

# Actorsingers Newsletter

# OVATION

March 2011 Issue

Editor: Kerry Schneider

## *ANNE of GREEN GABLES*

a Jr. Actorsingers production  
at the Janice B. Streeter Theater at 14 Court Street, Nashua, NH

**Friday, March 11 – 7 pm**

**Saturday, March 12 – 2 and 7 pm**      Come Support

**Sunday, March 13 – 2 pm**                      our Juniors!

The Children (Grades 3 – 8 and their Parents!) are hard at work preparing for this classic children's musical story about a spirited orphan girl.



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

**Available online at [www.actorsingers.org](http://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: **SerahRose Roth**

Musical Director: **Rebecca James**

Producer: **Amy Friedman**

### **The Cast:**

Anne Shirley - **Nicole Plummer**

Marilla Cuthbert - **Maddie Kuchta**

Matthew Cuthbert - **Carolyn Marquis**

Diana Barry - **Emily Risteen**

Gilbert Blythe - **Sean Collupy**

Rachel Lynde - **Shea Roe**

Mrs. Spencer/Townswoman - **Selena Miller**

Mrs. Blewett/Townswoman - **Abbey Kotelly**

Mr. Phillips, schoolmaster - **Brian Dezurick**

Shop Girl/student - **Sammy O'Neal**

Charlie Sloane, student/minister - **Joshua Booth**

Minnie May Barry, student - **Jaden Smith**

Josie Pye, student - **Naomi Goodman**

Jane Andrews, student - **Hailey Sullivan**

Moody Spurgeon, student - **Sophie Kotelly**

Billy Blewett, student - **Sabrina Nguyen**

Bonnie Blewett, student - **Juliann Risteen**

Doctor/Townsmen - **Calley Goulet**

Ticket Taker/Townsmen - **Grace Morton**

Station Master/Townsmen - **Chelsea Columbus**

Mrs. Barry/Townswoman - **Tatiana Taylor**

Townswoman - **Nicole Fondots**

Townswoman - **Kendall Dommel**

Townspople - **Peyton Fisher and Mikayla Coburn**

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**Announcing our 2011/2012 Mainstage season**

*The Sound of Music* and *Chicago*

Thank you to the playreading committee – Amy Friedman, Craig Brennan, Alan Hunter, Tina Cassidy, Bob Frasca, Paul Metzger and Tom Ritrovato for their hard work in making these selections.

# GUY\$ & DOLLS



## **GUYS AND DOLLS**

Friday, May 20 - 8:00 pm  
Saturday, May 21 - 8:00 pm  
Sunday Matinee May 22 - 2:00 pm

at the Keefe Auditorium, Nashua, NH

Tickets: Online at [www.actorsingers.org](http://www.actorsingers.org)

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

Directed by: **Paul Metzger**  
Musical Direction: **Judy Hayward**  
Choreography: **Jessica Scales**  
Set Design: **Tom Ritrovato and John McAllister**

Producer: **Silvia Harper**  
Stage Manager: **Steve Pierpont**  
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 *Guys and Dolls* and volunteer to help paint sets, sew costumes, usher, etc. We need help specifically in marketing and publicity, concessions, costumes, and set building/painting. Contact Producer **Silvia Harper** (Silvia@Sharperbooks.com or (603) 930-6031) 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 Damon Runyan/Frank Loesser Classic

Sky Masterson – **David Cote**  
Sarah Brown – **Kathleen Meehan Goreham**  
Nathan Detroit – **Joe Vago**  
Adelaide – **Donna O'Bryant Metzger**  
Nicely-Nicely – **Anthony Breen**  
Benny Southstreet – **Tim Lord**  
Arvide Abernathy – **Ben Pascucci**  
Gen. Cartwright – **Anne Orio**  
Lt. Brannigan – **Henry Castonguay**  
Joey Biltmore – **Don Smith-Weiss**  
Hot Box Master of Ceremonies – **Joe Iaquinta**

