

PEOPLE

NOTEWORTHY

Michelle Trovato, who calls Williamsburg home, will be a finalist in

Les Azuriales Opera Young Singers' Competition in

Nice, France. A concert of

opera arias and scenes will kick off the Les Azuriales Opera Festival on Aug. 16 at the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild in nearby St. Jean-Cap-Ferrat.

She is one of only two American singers selected for the finals. She is a graduate of Lafayette High, and currently lives in New York City. A graduate of North Carolina School of the Arts, Trovato has been awarded several scholarships and study grants that enabled her to do a summer study in Perugia, Italy, at the University for Foreigners.

Audiences may remember



M. Trovato

Trovato's recent performance at the Kimball Theatre in October in the world premiere of "Full Moon Haiku."

Trovato began her vocal studies locally at the age of 14 with Basel Landia Wowk, who lives in Williamsburg. She started singing at St. Bede Catholic Church as a cantor and ensemble member at age 15, and performed in several productions at the College of William & Mary, with the Williamsburg Community Players and at Christopher Newport University.

AREA GRADS

Stephanie Whisnant of Williamsburg, daughter of Ms. Patricia P. Whisnant and Mr. Randy S. Whisnant, received a bachelor of arts degree from Emory College of Emory University.



Stephen Canfield of Williamsburg has graduated from Berklee College of Music, earning a bachelor of music degree.

MILITARY NOTES

Navy Ensign **Ross Thomas**, a 2003 graduate of Bruton High, recently completed the four-year officer development program at the Naval Academy. Graduates receive a bachelor of science degree upon completion of their four-year training.



Civilian **Daniel Price**, son of Christine R. Parshall of Williamsburg and John C. Price of Chesapeake, recently enlisted in the Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District Richmond. Price will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 2006 graduate of Bruton High.

ACADEMIC HONOR

Michael Duc Nguyen of Williamsburg, a junior chemistry major at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, was named to the spring semester dean's list.