

Actorsingers Newsletter

OVATION

March 2010 Issue

Editor: Kerry Schneider

A Little Princess - a Jr. Actorsingers production
at the Janice B. Streater Theater at 14 Court Street, Nashua, NH

Friday, **March 26** – 7 pm

Saturday, **March 27** – 2 and 7 pm Come Support our Juniors!

Sunday, **March 28** – 2 pm

The Children (Grades 3 – 8 and their Parents!) are hard at work preparing for this classic children's story of a rich girl sent to boarding school who must become a servant at the school when her father dies. The 1939 movie featured Shirley Temple.

Tickets (Reserved Seating) **Center: \$12/\$10 Sides: \$10/\$8**



Available online at www.actorsingers.org – you can choose your own seats! or call (603) 320-1870 for information ... or come to the Box office at Actorsingers Hall on Sunday afternoons or Thursday evenings. The show is sure to sell out, so get your reserved seats today and support our Juniors!

Director: **Holly Countie** Musical Director: **Joy Iaquina** Choreographer: **Tina Cassidy**
Producer: **Amy Friedman**

The Cast:

Sara Crewe - **Emily Trubey**
Becky - **Emily Risteen**
Lavinia - **Emma Joanis**
Jessie - **Kayla Joyce**
Lottie - **Angela Demanche**
Ermengarde - **Rebecca Holland**
Alice - **Vienna Scott**

Mabel — **Selena Miller**
Saphronia — **Katherine Towle**
Ann — **Emilie Tonucci**
Gloria — **Hayleigh Scott**
Bertha-Marie — **Jaden Smith**
Nelly — **Makenzie Goodwin**
Arabella — **Jane Hannon**

Cora — **Rachel Ash**
Kathleen — **Grace Morton**
Annie — **Brianna Dejoie**
Laura — **Abby Majore**
Loretta — **Sarah Deshaw**
Aroseabeth — **Kimberly Goodwin**
Simoene — **Hannah Noonan**

Miss Minchin — **Braley Degenhardt**
Miss Amelia — **Rachel Scaer**
Cook — **Julie Sampson**
Perkins — **Aileen Donohue**
Mrs. Carmichael — **Marla Franca**
Mr. Carmichael — **Jared Batchelder**
Ram Dass — **Sean Vigeant**
Mr. Barrow — **Thomas Mitsock**
Mr. Carrisford — **Sam Witts**

Tilly — **Calley Goulet**
Carrie — **Emma Wood**
Beth — **Maddie Kuchta**
Charlotte — **Sammy O'Neil**
Amy — **Kelly Frasca**
Joanna — **Julia Laudenback**
Olga — **Brenna Gustitus**
Beryl — **Sabrina Nguyen**
Penny — **Chelsea Columbus**
Barbara — **Zoe Bertone**

Guy Clarence — **Jacob Noonan**
Marriette — **Martha Conolly**
Lizette — **Savannah Nguyen**
Suzette — **Carolyn Marquis**
Antoinette — **Rachael la Police**
Claudette — **Abby Kotelly**
Eyvette — **Megan Kangas**



SWEET CHARITY

Friday, May 21 - 8:00 pm
Saturday, May 22 - 8:00 pm
Sunday Matinee May 23 – 2:00 pm

at the Keefe Auditorium, Nashua, NH

Tickets: Online at www.actorsingers.org

\$18 Adults \$15 Seniors/Students
(603) 320-1870 for information

Directed by: **Paul Metzger**
Musical Direction: **Blake Leister**
Choreography: **Donna O'Bryant Metzger**
Producer: **Silvia Harper**
Stage Manager: **Steve Harper**
Technical Director: **Dennis Schneider**

The Actorsingers need **YOU**, our members, to be successful. Please support the organization and serve on a committee, buy an ad, sell tickets or work crew. Be part of **SWEET CHARITY** and volunteer to help paint sets, sew costumes, usher, etc. Contact Producer **Silvia Harper** (Silvia@Sharperbooks.com) or (603) 791-4588 and see a show from a different angle – behind the scenes! It'll make you appreciate what the audience sees.

Congratulations to the Cast of this Bob Fosse & Neil Simon Classic

Charity Hope Valentine - **Katie Proulx**
Oscar Lindquist - **Eric Skoglund**
Nickie - **Rachel Cerullo**
Helene - **Renee Lawrence**
Herman - **Allan Hunter**
Vittorio Vidal - **Joe Vago**
Daddy Brubeck - **Dave Cote**
Ursula March - **Lisa Owen**
Fandango Girl (Carmen) - **Regina Dixon**
Fandango Girl (Elaine) - **Taryn Cagnina**
Fandango Girl (Betsy) - **Annemarie LaTulip**
Fandango Girl (Suzanne) - **Jen Sassak**
Fandango Girl (Frenchy) - **Christy Finn**
Fandango Girl (Alice) - **Laura Babb**
Fandango Girl (Ursula) - **Lisa Owen**
Fandango Girl (Sally) - **Tina Cassidy**

