

Actorsingers Newsletter



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***** *Semi-Annual Meeting* *****
Friday, January 21, 2011

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 21**. 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

Anne of Green Gables Jr. Actorsingers!

Directed by **SerahRose Roth**

Musical Direction by **Rebecca James**

Produced by **Amy Friedman**

Tickets go on sale

toward the end of January

(603) 320-1870

Open to children in Grades 3-8

Auditions: Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011 from 2 – 4:30 pm.

Callbacks: Monday, Jan. 3 from 6 - 8:30 pm



Please prepare a song and bring sheet music. Rehearsals will be Sundays from 2-5 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, 2011). 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 11, 12 and 13 at the Janice B. Streeter Theater, 14 Court St., Nashua

Anne of Green Gables is a musical by Janet Yates Vogt and Mark Friedman based on the beloved book by Lucy Maude Montgomery. Director **SerahRose Roth** has taught theater at The Boston and Chicago Children's Museums and serves as Theater Education Director for The New Rep, a Professional Boston area theater company. **Rebecca (Redman) James** is a Music teacher and former Jr. Actorsinger. We welcome these two talented Directors!

If you have any questions, please contact the producer, **Amy Friedman**, at amyfriedman1@yahoo.com

** A very special Thank you to Amy for soliciting and securing these talented Directors. **

Guys and Dolls

Directors:

Paul Metzger (Dramatics)

Judy Hayward (Music)

Jessica Scalse (Choreography)

Silvia Harper - Producer



Info Nite *** - In this age of technology, The Actorsingers will possibly be trying something new – an **Online discussion** with 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 to log on and participate. Date and Time TBA. An E-mail and info in newspapers will be sent when the date is confirmed.

Auditions: Sunday, February 20: 6 pm and Monday, February 21: 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 *Guys and Dolls* page.

Call Backs: Wednesday, Feb. 23. **First rehearsal** is March 6.

Once cast, everyone who performs on stage must be an Actorsingers member (Dues are \$10 Individual or \$15 Family and are valid through 6/30/11). 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 *Guys and Dolls!* 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!

\$\$\$ Discounted tickets to *Guys and Dolls!!!* \$\$\$

***** ACTORSINGERS MEMBERS ONLY *****

Purchase tickets *ONLINE* - offer expires January 31!
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...) Use Discount code: **MEMBER**

There is **no limit** on the amount of tickets you can buy at this price, but hurry –!

or

***** Ticket Gift Vouchers *****

\$18 Adults/\$15 Seniors and Students
CHOOSE any date you want to see *Guys and Dolls!*

We will mail a special voucher that can be redeemed for **any** performance of the show simply by calling the ticket phone line (reserved seats based on availability at time of redemption).
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. 4, 2011 at the Palace Theatre in Manchester. The Actorsingers recent productions of *Sweet Charity* and *Aida* are being considered for various honors. Good luck to all who have been involved in these productions. Thank you to **Amy Friedman** for organizing a group sale for Actorsingers. We usually have a big presence at this awards show!

Calling all Directors! - The Board is now accepting proposals for the **Summer Teen show** for July 2011. We are looking for teams (director, choreographer, music director) who will present a show proposal. Individual applicants can apply, but directors must present a show idea. The Summer Teen show will take place July 29-31st at the Court Street Theatre in Nashua. Please direct all inquiries and/or send resumes to secretary@actorsingers.org. The deadline for applicants is January 2, 2011 with interviews scheduled by appointment on January 4, 2011.

News From the Board:

The next **Board Meeting** will be held January 4, 2011 – Time and Place TBA

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.

Renovation progress – As most of you know, the downstairs space at The Actorsingers Hall has been totally ripped out, down to the bare walls. Renovations for a new kitchen, with design and duct work by **John McAllister**, is beginning to take shape. **Tom Ritrovato** and crew are working on the walls that were damaged by years of leaks, and last week, **Steve Pierpont** and crew began work on new insulation. If anyone can help on Thursday evenings, show up at the hall! The more volunteers, the sooner the project will be finished!

AIDA - What delightful music! Everyone involved in this production 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. Producing a show that is not a household name is a challenge, but The Actorsingers were up for it! 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**. Thank you to those who serve our country. We salute you! Also in the spirit of giving back to the community, The Actorsingers offered some complimentary seats to Keystone Hall residents (substance abuse recovery) and The Boys and Girls Club.

