

## Lynn's Jacobs excelling on the court at Beaver Country Day

By Nat Brown

It's effortless. Beaver Country Day School's junior guard Keyshaun Jacobs bounces between two defenders before rising to score a contested layup. It's for this exact reason colleges like George Mason, Lehigh and Cornell have interest in the Lynn resident.

Jacobs' career began in a pee-wee league at the Boys & Girls Club in Lynn. Almost immediately, he knew he was different. "I remember diving onto the floor to grab a loose ball and calling for a timeout," Jacobs said. "What three-yea-old does that?" From then on, basketball became omnipresent. He began playing summer league games at the Lynn English High School, Breed Middle School and Marian Gardens.

Jacobs spent time at the Robert L. Ford Elementary School before he and his family moved

to Salem, where he attended the Collins Middle School. Basketball was always a constant, so when enrolled at Beaver Country Day School, he couldn't have been happier. Unfortunately, during his freshman year, Keyshaun was stuck behind two talented upperclassman guards. It was a true test of his character.

"It was tough, I wanted to be playing every game," Jacobs recalls. Now, two years later, BCDS Head Coach Juan Figueroa calls him a, "complete guard. He can drive, finish and is an amazing shooter. He's driven and brings an intensity to the court. On top of that it's evident he works on his strength and conditioning." While he's quite a talented player, he's still growing.

"Now, as an upperclassman, he's turning into a leader. It's a new role, but he's growing into it," said Coach Figueroa.

There is no doubt, Jacobs is one to keep an eye on.

## Ridley completes interim principal position at Marshall Middle School

By Cary Shuman

James Ridley has completed his work as interim principal at Thurgood Marshall Middle School, leaving the school ready for a smooth transition to new principal Molly Cohen, who begins at the school on Jan. 5.

Ridley took over the top administrative post at the school in late August, accepting an appointment from Superintendent of Lynn Schools Dr. Catherine Latham. His last day at Marshall was Wednesday, Dec. 24.

"There is a great staff at Marshall and I feel we got a lot done," said Ridley. "My job was just to keep the school running on a daily routine and we did

that. I was happy that Superintendent Latham gave me the opportunity to be back in the educational process."

Ridley also lauded the faculty at Marshall. "The educational services in Lynn are in good hands because there are a lot of great new, young teachers who work really hard."

He also praised vice principals Stephanie Doucette and Megan Franco for their assistance during his interim service. "They're excellent school administrators and very competent and they know a lot about data – the big difference from four years ago is that everything is data driven. It all goes by numbers and it helps us determine

the help that students need and when to help them."

Ridley said one of his grandchildren currently attends an elementary school in Lynn. "I'm very confident in everything that is happening at Marshall and throughout the Lynn district."

Molly Cohen previously served as vice principal at Breed Middle School.

"When I was principal at Tech, I had the opportunity to work with Ms. Cohen before she became a guidance counselor at Lynn English," said Ridley. "She will do a great job at Marshall. And she's very fortunate because she will be going in to a brand new school in September, 2017."

## Lannon promoted to head field hockey coach

Salem State Athletics is pleased to announce that Stephanie Lannon has been promoted to head coach of the women's field hockey program following the departure of Jessica Mirisola after four seasons. Lannon, who was named the head coach of the Salem State women's lacrosse team this past summer, coached for one season under Mirisola, after previously serving two seasons on the coaching staff at Gordon College where she worked as an assistant lacrosse coach for the Fighting Scots. At Gordon College, Stephanie also served as the assistant field hockey coach. Lannon began her college coaching career with the Vikings' field hockey team in 2012.

Associate Director of Athletics & Recreation Jason Doviak announced the hiring: "We are excited to name Stephanie Lannon as our new head field hockey coach. Stephanie brings enthusiasm and experience to Salem State from her playing days at Bridgewater State and her coaching experience at Gordon College. Stephanie has an outstanding work ethic and is a strong leader. We

are confident she will guide our student-athletes to success both on and off the field. Stephanie is also our head women's lacrosse coach which will parallel nicely as it allows her to recruit student-athletes simultaneously for both sports."

