lindsay Barr will be joining the little kids' classroom on January 20th. She is a recent graduate from Oberlin College with a degree in Psychology and experience working with children with autism and other special needs. She will be a great asset to the BAC!

This month we also bid farewell to two of our beloved instructors. Kelly Scoble is returning to her native Australia. Rena Hausman, who has been with the BAC since it opened, will be resigning later this month to return to school and embark on a new career in culinary arts. We are very grateful for their hard work at the BAC and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

### **The Whitney Comes to BAC:**

The Brooklyn Autism center has partnered with the Whitney Museum of American Art to give our students new depths of art education. Melanie Adist, a representative from the Whitney has visited our school several times in December and January to lead special art programs where students observed and interacted with famous works, then created artwork inspired by what they had seen. Check out the collage of a city skyline hanging on the wall next to Jaime's office! On December 12<sup>th</sup>, the students made a special field trip to the Whitney where they were able to see in-person the paintings they had seen projected onto the walls of the BAC. We are looking forward to continuing this partnership with one of the city's leading art museums!

### **Stand Ups Give BAC: A Benefit for the Brooklyn Autism Center:**

You have all probably heard about our exciting fundraiser taking place on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. This event will take place at Caroline's on Broadway and will feature performances by today's premier comics such as David Cross (Mr. Show, Arrested Development), Zach Galifianakis (as seen on Letterman, Conan, Jimmy Kimmel, Comedy Central), Janeane Garafalo (24, The Larry Sanders

Show), Demetri Martin (The Daily Show), John Oliver (The Daily Show), Paul F. Tompkins (Best Week Ever) and more!

Tickets are available for \$150 (premium seating) or \$100 (general seating). The tickets are tax-deductible and include two free drinks. For more information or to purchase tickets please go to <http://www.brooklynautismcenter.org>.

Please spread the word about this event to everyone you know! We are hoping for a full house and we need your help to raise money, support, and awareness for the BAC.

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – School closed for Martin Luther King Day  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 7:30pm – Lecture “Natural Environment Teaching”  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 1:00pm – Early dismissal for staff training  
January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – School closed for staff training at the Carbone Clinic  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 7-9pm – BAC Comedy Fundraiser at Caroline’s on Broadway  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Family Dance Party

Brooklyn Autism Center Academy admits students of any race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.