

Chorus backs teen's dream of studying art

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "High on Talent/Low on Self-Esteem" touched my heart. My son also knew at an early age that he wanted to be an artist. He is now at one of the most prestigious art schools in New York City.

My advice to "High/Low" is to request support and advice from his school counselors and art teachers. There are weekend and summer studios at museums and col-



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leges for students of all ages. It's important to keep his grades up. Scholarships are available for good students with talent. The teen should draw, draw, draw — keep his sketchbooks and start a portfolio. Observational drawing is a must. He should familiarize himself not only with pencil and pen, but also with charcoal and pastels.

Above all, that young man should not give up. True artists draw not

because they can, but because they must. There are many career options in the field. Artschools.com is a good Web site for information. — MOTHER OF AN ARTIST, MERRIMACK, N.H.

DEAR M.O.A.: Whistler's mother had nothing on you. Bless you for wanting to help.

That letter brought an enormous response from readers. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old artist, and I want to tell "High on Talent" and his parents to follow his dream. Animation is a respectable career. It can pay very well, besides being fun.

Some tips I got from a Disney animator who visited our school:

Carry a sketchbook everywhere, and use it. Copy the great masters or any artist you admire. Museums are great for this purpose. Practice design and composition. All artists are designers. Photography is a good way to practice composition. Observe differences in how people and animals move — no two are alike. Animate a bouncing ball. Every principle of animation can be found in this exercise. Watch TV with the sound muted. You will see how animation is mostly about timing.

Most important: As artists we constantly need visual "food" to sustain us. Consume as much high-quality "art food" as you can and keep drawing! Who knows?

Maybe you and I will be famous artists one day! — SUZY IN COLORADO

DEAR SUZY: How nice of you to share those tips from a professional!

DEAR ABBY: While one should not push a child into college to become an artist, neither should one close the door on a child who might turn out to be the next Picasso (who lived the life of a millionaire and was famous for much of his lifetime). It was the highly visible Vincent Van Gogh who got us all thinking that artists live in poverty and die in obscurity. — MR. V., ART TEACHER, NEW JERSEY

DEAR MR. V.: Now that's an art lesson in a nutshell.

DEAR ABBY: There are lots of jobs for animators. Technical colleges and universities offer programs for this high-demand field every year — and have problems staffing them. The popularity of movies such as "Monsters Inc." and "Ice Age" have created a demand for computer artists, and so has the video game industry. How do I know? I'm an instructor at a community college in the Northwest, and we can't find enough teachers for our program in art animation. — MICHELE S. IN SEATTLE

DEAR MICHELE: Thank you, and all of those who wrote to encourage that young man and reassure his parents.