A 2012 graduate of Bridgewater State University, Lannon earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education with a concentration in Exercise Science. Stephanie earned MAS-CAC and Little East Conference Academic Honors all four years of her career as a member of the field hockey and lacrosse programs, captaining both teams

her senior year. "I couldn't be more honored to take on another head coaching position at Salem State. Being involved with both the field hockey and women's lacrosse programs, I look forward to having an integral role within Salem State Athletics. I am excited beyond words, and ready to bring both programs to a new level. This opportunity is something I have always dreamed of."

Lannon, a native of Swampscott, Mass., works at the Lynch Van Otterloo YMCA in Marblehead, Mass. as a personal trainer along with serving as a nanny for a family in Swampscott.



Former Lynn basketball player Keyshaun Jacobs is now playing for the Beaver Country Day School team in Newton. In the photo above, Jacobs, a 5-foot-9-inch guard, tries to drive past a Bancroft School player on his way to the basket.

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### 'Midsummer'

Apollinaire Theatre Company kicks off its new season with David Greig and Gordon MacIntyre's 90-minute play with songs, "Midsummer," the story of an exciting lost weekend in Edinburgh, with bridge-burning, car chases, wedding break-ups, bondage miscalculations, midnight trysts, and seamy, guilt-ridden hangovers, performed through Jan. 11, at Chelsea Theatre Works, 189 Winnisimmet St., Chelsea. Brooks Reeves and Courtland Jones star. Showtimes: Friday, Saturday, at 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.; Dec. 30, 31, at 7:30 p.m. There's a post-show reception with the actors in the Gallery. Tickets: \$25 at the door; advance tickets, \$20; students, \$15. Call 617-887-2336 or visit [www.apollinairetheatre.com](http://www.apollinairetheatre.com).

### Paul D'Angelo

Paul D'Angelo, Boston-area's acclaimed standup comedian and former Massachusetts assistant district attorney, yuks it up on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m. at the Larcom Theatre, 31 Wallis St., Downtown Beverly. Popular headliner D'Angelo has also appeared on NESN Comedy All-Stars, Comedy Central, and on Showtime's "Godfathers of Comedy". Tickets, \$35. Visit [www.larcomtheatre.com](http://www.larcomtheatre.com) or call 617-531-1257.

### Live Nation concerts

Bad Rabbits group performs at Paradise Rock Club, on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 31 and The Dismemberment Plan is at Brighton Music Hall, Allston, also on New Year's Eve. For more information, visit [LiveNation.com](http://LiveNation.com).

### Kim Thayer

Artist Kim Thayer's latest exhibition, "A Natural Celebration, is on display through Jan. 4 at the Firehouse Art Gallery, Market Square, downtown Newburyport, Wednesday through Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. and later on days featuring performances. More of Thayer's artwork may be seen at [thayerart.com](http://thayerart.com).

### 'Late Nite Catechism'

Spectacle Management presents Colleen Moore, reprising her role as Sister, in "Late Nite Catechism-Sister's Christmas, The Mystery of the Magi's Gold," through Dec. 31, at the Larcom Theatre, 13 Wallis St., Downtown Beverly. Tickets, \$43; group, senior discounts available. Showtimes, Dec. 26, at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 27, 30, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. only; Dec. 31, at 2 and 5 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit [www.larcomtheatre.com](http://www.larcomtheatre.com) or call 617-531-1257.

### Museum of Science

At Boston's Museum of Science

(1 Science Park), board the Polar Express in the 4-D Theater's new, 15-minute animated film. Sky and stargazers will enjoy the world premiere of the Planetarium staff and NASA's, "From Dream to Discovery: Inside NASA Engineering," a 35-minute film that reveals scientists and engineers' latest technology in space, but encourages youngsters to dare to dream and be part of that frontier, showing in the Charles Hayden Planetarium. Tickets, \$10; seniors, \$9; children ages 3-11, \$8; And don't miss new exhibition, "Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed". Admission to exhibit halls, \$23; seniors, \$21; children, 3-11, \$20. Combination tickets available. Museum open Saturday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (visit [mos.org/hours](http://mos.org/hours)) For more information, call 617-723-2500 or visit [mos.org](http://mos.org).