### **The Gamblers / Crapshooters**

Big Jule – **Erik Duchesne**  
Harry the Horse – **Eric Skoglund**  
Rusty Charlie – **Tom Ritrovato**  
Angie the Ox – **Don Higgins**  
Liver Lips Louie – **Jerry Castaldo**  
Society Max – **Jim Maloney**  
**Mark Coutu**  
**Cam Croteau**  
**Allan Hunter**  
**Joel Iwaskiewicz**  
**Don Smith-Weiss**  
**Tom Whalen**

### **Hot Box Girls**

**Jen Sassak (Mimi)**  
**Laura Babb**  
**Tina Cassidy**  
**Theresa Chadwick**  
**Jacqueline Coffin**  
**Regina Dixon**  
**Anja Parish**  
**Laura Prior**  
**Ashley Gabrielle Smith**  
**Caitlin Thistle**

### **The Mission Band**

**Jed Holland**  
**Martha Holland (Agatha)**  
**Crystal Lewis**  
**Bill Mauser**  
**Dustin Teuber**  
**Denise Wheaton**

### **Ensemble Guys and Dolls**

<b>Nicholas Castonguay</b>	<b>Kathy LeClair</b>
<b>Josh Friedman</b>	<b>Bridget O'Connor</b>
<b>Julie Harris</b>	<b>Cherie Prior</b>
<b>Joe Iaquinta</b>	<b>Gail Ward</b>
<b>Lizzie Krahenbuhl</b>	<b>Jim Woolsey</b>

## Spring Fling Social

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

Saturday, April 2 – 6:00 pm

Yes, it's that time again!!! Time for our POST-post-holiday party to celebrate the (hopefully) impending coming of spring – begone snow mountains!! **Barb Amaral** and **Martha Holland** are the hosts of this fun evening. This totally social event will be held on Sat. April 2, 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. Be creative and bring something unique, or cool, or at least something you'd want yourself....you never know, you may end up with it back! :-)

Please **RSVP by March 26**      Martha Holland - marthdh@gmail.com (603) 889-1601 or  
The hosts need to organize!      Barb Amaral - barbasketh@comcast.net (603) 880-6486

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**Congratulations!** – At the **New Hampshire Theater Awards** in February, The Actorsingers performed an excerpt from *Aida* to the rousing delight of the audience and both of our Mainstage shows, *Sweet Charity* and *Aida* were up for Best Production. Congratulations to *Aida* winners **Judy Hayward** (MD) and **Jessica Williams** (Best Supporting Actress). Other Actorsingers top 10 nominations included: **John Cunningham, Molly Bruckman, Kim Spaziani** and **Tina Crawford** for *Copacabana*; **Tina Cassidy, Craig Brennan, Alan Amaral, Beth Schwartz, John McAllister, Tony Clements, Nathan Schwartzberg, Laura Prior, Larry Piazza** and **Kim Cassetta** for *Aida*; **Blake Leister, Donna O'Bryant Metzger, Craig Brennan, Rachel Cerullo, Renee Lawrence, Eric Skoglund,** and **Katie Proulx** for *Sweet Charity*. Kudos to all who were involved with these productions. Congratulations also to Actorsingers **Val Psoinos** and **Daniel Schwartzberg** on their wins from other theater groups and a special Congratulations to **Betty Thomson** on her **LifeTime Achievement** award.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to **Paul** and **Donna Metzger** for once again hosting a lovely after awards party that was open to all. 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!

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

**WORKING** will be the Teen show this summer, directed by **Kathy Lovering** and **Tina Cassidy** and Produced by **Evelynn Decker**. Info nite and Auditions will be in May with July 29, 30, and 31 as show dates. Much more info in the next Ovation or on our website [www.actorsingers.org](http://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](http://www.actorsingers.org)

## The New England Regional Community Theater Festival – Sat. March 5

at The Concord City Auditorium, located at the junction of Prince and Green Streets in Concord, NH. There will be two performance sessions each containing multiple shows. The first session begins at 9am, the 2nd begins at 1pm.

