



Call for Applicants!

Jethro Davis Memorial “Junior Artist” Scholarship Program

Santa Barbara, CA, February 18, 2010— The Summer Solstice Celebration announces a call for applicants for the annual Jethro Davis Memorial “Junior Artist” Scholarships. Designed as an artistic mentorship with a limited number of positions, this program is open to teenagers 14-21 years of age to work directly Solstice Staff artists on the creation of ensembles for the parade in our community arts workshop. This hands-on program teaches young artists about every facet of the celebration arts and includes an honorarium of \$100-\$500, depending upon level of participation, to be awarded at the completion of the workshop in end of June. Solstice provides the expertise, the materials, the instruction, and the place for young artists to use their creative talents, and has established after-school workshop hours to accommodate young, aspiring artists.

Due to the limited number of positions, interested young artists are encouraged to submit a letter about themselves and their desire to participate in this program **by May 1, 2010**. Letters may be submitted via email, fax, or mail, but **must be received by May 1st** to accommodate the workshop schedule of mid May – late June.

- **Email submissions to:** solstice@solsticeparade.com,
- **Fax submissions to:** 805-935-3927
- **Mail Submissions to:** Summer Solstice Office
P.O. Box 21141
Santa Barbara, CA 93121

The Summer Solstice Celebration is a 501(c)3, nonprofit, community organization that celebrates life through art by encouraging participation in the arts through events and education. The core of the celebration begins with a community arts workshop opening in early May through the end of June. Solstice provides a paid and professional artistic staff, “artists-in-residence”, who teach and assist community members as they create floats, masks, costumes, giant puppets and banners for the Parade. Funding comes from a variety of events, business sponsorships, personal contributions, grants, and proceeds from the sale For more information about the Summer Solstice Celebration, please visit our website: www.solsticeparade.com or call 805-965-3396.

Jethro Patrick Davis

1980-2001

Jethro Davis was a child of Summer Solstice, attending or participating in the years 1981-2000. He was lovingly raised by the public arts community, mentored by its masters and supported by the magic of its generous spirit. For the years 1994-1999, Jethro was the Junior Artist in Residence, a mostly unpaid position, which nonetheless came with all of the adult responsibilities, many of which he was able to delegate. He designed and created five major pieces and introduced dozens of his friends to Summer Solstice and the arts community. His passionate, creative and adventuresome presence is inseparably linked with this remarkable community arts celebration. The Junior Artist in Residence position honors his life.