TUESDAY EVENING MAY 6, 2003										
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
2 PBS	Mid-America Life		Warrior Challenge "Romans" (N) (U) (E)		Independent Lens (N) (U) (E)		News	Being Served	Charlie Rose (N) (U) (E)	
3 IND	(5:30) MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live) (E)				Seinfeld (U) (E)	★★★ "First Knight" (1995) (PA) Sean Connery. The evil Malagant threatens the peace of Camelot. (E)				
4 ABC	8 Simple Rules	According to Jim (N)	According to Jim (N)	Less Than Perfect (N)	NYPD Blue (N) (U) (PA)	"Maybe Baby" (N) (U) (PA)	News (U) (E)	(:35) Nightline (U) (E)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (U) (E)	
5 HBO	"Hunt-Red-Oct."	★★ "My Best Friend Is a Vampire" (1988) Robert Sean Leonard. 'PG' (E)			★★ "Summer Catch" (2001) Freddie Prinze Jr. (U) (PA)	"PG-13" (E)	Down Low	★★★ "Spider-Man" (2002) Tobey Maguire. (E)		
7 CBS	JAG "Lawyers, Guns and Money" (N) (U) (E)		Guardian "Sensitive Jackals" (N) (U) (E)		Judging Amy "Marry, Marry Quite Contrary" (E)		News (U) (E)	(:35) Late Show (N) (U) (E)	(:37) Late Show (N) (U) (E)	
8 NBC	Most Outrageous Game Show Moments 4 (N) (U) (E)		Frasier (N) (U) (E)	Watching Ellie (N) (U) (E)	Dateline "ER's 200th Episode Special" (N) (U) (E)		News	(:35) Tonight Show (N) (U) (E)	(:37) Late Night (N) (U) (E)	
11 TVLND	Brady	Brady	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Leave	Leave	DonnaRd	DonnaRd	MacGyver "Obsessed" (E)	
12 ESPN	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Conf. Semi. Game 1 -- Teams TBA					NBA Basketball Playoffs: Conf. Semi. Game 1 -- Teams TBA				
13 FOX	American Idol (TV) Four finalists perform. (U) (E)		24 "Day 2: 5:00 - 6:00AM" (N) (U) (E)		Fox Report With Shepard Smith (U) (E)		LAPD: Life on the Beat	LAPD: Life on the Beat	Paid Program	Paid Program
15 MAX	(5:45) ★★ "Nine Months" (1995) Hugh Grant. (U) (PA)	★★★ "PG-13" (E)		★★ "Escape From L.A." (1996, Adventure) Kurt Russell. (U) (R' (E)		★★★ "Ghosts of Mars" (2001, Science Fiction) Ice Cube, Natasha Henstridge. (U) (R' (E)	(:15) ★★ "Ghosts of Mars" (2001, Science Fiction) Ice Cube, Natasha Henstridge. (U) (R' (E)			
16 TNN	Highlander (U) (E)		Real TV (U) (E)	Real TV (U) (E)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		"Star Trek: M.P." (E)	
17 DISN	Boy Meets World (U) (E)	Smart Guy (U) (E)	Sister, Sister (U) (E)	Even Stevens (U) (E)	Sister, Sister (U) (E)	Lizzie McGuire (U) (E)	★★★ "The Thirteenth Year" (1999, Fantasy) Chez Starbuck, Justin Jon Ross, Courtney Draper. (E)			
18 LIFE	Final Justice (N) (U) (E)		"Fighting for My Daughter" (1995, Drama) (E)				Golden	Golden	Nanny (U) (E)	Nanny (U) (E)
20 USA	★★★ "The Nutty Professor" (1996) (E)				Eco-Challenge: Fiji (N) (U) (E)		Nashville Star		Eco-Challenge: Fiji (N) (U) (E)	
21 SHOW	(5:30) ★★ "Ghosts of Mississippi" (1996) Alec Baldwin. 'PG-13' (E)		(:45) ★★ "Captain Corelli's Mandolin" (2001) Nicolas Cage. An Italian officer strikes a chord with a Greek villager. 'R' (E)				★★★ "Hart's War" (2002) Bruce Willis. 'R' (E)			
22 TMC	"One Summer Love" (U) (E)	(:45) ★★ "Scratch" (2001, Documentary) (U) (E)			(:15) ★★ "Skipped Parts" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Jennifer Jason Leigh, Bug Hall. (U) (E)		★★★ "Scary Movie 2" (2001) Shawn Wayans. (E)			
23 MTV	Duets (N) (U) (E)	Dismissed	Surf Girls	Duets (U) (E)	Punk'D (U) (E)	Punk'D (U) (E)	Punk'D (U) (E)	Punk'D (U) (E)	mtvCON "Metallica" (N) (U) (E)	
