

# TVHS juniors build a universe

Will be on view at Proctor's Theater

**EAST GREENBUSH** — Tech Valley High School juniors are building a universe for an art project that will be on display for the public to view.

The students are currently constructing a sculpture that — when complete — will adorn the arcade of the historic Proctor's Theater in Schenectady.

The sculpture will be shown in the theater for at least six months.

Students were chosen by Proctor's to create a piece of art work that explores the theme of space exploration to coincide with the showing early next year of the film "Fly Me to the Moon."

The sculpture will be suspended 10 to 12 feet off the floor and occupy a three-story location in the theater. Teacher Ed Coolidge said students will combine art work with LED lighting in making the sculpture.

Artist Jesse Stiles is helping guide TVHS juniors through the process of creating an art installation that combines traditional art materials such as paint and paper mache with the non-traditional — including LED lights.

"He is teaching the students how to use tree micro-controllers to make electronic animations," said teacher Ed Coolidge.

The goal is to bring the



Jesse Stiles, an electronic artist, looks at a small model of a TVHS sculpture that will eventually fill a three-story section of Proctor's Theater. He helped students create the sculpture that will literally light up the atrium.

## Tech Valley High School launches Facebook page

**EAST GREENBUSH** — Tech Valley High School is placing itself where the people are — Facebook.

In an effort to provide as much communication opportunities for parents and supporters of the regional school, Tech Valley High School recently launched a Facebook page. The page provides information on the school to the more than 300 million Facebook users.

Events, school information and photos of school activities are being placed on the page on a routine basis.

"It's another tool for communication about the school to the parents, supporters and public," said TVHS Communications Director Mike McCagg.

Tech Valley's Facebook page is located at [www.facebook.com/#!/pages/East-Greenbush-NY/Tech-Valley-High-School-East-Greenbush/182026299892?ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/East-Greenbush-NY/Tech-Valley-High-School-East-Greenbush/182026299892?ref=ts).

sculpture, which will hang from the atrium of the historic Schenectady theater, to life. Various lights will illuminate and animate the sculpture.

Stiles, a graduate of RPI's electronic arts pro-

gram, has met with the TVHS students six times over a two-week period through Dec. 11.

The project was completed by Dec. 20 and the work will be installed in Proctor's in January.

Coolidge said the students are really excited to be creating the work.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to really participate in the fine arts in the region," added Principal Dan Liebert.

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