The Wonderful Ensemble:

Caitlin Thistle	Shannon Rotthoff
David Sanchez-Cortes	Marianne Freeman
John Bachelder III	Elyse Williams
Bobby Fonacier	Sarah Vasques
Jerry Castaldo	Becky Rowlands
Mike Bradbury	Lauren Friedman
Ashley Eason	Allan Hunter
Joe Iaquinta	Laura Babb
Cam Croteau	Steve Harper
Laura Scherf	

Thanks to the Auditioning Committee for *Sweet Charity*: **Amy Friedman** (chair), the three Directors, **Steve Harper**, **Alice Pascucci** and outsider, **Deb Shaw**. Thanks also to all the various helpers, **Tom Ritrovato**, **Cheryl Stocks**, **Chuck Emmons**, **Mike Ryder**, **Silvia Harper**, **Caitlyn Thistle**, **Jen Sassak**, **Alan Hunter** and **Elyse Williams**.

2010/2011 season ... *Aida* and *Guys and Dolls*

Thank you to the playreading committee for their hard work in these selections.

Spring Fling Social

(or a Seriously Post Holiday Party...whichever you prefer!)

Saturday, March 13 – 6:00 pm

Yes, it's that time again!!! This year we've decided to do a POST-post-holiday party and celebrate the (hopefully) impending coming of spring!! **Barb Amaral** and **Martha Holland** are the hosts of this fun evening.

This totally social event will be held on Sat. March 13, beginning at 6 pm at the home of Martha and Jed Holland, 38 Chester St. in Nashua. Adults only. The dinner is an organized potluck. BYOB. The point is for Actorsingers to get together at a non-show event just for the fun of it! All adult Actorsingers and their guests are invited.

If you don't care to cook, there's always things like ice, chips, rolls, cups and so on or a \$10 donation per person to go towards decorations and such. The dress is "casually elegant"... dress up semi-formalish if you wish, but it's not necessary. In other words, don't let the dress prevent you from coming if you don't want to get dolled up.

The Yankee Swap is usually the highlight of the evening. Please bring a gift (approx. \$10 value) you wouldn't mind taking home yourself...you never know, you may end up with it back! :-)

Martha Holland - martha@marthajed.com (603) 889-1601 or
Barb Amaral - barbasketh@comcast.net (603) 880-6486

Please RSVP by March 10!

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***** **Teen Show just announced for Summer!!!** *****

COPACABANA will be the Teen show this summer, directed by **Kathy Lovering**, **Heather MacRobie** and **Tina Cassidy** and Produced by **Evelynn Decker**. Info nite and Auditions will be in May with July 30, 31 and August 1 as show dates. Much more info in the next Ovation or on our website www.actorsingers.org

The Actorsingers Scholarship

The Actorsingers Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who have participated in Actorsinger shows and are planning to further their education. Last year the organization gave out over \$3,000 in scholarship money. The deadline for application is May 1, with the award recipient(s) being announced at the Annual Meeting in June. Contact **Stan Polan** (603) 888-0411 for more information or find the application on our website: www.actorsingers.org

News From the Board: ... Thank you to:

Jim Mail for building the new President's wall at The Actorsingers Hall with the generous donation from **Glen Grimard**. Now we just have to make sure we have every President's picture and get them back up! Thanks also to Glen for removing the old upright piano.

Tom and Deb Ritrovato for donating a working refrigerator and getting rid of the old, dead one.

Mike Ryder for donating an oven and a microwave. Now we can easily cook our Cast Party meals!

Jed and Martha Holland for reframing the picture on the Wall of Fame that had broken.

Mike Bradbury for installing a keyless entry into the shop area; replacing the fire extinguishers and emergency lighting; fixing the flapping on the fire escape; and discovering the possible source of the eternal leak we've had. Lot's of plans and work going on to keep our building in good shape. Thank you to all and Good work!

The Board is **SEARCHING FOR DIRECTORS** for **AIDA** - next fall's show. Respond by March 12 to Secretary@actorsingers.org if interested.

Tentative Date for **Annual Meeting – June 7** – Mark your calendars

The Nominating Committee – is looking for all talented, intelligent and caring Actorsinger members. Your service is needed! Those who aspire to give back to this excellent organization by serving on the next Board of Directors need to contact a Nominating Committee member: Chuck Emmons (willwonder2001@yahoo.com) or Deb Walz (debwalz@hotmail.com)

Consider serving on The Actorsingers Board of Directors. We need help to run this organization. Things don't just happen magically. There's lots of hard work and dedication that goes into keeping the Actorsingers a viable, wonderful Community Theater group and we need **YOUR** help to continue. Make a difference. Serve on the Board.