24 DISC	Moose: Spirit of the North Woods (U) (E)		More Clever Critters (U) (E)		FBI Files "The First and Kennedy Street Crew" (E)		New Detectives: Forensic Science		New Detectives: Forensic Science	
28 TNT	Law & Order (U) (E)		Law & Order "Sweeps" (U) (E)		Charmed (U) (E)		Law & Order (U) (E)		X-Files "Kaddish" (U) (E)	
30 FXSP	(5:30) MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Atlanta Braves. (Live) (E)				Rocky Mt.		Best Damn Sports Show		Rocky Mt. 54321 (N) (U) (E)	
32 FAM	★★★ "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987) (E)				Whose? (U) (E)		Whose? (U) (E)		700 Club (U) (E)	Caroline Rhea Show (N) (U) (E)
33 NBC	News (U) (E)	Ent. Tonight	Most Outrageous Game Show Moments 4 (N) (U) (E)		Frasier (N) (U) (E)	Watching Ellie (N) (U) (E)	Dateline "ER's 200th Episode Special" (N) (U) (E)		News (U) (E)	(:35) Tonight Show (N) (U) (E)
34 NICK	SpongeBob	Amanda (U) (E)	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers (U) (E)	Cheers (U) (E)	3's Co. (U) (E)	3's Co. (U) (E)	Cosby (U) (E)	Cosby (U) (E)
36 A&E	Biography: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis: Class (U) (E)		Cold Case Files A boat ride leads to death; a man's three wives all die mysteriously. (U) (E)				Third Watch "Faith" (U) (E)		Biography: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis: Class (U) (E)	
38 SCIFI	UFOs -- 50 Yrs (U) (E)		Secret KGB UFO Files (U) (E)				Crossing	Twilight Z.	Farscape (U) (E)	
39 TLC	While You Were Out A back-yard and deck. (U) (E)		Home Savvy (U) (E)		Secrets of Forensic Science "Sky High/Parrott" (U) (E)		What Were You Thinking? "All You Can Eat" (U) (E)		Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends Revealed (U) (E)	
40 FX	24 (U) (E)		Buffy Vampire (U) (E)		Buffy Vampire (U) (E)		★★★ "X-Men" (2000) Hugh Jackman. (E)			
45 FMC	(:01) ★★ "Compulsion" (1959, Drama) (U) (E)				(:01) ★★ "Making Love" (1981, Drama) (U) (E)		★★★ "The Stone Boy" (1981, Drama) (U) (E)			
49 EITV	Hilton Sisters (U) (E)		Anna (U) (E)	Love Chain (U) (E)	Price of Fame (U) (E)		Howard S. (U) (E)	Howard S. (U) (E)	Wild On... (U) (E)	
51 TRAV	Carlin Beaches (U) (E)		World's Best (U) (E)		Secrets (U) (E)		Carlin Beaches (U) (E)		World's Best (U) (E)	
53 WB	Friends (U) (E)	Everybody-Raymond (U) (E)	Gilmore Girls "Say Good-night, Gracie" (N) (U) (E)		Smallville "Accelerate" (N) (U) (E)		Friends (U) (E)	Will & Grace (U) (E)		
54 ESPN2	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conf. Semi. -- Teams TBA				NHL 2Night (U) (E)	Baseball	Sportscenter (Live) (U) (E)		Baseball Tonight (Live) (U) (E)	
58 HIST	Deep Sea Detectives "Raise the Monitor!" The Civil War's most advanced warship. (U) (E)				Modern Marvels The self-propelled Crusader. (U) (E)		Horrors of Hussein (U) (E)		Deep Sea Detectives "Raise the Monitor!" (U) (E)	
59 HLTH	Doctors Diaries (U) (E)	Workout (U) (E)	Bodies (U) (E)		Health Specials (U) (E)		Doctors Diaries (U) (E)		Workout (U) (E)	Bodies (U) (E)
60 UNIV	Las Vias del Amor (U) (E)	Entre el Amor y el Odio (U) (E)			Ver Para Creer (U) (E)		P. Impacto (U) (E)	Noticiero (U) (E)	En las Mejores Familias (U) (E)	
62 HGTV	Ground (U) (E)	Landscap (U) (E)	Room (U) (E)	Decorating (U) (E)	House (U) (E)	Curb (U) (E)	Ground (U) (E)	Landscap (U) (E)	Room (U) (E)	Decorating (U) (E)
99 WGN	"Kojak: Ariana" (1989, Mystery) Telly Savalas. (U) (E)				News (U) (E)		Rockford Files "Claire" (U) (E)		In the Heat of the Night (U) (E)	

