

Actorsingers Newsletter



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***** *Semi-Annual Meeting* *****
Friday, January 22, 2010

6:30 Social / 7:00 Meeting

Twice a year the Actorsingers hold a business meeting open to the general public. We strongly encourage all members to attend and discuss the important issues of the organization. Mark the date, **Friday, January 22**. This is your chance to be heard and express opinions on matters of relevance. We need a Quorum of the active members (those who have paid dues for at least 2 years and have participated in 1 Actorsingers function per year) in order to take any votes or action on an issue. Please plan to attend. We are only as strong as our membership. Everyone is welcome!

* Printed copies of The Treasurer's report will not be available at the meeting. If you would like a hard copy, E-mail Treasurer, Cheryl Stocks prior to the meeting at CStock1@attglobal.net or call: (603) 434-8270

A Little Princess A Jr. Actorsingers Show!

Directed by **Holly Countie**

Musical Direction by **Joy Iaquina**

Choreography by **Tina Cassidy**

For Tickets call:

(603) 320-1870

Open to children in Grades 3-8

Auditions: Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010 from 12:30 - 4 pm.

Callbacks: Monday, Jan. 11 from 6 - 8:30 pm

Please prepare a short monologue and song. Bring sheet music if possible. Rehearsals will be Sundays from 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. The week of the show, rehearsals will be every night.

Children must be Actorsinger Family members in order to audition. (Family Membership Dues are \$15 – valid until June 30, 2010). Can be paid at auditions. Membership forms will be available at auditions for those who have not yet paid this season's dues. Auditions and rehearsals are at The Actorsingers Hall, 219 Lake St., Nashua

Show Dates: March 26, 27 and 28 at the Janice B. Streeter Theater, 14 Court St., Nashua



A Little Princess is based on the classic children's story by Frances Hodgson Burnett who also wrote "The Secret Garden". It is the story of a rich girl sent to boarding school who must become a servant at the school when her father dies penniless. There are two well known movies based on the story, one a 1939 version starring Shirley Temple (called THE Little Princess), the other a 1995 version. Both are available on DVD and the Shirley Temple film is posted on YouTube. Building 19 is currently selling a hardcover copy of the book for \$1.99 and it is available at most libraries and bookstores for those who would like to read it.

The Actorsingers Present



Bob Fosse & Neil Simon's
1960s Romantic Comedy

sweet charity

**Hey Big Spender, Spend a little time with me. Fun!
Laughs! Good times! Fun! Laughs! Good times!"**

"How's about it, Palsy?"

Information Night

Monday, February 1, 2010 @ 8:00pm

Open Auditions

Sunday, February 7, 2010 @ 6:00pm

Monday, February 8, 2010 @ 7:00pm

Callbacks (if needed)

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 @
7:00pm

First Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 @
7:00pm

*(we'll have NH school vacation week
Feb 22-26 off)*

Performances (Nashua, NH)

Friday, May 21, 2010 @ 8:00pm

Saturday, May 22, 2010 @ 8:00pm

Sunday, May 23, 2010 @ 2:00pm

Performances (Concord, NH)

Friday, June 25, 2010 @ 8:00pm

Saturday, June 26, 2010 @ 8:00pm

Sunday, June 27, 2010 @ 2:00pm

Directors **Paul Metzger** (Dramatics), **Blake Leister** (Music) and **Donna O'Bryant Metzger** (Choreography).

Info Nite: Monday, February 1: 8:00 pm at The Actorsingers Hall, 219 Lake St., Nashua. Come meet the Directors, hear what the show is about, learn what the vision is for the production, and find out how auditions will be run. Ask any questions and get a feel for the show. Everyone is welcome.

Auditions: Sunday, February 7: 6 pm and Monday, February 8: 7 pm. The Hall will be open one hour prior to auditions to warm up, sign in and learn the dance routine. Please prepare a song that showcases your voice in the style of the show and bring sheet music. A short dance routine will be taught and performed in small groups. A character breakdown is available at www.actorsingers.org on the **Sweet Charity** page.

Once cast, everyone who performs on stage must be an Actorsingers member (Dues are \$10 Individual or \$15 Family and are valid through 6/30/10) You do NOT have to be a member to audition. Come with a bunch of friends!

The Actorsingers need you to serve on a committee, sell tickets, work crew, audition and be a part of **The Producers!** Volunteer to work on Sets, Costumes, Props, Makeup, etc. We need you!!!! Be a part of the Actorsingers family. See a show from a different angle - help behind the scenes! It'll make you appreciate what the audience sees!