### Kowloon Komedy

There's a New Year's Eve party going on, with Hot Mess playing top 40 favorites and Whiskey Wild performing country hits, on stage, Dec. 31. Festivities include a dinner buffet, champagne toast, party hats, noisemakers and more, with doors opening at 8 p.m. at Kowloon Komedy Club, Route 1N, 948 Broadway, Saugus restaurant. Dave Russo headlines the Komedy Klub on Jan. 2 at 8:30 p.m. (\$20) and Jan. 3, at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. (\$20). For tickets or more information, visit [www.kowloonrestaurant.com](http://www.kowloonrestaurant.com), or call 781-233-0077.

### Puppet Showplace Theater

Puppet Showplace Theater presents the National Marionette Theatre in "Beauty and the Beast," Dec. 29-Jan. 1, at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tickets, \$15, members, \$10), at 32 Station St., Brookline. Joshua Holden's "The Joshua Show" follows, Jan. 2, at 10:30 and 1 p.m., Jan. 3, 4, at 1 and 3 p.m. (\$15/\$10). Call 617-731-6400, Ext. 101, or visit [www.puppetshowplace.org](http://www.puppetshowplace.org).

### Saturday Art Market

The Small Business Saturday Art Market, featuring holiday specialty gifts and one-of-a-kind items, continues through Jan. 5 at Winthrop's Cultural Center, 45 Pauline St., Winthrop. Regular gallery hours are Thursday, 6-8 p.m., and Saturdays, 2-4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.winthropculturalcouncil.com](http://www.winthropculturalcouncil.com).

### AcousticaElectronica

Club Oberon (2 Arrow St., Harvard Square, Cambridge), presents The WIG, internationally touring, New York-based electro-percussionist, DJ, and producer, headlining their hit show, AcousticaElectronica, Jan. 9, 2015. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets start at \$25. Visit [american-repertorytheater.org/events/show/acousticaelectronica](http://american-repertorytheater.org/events/show/acousticaelectronica). Tickets, \$18-



*Humor for Humanity*  
Comedian Jimmy Tingle presents an evening of comedy, commentary and conversation, *Humor for Humanity*, on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015, at 8 p.m. at Sanders Memorial Theatre at Harvard University, 45 Quincy St., Cambridge. A post-show reception, *Mingle With Tingle*, held at the Queens Head Pub on Memorial Hall's ground floor, includes \$45 premium seating tickets. Parking is free at Broadway Garage, 7 Felton St. Tickets are \$30-\$45. Call Harvard's Box Office at 617-496-2222 or visit [www.boxoffice.harvard.edu](http://www.boxoffice.harvard.edu).

\$25. Visit [cluboberon.com](http://cluboberon.com).

### 'The Nutcracker'

Boston Ballet's beloved classic holiday favorite, "The Nutcracker," fulfills little girls and boys' dreams, with its large cast, Robert Perdziola's original elegant set and early 1800's costumes, appearing through Dec. 31 at the Boston Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston. Performances: Dec. 30, 31, at 1 and 7:30 p.m. For more information and/or tickets, visit [www.bostonballet.org/nutcracker/](http://www.bostonballet.org/nutcracker/).

### 'The Light Princess'

The American Repertory Theater (ART)/MXAT Institute for Advanced Theater Training, in association with the Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, presents "The Light Princess," a musical for families, through Jan. 4, 2015. Showtimes: Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 3, 4, at 10 a.m.; Jan. 2, at 11 a.m.; Dec. 30, Jan. 2, at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$15 each. Call 617-547-8300, or visit [americanrepertorytheater.org](http://americanrepertorytheater.org).

### 'Necessary Monsters'

Versatile award-winning actor-playwright John Kuntz will perform in the world premiere of his new, 100-minute, one-act comedy play, "Necessary Monsters," appearing with SpeakEasy Stage Company, through Jan. 3, 2015, at Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) Calderwood Pavilion,

Roberts Studio Theatre, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston. Showtimes: Wednesday, Thursday, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 4, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.; holiday schedule, Jan. 3, at 4, 8 p.m.; Dec. 30, at 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 1, at 2, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 2, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$25, with student, senior and 25-under discounts. Call the Box Office at 617-933-8600, visit [www.BostonTheatreScene.com](http://www.BostonTheatreScene.com) or [www.SpeakEasyStage.com](http://www.SpeakEasyStage.com).