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THURSDAY EVENING MAY 8, 2003										
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
2 PBS	Sunflower Journeys	Kansas Arts Today	New This Old House Hour (U) (E)		Frontline "The Wall Street Fix" (N) (U) (E)		News	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (U) (E)	
3 IND	(5:30) MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live) (E)				Seinfeld (U) (E)	★★★ "Look Who's Talking Now" (1993, Comedy) John Travolta, Kirstie Alley, Olympia Dukakis. (E)				
4 ABC	Favorite Stars: Then & Now... An EI Special		Primetime: Special Edition "How to Steal a Million" Game-show cheaters win \$1.5 million. (N) (U) (E)				News (U) (E)	(:35) Nightline (U) (E)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (U) (E)	
5 HBO	"Englishman-Comedy-Drama) Jude Law. (U) (PA)	(:45) ★★ "Music From Another Room" (1998, Comedy-Drama) Jude Law. (U) (PA)			★★★ "Scooby-Doo" (2002, Adventure) Freddie Prinze Jr. (U) (PA)	"PG-13" (E)			★★★ "The Mothman Prophecies" (2002) (E)	
7 CBS	Survivor: The Amazon A survivor is voted off. (N) (U) (E)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Play With Fire" (U) (E)		Without a Trace "Fallout" (N) (U) (E)		News (U) (E)	(:35) Late Show (N) (U) (E)	(:37) Late Show (N) (U) (E)	
8 NBC	Friends (N) (U) (E)	(:40) Friends Monica sings karaoke. (U) (E)	(:20) Will & Grace "23" (U) (E)		ER "When Night Meets Day" (N) (U) (E)		News	(:35) Tonight Show (N) (U) (E)	(:37) Late Night (N) (U) (E)	
11 TVLND	Brady	Hap Days	Sanford	Gilligan	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Flying Nun	MacGyver (U) (E)	
12 ESPN	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Conf. Semi. Game 2 -- Teams TBA					NBA Basketball Playoffs: Conf. Semi. Game 2 -- Teams TBA				
13 FOX	First Annual Miss Dog Beauty Pageant (N) (U) (E)		Pulse (N) (U) (E)		Fox Report With Shepard Smith (U) (E)		LAPD: Life on the Beat	LAPD: Life on the Beat	Paid Program	Paid Program
15 MAX	(5:00) ★★ "Everybody's All-American" (U) (E)		(:10) Mullitt (U) (E)		★★★ "Joe Somebody" (2001, Comedy) Tim Allen. (U) (PA)	"PG-13" (E)	(:15) ★★ "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995, Comedy) Jim Carrey. (U) (PA)	"PG-13" (E)		
16 TNN	Highlander (U) (E)		Real TV (U) (E)	Real TV (U) (E)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		★★★ "Silver Bullet" (U) (E)	
17 DISN	Boy Meets World (U) (E)	Smart Guy (U) (E)	Sister, Sister (U) (E)	Even Stevens (U) (E)	Sister, Sister (U) (E)	Lizzie McGuire (U) (E)	★★★ "A Simple Wish" (1997, Fantasy) Martin Short, Mara Wilson, Robert Pastorelli. 'PG' (E)			
18 LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries (U) (E)		"A Step Toward Tomorrow" (1996) Judith Light. (U) (E)				Golden	Golden	Nanny (U) (E)	Nanny (U) (E)
20 USA	(5:00) "Happy Gilmore" (U) (E)		Eco-Challenge: Fiji (N) (U) (E)				Dragnet (U) (E)		Eco-Challenge: Fiji (N) (U) (E)	
21 SHOW	(5:05) ★★ "Damaged Care" (2002) PG (E)		Your Money, Your Life: Health Care. Now (U) (E)		★★★ "Antitrust" (2001, Suspense) Ryan Phillippe, Rachael Leigh Cook. (U) (PA)	"PG-13" (E)	★★★ "Deep Cover" (1992) Larry Fishburne. (E)			
22 TMC	(5:15) ★★ "Black Ice" (1992) Joanna Pacula. (U) (E)		★★★ "The Longshot" (1986, Comedy) Tim Conway, Harvey Korman. (U) (E)				★★★ "Calling Bobcat" (2000, Comedy) Jayce Bartok, Rob King. (U) (E)		★★★ "Texas Rangers" (2001) Premiere. (U) (E)	
23 MTV	Duets (N) (U) (E)	Dismissed	Dismissed	Video	Direct Effect (U) (E)		Surf Girls	Players	Movie Hs	Matrix (U) (E)
24 DISC	Animal Arsenal (U) (E)		Ultimate Guide "Big Cats" (U) (E)		New Detectives: Forensic Science (U) (E)		Life of Mammals "A Winning Design" (N) (U) (E)		Life of Mammals Necessary survival skills. (N) (U) (E)	
28 TNT	Law & Order (U) (E)		Law & Order (U) (E)		★★★ "Point of No Return" (1993, Drama) (U) (E)				"Another Stakeout" (U) (E)	
30 FXSP	(5:30) MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Atlanta Braves. (Live) (E)				Rocky Mt.		Best Damn Sports Show		Rocky Mt. 54321 (N) (U) (E)	