Many thanks to our 2009-2010 Corporate Sponsor



In this time of economic cutbacks it's heartening to see companies supporting the Arts. Thank You!

*** ACTORSINGERS MEMBERS ONLY ***

Discounted tickets to *SWEET CHARITY!!!*

Purchase tickets *now* at the discounted price of \$15.00 per ticket for Adults and \$12.00 for Students and Seniors!
(a savings of \$3 off the regular ticket prices...no other discounts apply)

Mail a check - made out to The Actorsingers (*add \$1 handling fee on total order) to:
Kerry Schneider, 32 Clearview Dr., Nashua, NH 03062 (Make sure to include which performance you want)
There is **no limit** on the amount of tickets you can buy at this price, but hurry – offer will expire on January 31!

*** Ticket Gift Vouchers ***

CHOOSE any date you want to see *SWEET CHARITY!*

We will mail a special voucher that can be redeemed for any performance of the show at the Keefe Auditorium. (reserved seats based on availability). Call Kerry Schneider (603) 888-2837 or ActingKer@aol.com for details

The New Hampshire Theatre Awards – The NH Theatre Awards are set for Friday, Feb. 5, 2010 at the Palace Theatre in Manchester. The Actorsingers recent productions of *The Producers* and *Anything Goes* are being considered for various honors and The Actorsingers will be performing as part of the entertainment. Good luck to all who have been involved in these productions. Thank you to **Amy Friedman** for organizing a group sale for Actorsingers.*** A **Second group ticket sale** (balcony seats) is being organized by Amy. The group rate is \$27.50 (savings of \$10). E-mail: **amyfriedman1@yahoo.com** for details ASAP! Or call: (603) 888-2236
Money must be received by Jan. 10. We are gonna have one helluva cheering section! See you there.

Calling all Directors! - The Board is soliciting proposals and Directors for our summer Teen Actorsingers show. Please send a letter of intent, a proposed show, and a resume to secretary@actorsingers.org

News From the Board:

The next **Board Meeting** will be held January 5, 2010 at 7:00 pm. at The Actorsingers Hall, 219 Lake St., Nashua

If you are using the hall during the winter months, **DO NOT SHUT OFF THE HEATERS!** Simply set them to low when you leave the building. Also, keep the doors on the second floor **CLOSED** at all times. Fire safety regulation.

It's never too early to volunteer to serve on The Nominating Committee or to serve on The Board. Please contact secretary@actorsingers.org to throw your name in the ring. Thank you to all our volunteers.

ANYTHING GOES

What a delightful show! Everyone involved should pat themselves on the back. Kudos to all! Thank you to the entire cast and crew and all the newcomers who helped behind the scenes. This was a wonderful classic show that our audiences couldn't stop raving about. Since the show was performed near Veteran's Day, The Actorsingers were proud to honor Veterans and those currently serving in the Military with **Free tickets** to the Production. Thank you to those who serve our country. We salute you! Also in the spirit of giving back to the community, The Actorsingers offered complimentary seats to The PLUS Company (adults with handicaps). The organization was appreciative.

Hats off to Producer, **Beth Fenske**, for her incredible first stab at Producing an Actorsingers show. This is one of the hardest volunteer jobs and Beth did it with confidence, tact and grace. A well deserved round of applause also to Stage Manager, **Steve Pierpont**, who held his cool and kept things running smoothly.

The PLAYREADING Committee's December 14 Event – Thank you to this Committee - **Paul Metzger** chair, **Bob Frasca, Allan Hunter, Shawna O'Brien, Beth Schwartz,** and **Cheryl Stocks** for presenting next year's possible season in a descriptive and entertaining evening. Choosing the right shows is no easy task.

The Nashua Stroll - Directed by **Glen Grimard** with musical direction and accompaniment by **Heather MacRobie**, a group of teen and adult vocalists performed well-known show tunes and sang both familiar and new holiday tunes. The singers included **Kathy Lovering, Pam Bruckman, Glen Grimard, Jeff Caron, Rachel Cerullo, Tom Ritrovato, Molly Bruckman, Alison Beach, Miranda and Kat Mail, Connor Vigeant, Tom Mitsock, Emma Benson, Chantal Choiniere, Craig Howard, Bill Mauser** and **Noelle Bourquard**. Thank you to all who performed and represented The Actorsingers and cheers to all who came and listened!

Don't have any info yet on the **Annual After Holiday, Holiday Party**, but look for this purely social event in the next edition of The Ovation or check the website for updates.

