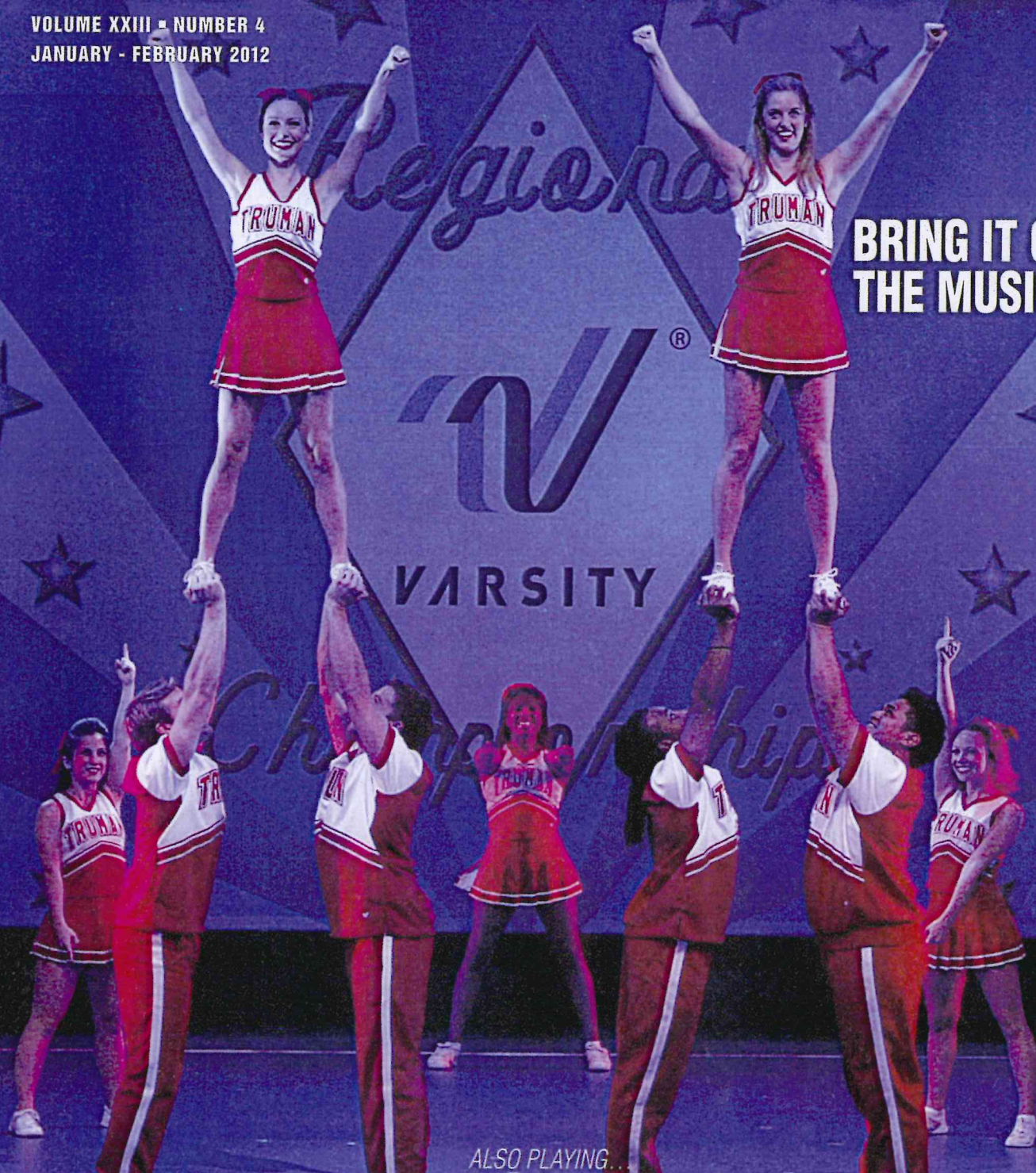


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But where does the disability end and the person begin? At the Global Down Syndrome Foundation we believe that people are people first—and that there is no disability when it comes to desire.

People with Down syndrome can be gifted visual learners and performers. Since the dismantling of the inhumane institutions in the 1970s and 1980s, many have gone on to perform in theatrical productions, in TV series such as “Life Goes On” and “Glee,” and to excel in the visual arts as is evidenced by the painter Luo Zheng.

The Global Down Syndrome Foundation works hard to break down the barriers of discrimination so that people with Down syndrome can all enjoy the visual and performing arts, and participate in them fully.

Thank you to the Colorado Ballet for collaborating with us on the Be Beautiful Be Yourself Dance Classes, and to The Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) for including children of all ability levels. The Global Down Syndrome Foundation is pleased to partner with the DCPA! ■



OIL ON CANVAS, LUO ZHENG



ABOUT THE GLOBAL DOWN SYNDROME FOUNDATION

The Global Down Syndrome Foundation is a public not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to significantly improving the lives of people with Down syndrome through research, medical care, education and advocacy. Formally established in 2009, the Foundation's primary focus is to support the Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome, the first academic home in the US committed to research and medical care for people with the condition. Fundraising and government advocacy that corrects the alarming disparity of national funding for people with Down syndrome is a major short-term goal. The Foundation organizes the Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show—the single largest annual fundraiser benefitting people with Down syndrome. Programmatically, the Foundation organizes and funds many programs and conferences including the Dare to Play Football and Cheer Camps, Global Down Syndrome Educational Series, and Global Down Syndrome Multi-Language Resource Project. The Foundation is an inclusive organization with no political or religious affiliation or intention.

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