32 FAM	★★★ "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" (1985) (E)				All American Girl (U) (E)		700 Club (U) (E)		Caroline Rhea Show (N) (U) (E)	
33 NBC	News (U) (E)	Ent. Tonight	Friends (N) (U) (E)	(:40) Friends Monica sings karaoke. (U) (E)	(:20) Will & Grace "23" (U) (E)		News (U) (E)		(:35) Tonight Show (N) (U) (E)	
34 NICK	SpongeBob	Amanda (U) (E)	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers (U) (E)	Cheers (U) (E)	3's Co. (U) (E)	3's Co. (U) (E)	Cosby (U) (E)	Cosby (U) (E)
36 A&E	Biography "Barbara Bush: First Mom" (U) (E)		★★★ "Columbo: Caution -- Murder Can Be Hazardous to Your Health" (1991) Peter Falk. (U) (E)				Third Watch "Walking Wounded" (U) (E)		Biography "Barbara Bush: First Mom" (U) (E)	
38 SCIFI	(5:00) "Vampires" (U) (E)		★★★ "Phantasm IV: Oblivion" (1998) (U) (E)				Crossing	Crossing	Farscape (U) (E)	
39 TLC	While You Were Out Creating a living room. (U) (E)		Home Savvy (U) (E)		Ultimate Ten Unsolved Crime Mysteries (U) (E)		Repo Men: Stealing for a Living (U) (E)		Great Plague (N) (U) (E)	
40 FX	Married... Married... (U) (E)		Buffy Vampire (U) (E)		Buffy Vampire (U) (E)		★★★ "Bachelor Party" (1984) Tom Hanks. (E)			
45 FMC	(:01) ★★ "Call Her Savage" (1932) (U) (E)		(:31) ★★ "An Unmarried Woman" (1978) Jill Clayburgh. (U) (E)						"Nine Hours to Rama" (U) (E)	
49 EITV	Lisa Marie: The EI True Hollywood Story (U) (E)		Anna (U) (E)	Love Chain (U) (E)	Howard S. (U) (E)	Howard S. (U) (E)	Wild On... (U) (E)			
51 TRAV	Caribbean Bch. (U) (E)		Club Med Secrets (N) (U) (E)		TV Road Trip: New York (U) (E)		Caribbean Bch. (U) (E)		Club Med Secrets (U) (E)	
53 WB	Friends (U) (E)	Everybody-Raymond (U) (E)	★★★ "Pitch Black" (2000, Science Fiction) Radha Mitchell, Vin Diesel. Premiere. (U) (E)				News (U) (E)		Friends (U) (E)	Will & Grace (U) (E)
54 ESPN2	(5:55) Soccer Mexico vs. United States. (Live) (E)				Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conf. Semi. -- Teams TBA				NHL 2Night (U) (E)	
58 HIST	Secrets of the Ancient World (U) (E)		History Alive British and Russian snipers. (U) (E)		Modern Marvels "U.S. Guns of WWII" (U) (E)		History's Mysteries	History's Mysteries	Secrets of the Ancient World (U) (E)	
59 HLTH	Doctors Diaries (U) (E)	Workout (U) (E)	Bodies (U) (E)		Health Specials (U) (E)		Doctors Diaries (U) (E)		Workout (U) (E)	Bodies (U) (E)
60 UNIV	Las Vias del Amor (U) (E)	Entre el Amor y el Odio (U) (E)			Aqui y Ahora (U) (E)		P. Impacto (U) (E)	Noticiero (U) (E)	En las Mejores Familias (U) (E)	
62 HGTV	Weekend (U) (E)	Landscap (U) (E)	Designing (U) (E)	Designers' (U) (E)	House (U) (E)		Weekend (U) (E)	Landscap (U) (E)	Designing (U) (E)	Designers' (U) (E)
99 WGN	"Kojak: It's Always Something" (1990, Mystery) (U) (E)				News (U) (E)		Rockford Files (U) (E)		In the Heat of the Night (U) (E)	

FRIDAY EVENING MAY 9, 2003										
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
2 PBS	Washington Week (N) (U) (E)	Wall Street-Fortune	Market to Market	Kansas Legislature	Kansas Week		News	Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (U) (E)	
3 IND	(5:30) MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live) (E)				Seinfeld "The Wife" (U) (E)	★★★ "Trading Places" (1983, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Dan Aykroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis. (E)				
4 ABC	America's Funniest Home Videos (Season Finale) Mother's Day tribute; finalists vie for \$100,000. (N) (U) (E)			20/20 (U) (E)			News (U) (E)	(:35) Nightline (U) (E)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (U) (E)	
5 HBO	(4:15) ★★ "The Color Purple" (1985) (U) (E)		★★★ "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993, Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg. (U) (PA)	"PG-13" (E)			★★★ "Showtime" (2002, Comedy) Robert De Niro. (U) (PA)	"PG-13" (E)		(:35) Chris Rock (U) (E)