

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF HARKNESS

Seventy-five years ago, thanks to the generosity of philanthropist Edward Harkness and the vision of Principal Lewis Perry and a group of senior faculty members, Exeter embarked upon an educational experiment that would transform almost every aspect of school life and influence secondary school education throughout the country.

Beginning in September, the Academy will celebrate this historic Harkness milestone with a yearlong series of events, including lectures, exhibitions and visits from a distinguished group of Harkness Fellows, many of them alumni/ae, who will each spend several days on campus, attending classes, meeting with students and faculty, and giving talks.

Principal Ty Tingley '48, '64, '01 (Hon.); P'99 will begin the 75th Harkness Anniversary celebrations on September 8 with his opening of school address, "Exeter at 225, Harkness at 75." Harkness activities will continue during Alumni/ae Council Weekend, September 15-16, when, as part of the official dedication of the new Academy Center, architect Bill Glover will be on hand to discuss how the center's design reflects Harkness principles.

September will also see the visit of the first Harkness Fellow, **Jim Steyer '74**, a nationally recognized children's advocate and the founder of Common Sense Media. Steyer, an attorney who teaches at Stanford Law School, is scheduled to speak at the September 22 assembly and to offer an open community address that evening, also in the Assembly Hall.

Other Harkness Fellows scheduled for the fall term include:

Bruce Lawrence '58 (September 28-30), the Marcus Humanities Professor of Religion at Duke University, author of 12 books (including *New Faiths, Old Fears: Muslims & Other Asian Immigrants in American Religious Life*) and an authority on the history and development of Islam and its perceptions in the West. Professor Lawrence will work with faculty in the religion and history departments, visit classes, speak at assembly on September 29 and give a public lecture that evening.

Benjamin Zander (October 9-11), teacher, composer and the conductor since 1979 of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra. A noted speaker, Zander is also the co-author (with his wife, psychotherapist Rosamund Zander) of *The Art of Possibility*. He will make a special presentation at assembly on October 10, followed by work with the music department faculty and students and a presentation at the October 11 faculty meeting.

Shana Harris '92 (October 18-19), director of the academic preparatory program at Prep for Prep, the New York-based educational program that seeks to nurture a generation of leaders from minority group backgrounds by identifying talented students of color and preparing them for placement in independent schools. Harris, herself a Prep

for Prep alumna, will be working with faculty and staff of the admissions office and visiting with Prep for Prep alumni/ae now at Exeter. She will also deliver a Meditation in Phillips Church on October 19.

Dr. Nina Russell '82 (October 26-28), the senior program officer in charge of HIV, TB and Reproductive Health programs for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Her current focus is the development of effective vaccines for the AIDS/HIV global crisis. Dr. Russell will be working with students and faculty in the science department, and will speak at assembly on October 27 and give an open community address that evening.

David Mumford '53 (November 2-3), a former chair of the Harvard department of mathematics who is now the Brown University Professor of Applied Mathematics. A past president of the International Mathematical Union and a recipient of the prestigious Fields Medal for outstanding mathematical achievement, Professor Mumford was named a MacArthur Fellow in 1987. He will be visiting classes and working with faculty in the mathematics department and will speak at assembly on November 3.

Adam Guettel '83 (November 15-17), the Tony Award-winning composer/lyricist of *The Light in the Piazza*, whose other works for musical theater include *Floyd Collins* and *Saturn Returns*. Guettel will work with the students and faculty in the theater and dance department on a production of *South Pacific*, and address assembly on November 17.

Also planned for the fall term are two exhibitions: *The History of the Harkness Gift*, in the Class of 1945 Academy Library, and a continuously changing display in and around the Lamont Art Gallery of student photographs, paintings, prints and other designs inspired by the Harkness table.

Overseeing the 75th Harkness Anniversary celebrations is a committee chaired by Rick Schubart '56, '79 (Hon.), Exeter's Bates-Russell Distinguished Faculty Professor. For updates on 75th Harkness Anniversary events, go to www.exeter.edu.



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