

Actorsingers Newsletter

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***** *Semi-Annual Meeting* *****
Friday, January 27, 2012

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 27**. 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. (Actorsingers trying to go green). If you would like a hard copy, E-mail Treasurer, Glen Grimard, prior to the meeting at Grim856@aol.com or call: (978) 204-2678

Stuart Little

Jr. Actorsingers!

Directed by **Holly Countie**
Musical Direction by **Joy Iaquinta**
Choreography by: **Betsey Martell**
Produced by **Amy Friedman**

Tickets go on sale
toward the end of January

(603) 320-1870



Open to children in Grades 3-8

Auditions: Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012 6 – 8:30 pm

Callbacks: Thursday, Jan. 6 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Please prepare a song and bring sheet music. Rehearsals begin Sunday, January 8 and will be Sundays from 1-4:30 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, 2012). 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 9, 10 and 11 at the Janice B. Streeter Theater, 14 Court St., Nashua

Stuart Little is a musical based on the beloved children's classic by E.B. White. Holly directed "A Little Princess" for Jr. Actorsingers in 2010 and has taught drama classes and directed children's theatre for many local theatre companies. Joy was music director for "A Little Princess" and teaches music at Presentation of Mary Academy. Choreographer, Betsey Martell, is a former dancer and trained dance instructor who currently works with children as the Children's librarian at the Hudson library. Welcome back Holly and Joy and a hearty hello to Betsey. Thank you for Directing! If you have any questions, please contact the producer, **Amy Friedman**, at amyfriedman1@yahoo.com

Chicago

Directors:

Will McGregor (Dramatics)

Judy Hayward (Music)

Kellie Haigh (Choreography)

Glen Grimard and

Catherine Andruskevich – Producers

Andrea Stasio – Stage Manager



Info Nite - **Monday, January 30** – 7 pm. 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 5 and Monday, February 6: 7 pm. Actorsingers Hall will be open one hour prior to auditions (6 pm) to warm up, sign in and learn the dance routine. Please prepare a song that showcases your voice in the style of the show (but not from the show!) and bring sheet music. A dance routine will be taught at the audition and performed in small groups. No readings this night – Only Music and dance.

Call Backs: Tuesday, Feb. 7: 7-10 pm. All Readings will be done at Call Backs.

The Cast list will be not be posted until Thursday night.

Once cast, everyone who performs on stage must be an Actorsingers member (Dues are \$10 Individual or \$15 Family and are valid through 6/30/12). 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 *Chicago!* 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! Contact either Glen (grim856@aol.com 617-204-2678) or CZA (catherinez.andruskevich@dechert.com 603-429-3053

The New Hampshire Theatre Awards – The 10th NH Theatre Awards are set for **Friday, Feb. 3, 2012** at the Palace Theatre in Manchester. The Actorsingers recent productions of *Guys and Dolls* and *The Sound of Music* and the Teen show, *Working*, are being considered for various honors. Good luck to all who have been involved in these productions. Congratulations to all the nominees from every theater company! Thank you to **Amy Friedman** for organizing a group sale for Actorsingers. We usually have a big presence at this awards show! If you need tickets, contact Amy (AmyFriedman1@yahoo.com) for details. She will try and get another group if requested.

News From the Board:

The next **Board Meeting** will be held January 3, 2012

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.

Thank you to those who volunteered to be adjudicators for The Actorsingers for next season.

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.

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.

Renovation progress – We can see the walls and most of the construction stuff is now cleared out! In the kitchen the cabinets, stove and refrigerator are in place. **Craig Brennan** has been busy installing lighting. Thanks to the Sound of Music cast and crew for cleaning up a lot of the debris. Hats off to the diligent members who have been spearheading this effort. It is going to make a world of difference in the utilization of the space.

The Sound of Music - What a delightful show! 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. Over 2,400 patrons enjoyed the performances! Since the show was performed over Veteran's Day weekend, 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! In the spirit of giving back to the community, The Actorsingers offered some complimentary seats to a local charity who brought young women who had never been to a show. We also offered reduced priced tickets to various charities in the area.

Hats off to Producer, **Chuck Emmons**, who took it upon himself to offer a raffle at the City Arts event that brought in over \$200 in ticket sales. Producing a show is one of the hardest volunteer jobs in Community Theater. The Actorsingers thank those volunteers who offer to do this task. A well deserved round of applause also to Stage Manager, **Steve Harper**, who did a commendable job and to **Don Smith-Weiss** for creating a gorgeous set. Go crew!

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, sang both familiar and new holiday tunes, and even did a Tap dance number at this wonderful annual event. Thanks to: **Pam Bruckman** and her sister, **Gail Rosengard**, **Alli** and **Scott Bergendahl**, **Bill Mauser**, **Sue**, **Laura** and **Cherie Prior**, **Craig Howard**, **Don Higgins**, **Joel Iwaskiewicz**, **Lauren Friedman**, **Sue Weiss**, **Kristine Howard**, **Val Psoinos**, **Donna Metzger**, **Alice Pascucci** and **Martha Holland**.

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

Condolences

to The Harper Family on the passing of Silvia's Mother

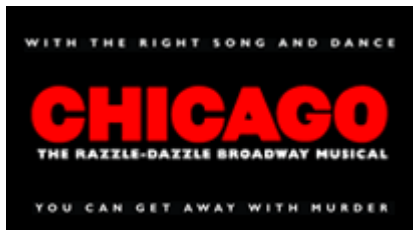
In and About Town – We have another TV celeb in our midst...**Martha Holland** just finished shooting an episode of "House Hunters" which will air sometime in April. Get Well to **Deb Walz**, recovering at home after an emergency appendectomy in November – right after playing in the orchestra for *The Sound of Music*. Something in that alpine air?? **Barb Amaral** sang Vaughn William's *Sea Symphony* with The Nashua Symphony Chorus in November. **Mike Bradbury's** son, **Colin**, has been performing with the Rockettes in Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular in NYC. ...we knew him when he danced for The Actorsingers productions of *Brigadoon* and *A Chorus Line*. Apologies to **Allan Hunter** for omitting his name as a cast member of StageCoach's *A Chorus Line* in the last **Ovation**. Allan also did *Elegies for Angels*, *Punks and Raging Queens* at The Acting Loft in Manchester. He'll also be doing *Macbeth* for them in March in addition to starting work in a new job! Busy guy. At The Palace Theatre in Manchester, **Kerry Schneider** will be in *Lend Me A Tenor* in January. Hats off to **Judy Hayward** for starting The StageCoach Women's Chorus. Not only did they perform at The Nashua Stroll, but had their first solo concert in December. **Katrina Fisher** is the Stage Manager for Nashua High School North's production of *Frankenstein* while dad, **Jon**, is doing the special effects makeup. **John Franzini** will be the handling the lighting design. The **Schwartzberg** brothers are at it again – **Nathan** is in Bedford High School's *Into the Woods*, while brother, **Daniel**, is Jean ValJean in *Les Miz* at Derryfield school.

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

The Ovation

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*Audition Information on
both of these shows
inside!*



Mark these ACTORSINGERS Dates on your calendar!!

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| January 30 | Info Nite – <i>Chicago</i> -7 pm |
| February 3 | NH Theatre Awards – Palace Theatre |
| February 5, 6 | Auditions – <i>Chicago</i> |
| February 7 | Call Backs – Readings - <i>Chicago</i> |
| March 9, 10, 11 | <i>Stuart Little</i> - Court St. Theater |
| May 4, 5, 6 | <i>Chicago</i> – Keefe Auditorium |

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