

## The Student Files

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This September I begin my third and final year for my master's of fine arts and will graduate in May 1998. Some of the subjects this semester are costume illustration, period patternmaking, make-up and lighting. I am designing my master's thesis show, which is an original play about the life of Giacomo Puccini and opens Oct. 3.

Whenever I get into a creative block, have a lack of confidence and doubt myself, I go to the Gohonzon and chant for wisdom. My true courage, confidence and wisdom emerge, allowing me to express myself creatively in ways that represent my Buddhahood. I am learning to trust myself and not compare myself to others.

Friends at school usually notice something unique and composed about me even when I'm under stress. When they ask me what I do to stay happy, I tell them about chanting. Because each person is different, I use wisdom when talking with them.

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