Hats off to Producers, **Amy Friedman** and **Cheryl Stocks**, who kept things running smoothly and organized. Producing a show is one of the hardest volunteer jobs in Community Theater. A well deserved round of applause also to Stage Manager, **Steve Pierpont**, who took on this role fairly last minute and did a commendable job and to **John McAllister**, who tirelessly worked on the design and building of the set.

The Nashua Stroll - Directed by **Glen Grimard** with musical direction and accompaniment by **Jamie Feinberg** and **Tom Holmes**, a group of talented vocalists representing The Actorsingers performed well-known show tunes and sang both familiar and new holiday tunes at this wonderful annual event. Thanks to: **Barb Amaral, Emma Benson, Noelle Bourquard, Pam Bruckman, Rachel Cerullo, Mark Coutu, Fred Gallagher, Kathy Goreham, Renee Gregoire, Jed Holland, Martha Holland, Anita Kelly, Renee Lawrence, Jan McTeague, Thomas Mitsock, Laura Prior, Tom Ritrovato, Eric Vieira, Connor Vigeant, Deb Walz** and **Sarah Wenrich**. Many of these same voices will perform at The Hunt Home on Jan 8 - The singers include **Glen, Pam Bruckman, Deb Walz, Noelle Bourquard, Molly Bruckman, Rachel Cerullo, Martha Holland, Laura Prior, Mark Coutu, Craig Howard, Eric Vieira, Connor Vigeant, Barb Amaral** and **Jed Holland** (accompanist as well as singer).

Thank you to all who perform and represent The Actorsingers and cheers to all who came and listened at The Stroll!

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.

Condolences

to Life Member Grace Bolen on the Death of Husband and Life Member, Frank Bolen

Frank worked on many early productions, both in front and behind the scenes from 1969 through 2001 and he and Grace have been loyal Subscribers, seeing every mainstage Actorsingers production for at least 20 years

In and About Town – **Shawn Koczarski**, son of Life Member, **Sue Koczarki**, is back living in NH and just completed a run of *The Last Five Years* for Second Stage Company in Manchester. Speaking of sons, **CZA**'s son, **Carl Andress**, directed the new Charles Busch off Broadway show, *The Divine Sister*. **Shaina Schwartz** showcased her choreography talents for Peacock Player's *13*. Both **Eric Skoglund** and **Barbara Lawler** made 'em laugh in Stage One's *Crazy Time*. Barbara is also performing in The Acting Loft's *Once on This Island* in January. **Donna** and **Paul Metzger** and daughter, **Margaret**, portrayed the Fezziwig Family in Peacock's *A Christmas Carol*. Paul, Donna and **Judy Hayward** will also be the team who Directs Stagecoach's *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* in April. Congratulations to **Joe Reilly** and **Gail Ward** on the birth of Joe's new grandson in November. **Lanea Ritrovato** performed in the show *Nine* at Emerson College. **Ellie (Morrill) Risely** was in the Beatles tribute show for the Senior Center's 29th Annual Variety show in November. Unfortunately, it was the same weekend as *Aida*! On a sad note, ex-member **David Gidge** passed away. David used to work sound and various other back stage duties for Jr. Actorsingers shows. **Kerry Schneider** and **Gail Ward** are in the current *NH Lottery Commercial* about fruitcakes airing this holiday season on TV. Kerry also auditioned in NYC for an Off Broadway production of *Cabaret* and was called back – one of five!...but didn't get the role. Among the eight High School North students chosen to perform with composer Tim Janis at Carnegie Hall was **Katrina Fisher**.

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

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May 20, 21, 22



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*Audition Information on
both of these shows
inside!*

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Mark these exciting ACTORSINGERS Dates on your calendar!!

January 2	Auditions Anne of Green Gables – Jr. Actorsingers
January 3	Call Backs – Anne of Green Gables
January 4	Board Meeting – Date and Time TBA
January 8	Actorsingers Sing at Hunt Home
January 21	Semi Annual Meeting - 6:30 Social/7 pm Meeting
January 31	Deadline for Membership discounted tickets to Guys and Dolls
February 4	NH Theatre Awards – Palace Theatre
February 20, 21	Auditions – GUYS AND DOLLS
February 23	Call Backs – GUYS AND DOLLS
March 11, 12, 13	Anne of Green Gables - Court St. Theater
May 20, 21, 22	GUYS AND DOLLS – Keefe Auditorium

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