

## Alumni and Friends Newsletter November 2023

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Dear Putney Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from Putney! On this hill, now framed in late fall shades, the first snow has fallen and melted, days are short, darkness is deep, and students and faculty are busy finishing up the fall trimester. As a community, we'll gather tomorrow with gratitude for our annual March of the Turkeys and we will gather with recognition of the privilege of being able to do so, and send love, light, and hope out into the world.

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## Harvest Festival 2023



While we don't tally every person, this year's Harvest Festival was by all accounts the best attended in recent memory. We hope you all enjoyed reconnecting with the Putney community.

[Check out photos from the day](#)

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## Vermont's Largest Tempestry Exhibit on Display on Campus



At this year's Harvest Festival, Putney's annual fall celebration of food, music, crafts, games, and good cheer was a special fiber art exhibit featuring tapestries created by approximately 30 knitters and crocheters to demonstrate the impact of climate change. Called tempestries—a blend of tapestry and temperature—they use colored yarn to create a bar graph of the daily temperature for one geographic location—in this case, Putney. The effort started as part of a student's project week, and with the help of Putney School Librarian Sarah Wiles, it has grown considerably. We still have a few more years to create and plan to have it on display next year too. To participate in Putney's project, [email Wiles](#).

[Read more](#)

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## Class Visit: Chemistry



Visit the classroom of science teacher Rosi Olivan Pliego for one of our virtual class visits. Olivan Pliego brings a historical lens to the teaching of chemistry.

[Watch here](#)

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## Eight Alumni Artists: Show in Michael S. Currier Center

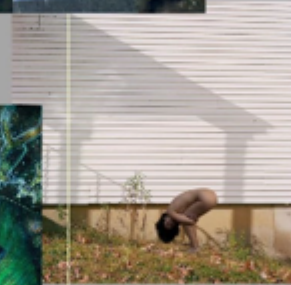
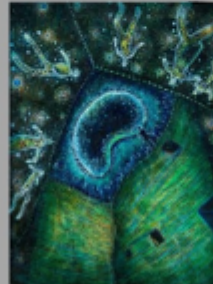
# EIGHT ALUMNI ARTISTS: 2006-2021

November 10 - December 17, 2023

BANGWEI BAO '15  
MILES CHAPIN '06  
YINING GE '20  
PHEBE MACRAE CORCORAN '16  
BRONWYN MALONEY '09  
ISABEL RODRIGUEZ '16  
OLAF SAAF '17  
JINGTING WANG '21



MEET THE ARTISTS  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1  
4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.



The Putney School - Michael S. Currier Center - Putney, Vermont

This November and December we are featuring the work of eight recent alumni artists: [Bangwei Bao '15](#), [Miles Chapin '06](#), [Phebe Macrae Corcoran '16](#), [Yining Ge '20](#), [Bronwyn Maloney '09](#), [Isabel Rodriguez '16](#), [Olaf Saaf '17](#), and [Jingting Wang '21](#) in the Michael S. Currier Gallery. The work includes a wide variety of mediums including sculpture, fiber, animation, digital ceramics, painting, and photography. Each artist was inspired by their experience at The Putney School—a teacher, a friend, the farm, the landscape, or other members of the Putney Community.

[Read more](#)

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## Putney on the Road: Alumni and Families Reconnect

### **Putney in China**

In September, Putney traveled to China for the first time since 2019. Head of School Danny O'Brien, Director of Development Kalya Yannatos, and International Student Advisor Libby Holmes met with alumni and families at joyful reunions in Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong. Please read Libby's recounting of their time [here](#), and enjoy some photos from the trip.

### **Putney in Mexico**

Admission Counselor Miyé Lampriere '17 connected with past and future Putney students on a recent trip to Mexico City.

Lampriere recounts singing "Shenandoah" and "Ipharadisi" with the alumni she gathered. "As the night fell, we found ourselves singing "Shenandoah" and "Ipharadisi," in an empty restaurant," she writes. "It was a great reminder of the deep connections Putney has cultivated around the world." [Read more.](#)

### **Putney in Brooklyn and Boston area**

Trustee John MacIntosh P'20, '23 hosted a lovely afternoon gathering for Putney families and alumni. Afterward, young alumni gathered at [Cherry on Top](#), the super cool wine bar of Cerise Zelenetz '10. It was a treat to see people and feel the Putney spirit in Brooklyn.

Past trustee Judy Segal '67 graciously hosted a wonderful Putney gathering in the Boston area just yesterday. What a joy to connect as a community beyond the hill!

### **Putney on the West Coast**

Stay tuned West Coast Putney people. We hope to get out your way in March 2024. Interested in helping to host an event? Reach out to [Alison Frye](#) or [Kalya Yannatos](#)

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## New Offerings in Summer Programs



The [Putney School Summer Arts](#) is offering not one but two sessions for teens' creative journeys. Choose from a **three-week immersive** program, allowing students to delve deep into two art forms and explore new horizons, or a **one-week intensive** program for a shorter burst of artistic inspiration. The summer [Adult Week](#) registration is also open. Join us from August 4 -10 and spread the word with the teens in your life!

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## Alumni in the News



Both of Putney's MacArthur Fellows made news this fall. Errol Morris '65 was in the *New York Times* in October about Morris's newest film *The Pigeon Tunnel*. The *New Yorker* profiled writer Lydia Davis '65 about her newest collection of short stories, *Our Strangers*.

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## Putney Now, and Into the Future



With thanks to four generous Putney families who sponsored a Family Weekend and Harvest Festival dollar-for-dollar match, and the spirit of generosity with which the match was met, Putney's Annual Fund now stands at \$231,414, a number not seen for years at this time in the annual cycle (July 1-June 30). While we have a way to go to fulfill this year's Annual Fund goal of \$1.2 million, we are profoundly grateful to all who have stepped up in support of Putney. If you haven't and would like to see what was shared within the fall appeal letter, [here it is](#).



Thanks for considering jumping in with your support—every dollar matters—and we remain ever so grateful for the impact of the Putney community's collective sense of generosity and individual understanding of responsibility to ensure that Putney lives on long into the future. Thank you.

Curious about [Sing it Forward: A Campaign for Putney's Future](#)? The invitation stands for you to think about how you might like to have an impact. Don't hesitate to reach out to [Kalya Yannatos](#) if you have questions or would like to explore your potential to help Putney Sing it *Forward*. It will take a full chorus, soloists and all, to get this campaign to the finish line!



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