

Fame child's play for Arjun

Even by the standards of the Kids Hall of Fame, piano prodigy Arjun Ayyangar is young. The Dix Hills, New York-based organization, which recognizes the achievements of 'famous and soon-to-be-famous kids' under the age of 20, will honor its latest inductees at a ceremony October 30.

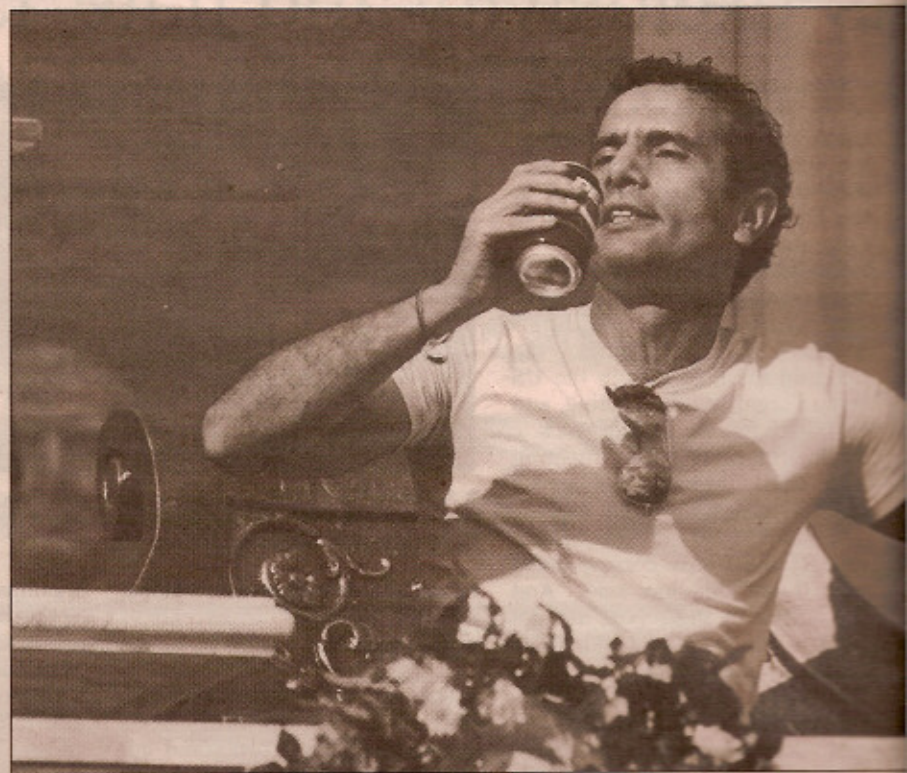
Aside from 7-year-old Arjun, who helped raise money for presidential hopeful John Kerry last year, hall of famers include Ana Dodson, a 13-year-old whose non-profit aids abandoned children in Peru and Elizabeth Mule, a 9 year old expert on tarantulas.



The home schooled Arjun has previously been inducted into the Kids Hall of Fame in lower age groups. The recognition helped him land appearances on NBC, on Animal Planet TV's 'Most Extreme: Tough Babies' episode and as a half-time performer at a New York Knicks game.

But if you're still wondering what the utility of having a separate Hall of Fame for Kids might be, the organization itself has an answer: 'If the world can have a Baseball Hall of Fame, a Cheese Hall of Fame, and a Cockroach Hall of Fame, don't you think it's about time for The Kids Hall of Fame?'

Films for bread, theater for icing



Lights! Camera! Action, at last!

After a long hiatus, director Tarsem Singh has a big film on hand. *Daily Variety* reports he was chosen for the remake of the sci-fi thriller *Westworld*, which was to star Arnold Schwarzenegger when Schwarzenegger began his successful campaign for governor.

Last we spoke with Tarsem in 2000, he was taking his mother, who is well into her 80s, to see the Lopez-starrer *The Cell*. 'Everyone says it is a very violent film,' the director laughed. 'It's a lot of strong stuff.'

'It is a cool film, man,' Tarsem had said. 'You see more violence on the streets, if you watch a movie. Tarsem's debut, opened No 1 in North America and earned over \$100 million.

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