Congratulations! – At the **New Hampshire Theater Awards** in February, The Actorsingers stole the show with numerous awards for *Anything Goes* - Best Musical Production, Best Director (**Dana Bisset Siegel**), Best Musical Director (**Jed Holland**), Best Choreographer (**Martha Daniels Holland**), Best Lighting Design (**Craig Brennan**), Best Supporting Actress (**Laura Prior**), Best Actor (**Ron Bourque**) and Best Costumes (**Mary Selvoski**). Kudos to all who were involved with this show and our fabulous spring production of *The Producers* as well.

A BIG THANK YOU to **Paul** and **Donna Metzger** for once again hosting a lovely after awards party that was open to all Actorsingers members. Congratulations to all the nominees in every category from every theater group! New Hampshire should be proud of the wonderful theater it produces all over the state!

Condolences

to **Steve Pierpont** on the death of his Grandmother

In and About Town – Apologies to **Laura Spence** for omitting her name from The Nashua Stroll participants in the last Ovation. Thank you for lending your voice to that fun event. **Lauren Duffy** (a Jr. Actorsinger as a child) was the Props Master at the Stoneham Theater in MA for two of their recent productions. Congratulations to new parents, **Joe** and **Lindsay Vago** on the birth of son, **Everett**, on January 16. **Mike** and **Rhonda O'Keefe's** daughter, **Meghan**, participated in The Granite State Challenge as a member of the Alverine High School team. Talk about putting your smarts on the spot! **Michele Bossie** played Lucy in the show *Snoopy* for the Manchester Community Players. **Barb** and **Alan Amaral's** daughter, **Louisa**, is in The Palace Youth theater's *High School Musical*. Kudos to **Katrina Fisher** who had the privilege of singing the National Anthem for President Obama at the recent Town Hall Meeting at Nashua High School North. Katrina was also in *Les Miz* for The Palace Youth Theater and in *Cats* with the Palace Teens. Dad, **Jon**, was in *Let's Murder Marsha*, a production of the First Church Drama Dinner Theater and he was the makeup designer for Second Stage Company's *Golda's Balcony*. Mom, **Cindy**, has a starring role as chauffeur for the busy family! Speaking of busy families, **Andrew Holland** is in both *Honk* with the Peacock Players and *Phantom Tollbooth* with Pennichuck Middle school while Dad, **Jed**, is Musical Directing. Jed also recently played several gigs with the Nashua Symphony for their *Made in NH* Tour. Meanwhile, Mom, **Martha**, is choreographing *Children of Eden* for Amherst PTA and also *Pajama Game* for Nashua High School South with **Kathy Lovering** as Director. Congratulations to **Becca Tarr** of Nashua High School North for making the All State Jazz Honors Choir and **Katrina Fisher** for making All State Jazz Choir. Good luck to **Don Smith-Weiss** in his new business venture – Qlowntown – an original cartoon concept. *Rumors*, up at Stage One Productions in Manchester features **Beth Fenske** and **Erik Skoglund**. Stagecoach's *Cabaret* in April, Directed by **Erik Duchesne**, **Michele Henderson** and **Ashley Smith** boasts **Kerry Schneider**, **Allison Duhamel**, **Tom Ritrovato**, **Becca Tarr**, **Kim Stanizzi** and **Tim Lord**. **Joan Storey's** daughter, **Alexandra Socha**, had a featured role last week on the TV show, *White Collar*. Alexandra was in The Actorsingers productions of *Cats* and *42nd Street*. **Catherine Andruskevich's** son, **Carl Andress**, is Directing the show *The Divine Sister* starring Charles Busch, at the Theater for the New City in New York City. Carl grew up with The Actorsingers and was in our production of *Peter Pan* in 1988. Lending his musical talents, **Jed Holland** is involved with the 10th Annual Irish Dinner and Show which benefits the Nancy O foundation. Before her untimely death, **Nancy Ogradowczyk** was an active Actorsingers member and her father, John, (who was in our show *Titanic*) set up the memorial to keep the arts alive in her memory. And to all those who have been without power from the recent storm or had damage to their homes (**Ken** and **Gretchen Gray!**), Keep the Faith!...Spring is just around the corner.

Until next time... news? call Kerry (603) 888-2837 or E-mail ActingKer@aol.com

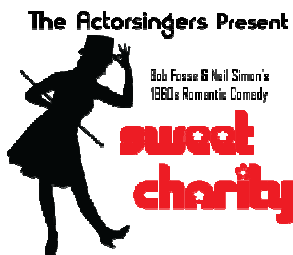
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Mark these exciting ACTORSINGERS Dates on your calendar !

- * **March 12 – Deadline for Directors Applications for Aida - Fall 2010 Production**
- * **March 13 - Spring Fling Post Holiday Party**
- * **March 26, 27, and 28 – Jr. Actorsingers – *The Little Princess***
- * **May 21, 22, 23 – *SWEET CHARITY***
- * **June 7 – Annual Meeting**

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