### Mass Audubon events

Mass. Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary continues its calendar with family fun events, including Survivor, learning survival skills, Friday, Jan. 2, 1-2:30 p.m. (fee, adult, \$9; children, \$7; members, discount). Parent/child build a bird feeder, Jan. 3 1-2:30 p.m. (family fee, \$20; Mass Audubon members, \$18 family fee; Predator Party, (\$9/\$7, member discount), Dec. 30 or Jan. 4, 1-2:30 p.m. at 87 Perkins Row, Topsfield. Call 978-887-9264 or visit [massaudubon.org/ipswichriver](http://massaudubon.org/ipswichriver).

### 'O.P.C.'

American Repertory Theater presents the world premiere of Eve Ensler's "O.P.C.," (Obsessive Political Correctness), Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 2-4, at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 31, Jan. 3, 4, at 2 p.m. Performances are at the Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Harvard Square, Cambridge. Tickets start at \$25. Call the Box Office at 617-547-8300 or visit [americanrepertorytheater.org](http://americanrepertorytheater.org).

### Major Nathaniel Gould exhibition

The Peabody Essex Museum Major Nathaniel Gould exhibition, "In Plain Sight: Discovering the Furniture of Nathaniel Gould," 18th century Salem cabinet maker extraordinaire, is at the East India Square, downtown Salem museum. General museum hours, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission: \$18; seniors, \$15; students, \$10; museum members and youths 17-under, free of charge. Call 866-745-1876 or visit [www.pem.org](http://www.pem.org).

### 'A Christmas Carol'

Award-winning Chelsea native-celebrated star Fred Sullivan Jr. portrays Scrooge in Adrian Hall and Richard Cumming's adaptation of Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol," appearing at Trinity Repertory Theatre, (201 Washington St., Providence, RI) through Dec. 31. Tickets start at \$31; children ages 2-14, tickets start at \$26; group discounts for 20+. For more information, call 401-352-4242, visit [www.trinityrep.com](http://www.trinityrep.com) or the Box Office.

### The Art of the Brick

Artist Nathan Sawaya takes LEGO to new heights in the largest artistic display of LEGOs ever assembled, on display in its Boston debut at Quincy

Marketplace's second-floor 11,000 square-foot museum at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, until Jan 11, 2015. The museum is open seven days a week. Tickets for children ages 3-12, students, military personnel, \$15.50; adults, \$23.50; seniors, \$17.50. Visit [www.bostonbricks.com](http://www.bostonbricks.com) or call 866-276-9458.

### Jo Ractcliffe

Peabody Essex Museum (East India Square, downtown Salem) presents the US debut exhibition of "Someone Else's Country," 50 photographs of South African photographer Jo Ractcliffe, on view through springtime 2015. Museum hours, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission: \$18; seniors, \$15; students, \$10; museum members and youths 17-under, free of charge. Call 866-745-1876 or visit [www.pem.org](http://www.pem.org).

### PEM exhibit

The Peabody Essex Museum at East India Square, Salem, is exhibiting Robert Weingarten's Photographic Meditations on the California Skyline, through May 2015. Museum hours, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission: \$18; seniors, \$15; students, \$10; museum members and youths 17-under, free of charge. Also check out newest exhibit, "Branching Out: Trees as Art," in the museum's Art and Nature Center. Call 866-745-1876 or visit [www.pem.org](http://www.pem.org).

### Kina Zore'

Every Tuesday night at 9 is African Music Night, with host Mozambican Afro-Pop group, Kina Zore' featuring other African music groups, at the Lizard Lounge, 1667 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. This is a 21+-year-old event. Admission, \$10.

### PEM photographic exhibit

The Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) at East India Square, Salem, presents a 20-piece exhibition of Chester and Davida Herwitz Collection's "Figuring the Abstract in Indian Art," 20th century modernist paintings and 19th century devotional Hindu sculptures, on display through mid-2015. Museum hours, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission: \$18; seniors, \$15; students, \$10; museum members and youths 17-under, free of charge. Call 866-745-1876 or visit [www.pem.org](http://www.pem.org).

### Jonathan Katz

Veteran comedian Jonathan Katz, a.k.a. Dr. Katz, professional therapist, will perform his one-man show, "Hey, We're Back with Jonathan Katz," Sundays at 8 p.m. at ImprovBoston, 40 Prospect St., Cambridge. For tickets and/or more information, call 617-576-1253 or visit [improvboston.com](http://improvboston.com).