In and About Town – First, Get well wishes to **Rich Glynn** who underwent surgery a while ago and still managed to help with concessions for *Anything Goes*. Kudos to **Jed Holland** on Musically Directing the recent MADCO production of *Judy's Scary Little Christmas*, featuring **Craig Brennan's** lighting. **Bob and Bev Frasca's** house was turned into an old fashioned Victorian Christmas as part of The Nashua Symphony's Holiday House tour. **Gail Ward** is anxiously awaiting the birth of her first Grandchild, due on St. Patrick's Day. Brothers **Kenny** and **Adam Gray** were in Peacock's *Joseph* (back in the summer!) and Adam was also in *Grease* there while Kenny worked with The Derryfield Repertory Theater and appeared in *All Shook Up* and *Bat Boy* while Adam played Guitar in the pit. Dad, **Ken Gray**, played in the pit in both Peacock's *Joseph* and *Grease* and DRT's *All Shook Up*. Thank You to Mom, **Gretchen**, who deftly helped with Props for The Actorsingers fall show, *Anything Goes*. **Steve Harper** Directed **Jon Fisher, Jason Standley, Mark Schwarzberg, Rachel Cerullo, Becca Tarr, Bob Frasca** and **Brad Fernald** in *Floyd Collins* for StageCoach Productions. **Emma** and **Hannah Benson** and **Erin** and **Samie Harper** were also in the show. Apologies to **Deb Walz**... - she, not Cheryl Stocks as reported in the last Ovation, was on last year's Scholarship Committee. **Carol Gorelick** (*Suessical*, 2008) was in the ensemble of Majestic's *Oliver* while son, **Ben**, played the lead! Congrats to Ben on his first leading role. New members **Rand Sutton** and **Cristano Guadiz** are Directing and Choreographing *Mame* for The Colonial Chorus Players in North Andover come May. **Sasha Kuftinec** recently performed with the Manchester Choral Society and just loves singing! Son, **Daniel Schwartzberg**, was in Peacock's 25th Annual Spelling Bee. **Eric Skoglund** (*Check, Please*) just finished doing a dinner theater comedy, *Baggage*, with Stage One Productions in Manchester. Over at Northeastern University, **Molly Bruckman** was in *The Wild Party*...as in the show, *The Wild Party* - not a college free for all! Congratulations to **Joe Vago** (*Check, Please*) who directed *Chicago* for Best Foot Forward Productions and is patiently waiting, with wife **Lindsay**, for the birth of their next production, due in January. Both **Glen Grimard** (*The Producers*) and **Judi Mitchell** (*Oklahoma*) were in Nashua Theatre Guild's *Harvey*. New member **Andrew Swansburg** danced in *The Nutcracker* in Andover, MA. It was such a pleasant surprise to see **Greg Tarsa** (a Past President of Actorsingers who now lives in North Carolina) pop into a rehearsal of *Anything Goes*. He was in the area, visiting, and couldn't resist. Hats off to ex-member **Garett Hawe** (in our production of *A Chorus Line*, 2001) who is featured in the pre-Broadway show, *101 Dalmations*, coming soon to Boston. **Barbara Lawler** (*Ragtime*) has been performing a Cabaret act at Elements Lounge in Manchester for the past few months. **Shawna O'Brien** (*Evita*) has been keeping busy doing theater down in the Boston area recently. **John** and **Linnie McCallister** will become Grandparents again this summer when son, **Geoffrey**, becomes a father for the first time. Condolences to **Ben Pascucci** on the death of his sister during the run of *Anything Goes* (and what a trouper he was!), but on a happier note...he and **Alice** celebrated their 53rd Anniversary during the show! And we are proud to have both perform with The Actorsingers!

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a Wonderous Solstice, an Energizing Kwanzaa, a Fun Festivus and a Joyous New Year! Until next time... news? call Kerry (603) 888-2837 or E-mail ActingKer@aol.com

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*Audition Information on
both of these shows
inside!*



Mark these exciting ACTORSINGERS Dates on your calendar!!

January 5	Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
January 10	Auditions A Little Princess – Jr. Actorsingers
January 22	Semi Annual Meeting
January 31	Deadline for Membership discounted tickets to SWEET CHARITY
February 1	Info Nite SWEET CHARITY
February 5	NH Theatre Awards – Palace Theatre
February 7, 8	Auditions – SWEET CHARITY
March 26, 27, 28	A Little Princess - Court St. Theater
May 21, 22, 23	SWEET CHARITY – Keefe Auditorium

Remember to check our Web site www.Actorsingers.org for detailed up to the minute information
