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A Gilded Day at Vanguard



Paoli, PA

Amid cream walls adorned with students' artistic representations of "Dream Loud," and presented by Vanguard Curriculum Director Mary Klein, Julie Gold - best known for her contribution "From a Distance" to the world of music (performed by other artists, including Nanci Griffith and Bette Midler) - immediately set a friendly tone to the afternoon. Her warm and familiar manner encouraged students to share their own thoughts and feelings about music and personal dreams and aspirations.

Ms. Gold cheerfully addressed students with respect and professionalism, adding charming witticisms here and there revealing her gentle sense of humor. Students disclosed remarkably expressive and passionate connections to music stating that it was "inspiring" and music can "set you free." Some students conveyed complex, abstract associations between art and music and spoke intelligently about the poetic transcendence music can often encourage.

While performing "From a Distance," Ms. Gold's melodic voice echoed throughout the multi-purpose room, inciting an energy and enthusiasm among the students to join her. The entire room was fully engaged in the presentation, and this is sure to prove a production the students will not soon forget.

Despite being a Grammy-award winning Songwriter/Musician, Julie is down-to-Earth, well-meaning and has an impressive rapport with the students at Vanguard to match her impressive resume. Additional songs Julie sang today included "Dream Loud", her motivating song about not giving up and pursuing your passion, and a song that comes at the end of the movie Andre, titled "Thanks to You," the inspiration for which was her beloved cat, Lambchop. (Julie has also won several other awards such as the New York Music Award and the Richard Rogers Award.)

Although a current-day New Yorker, Julie Gold's roots are in Havertown, PA and she is a graduate of Philadelphia High School for Girls and Temple University. The Vanguard School thoughtfully welcomes her back to Southeastern PA, now and any time in the future she wishes to return.

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