The festival will feature the new play by Maine resident, Robert Keniston "*The Fag Variations or the Conversion of the Straights*" performed by The Center Theatre Players from Dover-Foxcroft, ME.

It will join several other plays by organizations from around New England performing for the right to continue onto the National Festival held by the American Association of Community Theaters in Rochester, NY in June 2011.

Among the other plays to be performed is the award winning original work by NH author Lowell Williams, "*Six Nights In the Black Belt*" which profiles Keene native Jonathan Daniels as he joined the Civil Rights struggle in the deep South during the 1960's.

"*The Bear*" is an one-act comedy by Anton Chekov and will be performed by Arlekin Players of Newton, MA one of the two organizations representing MA.

The Wellesley Players, who were selected to represent New England during the last National Festival cycle in 2008, return to the Regional Festival and will perform the well loved comedy/drama, "*Steel Magnolias*".

Milford Area Players of NH will perform an adaptation of George Orwell's thought provoking "*Animal Farm*"

Tickets for either or both sessions will be available at the door. Each session will be \$15 or \$24 for both sessions. For more information call Chuck Emmons at 603-891-0734 or contact via e-mail at [willwonder2001@yahoo.com](mailto:willwonder2001@yahoo.com)

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**WE NEED HELP WITH RENNOVATIONS at The Hall** - Thank you to all the Volunteers who have been showing up on Wednesday evenings (7-10 pm) to help with the rennovations we are undergoing. We can use any and all hands. The more volunteers, the quicker the project will be completed. No experience necessary! Just come ready to paint, staple, cut, or whatever is needed. Just come so this project can be completed in our lifetimes!

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**Speaking of Rennovations...**There have been many improvements to the Actorsingers Hall this past few months. Among them: The overgrowth of shrubs has been cleaned up; There have been repairs to the roof and loose siding; There is a new Overhang over the scene shop door which prevents water from entering; Mold and Asbestos has been removed; The obsolete old metal radiators are gone as well as the condensor pump that lived in the closet on the first floor...which is gone as well! Once the room is finished, it will be more open and suit our needs better.

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Thank you to the **Auditioning Board** for *Guys and Dolls*: **Steve Pierpont** (chair), the three Directors, **Bob Frasca**, and outsider, **Keith Weirich**. Thanks also to all the various helpers, **Rachel Cerullo**, **Mike Ryder**, **Leo Choquette**, **Craig Brennan**, **Jen Mallard**, **Donna O'Bryant Metzger** and **Tajoura Davis**

For the best reserved seats, get your tickets for both *Anne of Green Gables, Jr.* and *Guys and Dolls* now!...go to [www.Actorsingers.org](http://www.Actorsingers.org)

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## News From the Board:

**Ben Pascucci** has joined The Board of Directors, filling the seat previously held by **Katie Proulx**.

Because The Actorsingers are members of ACT, we get a discount on certain MCI shows and this season we saved about \$1,000 in fees due to the diligence of our Corresponding Secretary, **Tina Cassidy**.

The Board is beginning their **SEARCH FOR DIRECTORS** for *THE SOUND of MUSIC* - next fall's show. Please respond to [Secretary@actorsingers.org](mailto:Secretary@actorsingers.org) if interested.

Tentative Date for **Annual Meeting – June 6** – 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, please contact [Secretary@actorsingers.org](mailto:Secretary@actorsingers.org)

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.

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### Condolences

to **Joy Douville** on the death of her Mother  
and to **David Cote** on the death of his Father

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**In and About Town** –The Acting Loft featured **Barbara Lawler** in *Once On This Island* back in January. **Craig Howard** is in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* down in MA. **Olivia Sowell** did Nashua High School North's *Almost Maine*. **Eric Skoglund** and **Kerry Schneider** made the audience laugh with *Playing Doctor* for Stage One Productions in Manchester. **Joel Iwaskiewicz** was 1 of 4 winners of the first Encore Superstar Finals held recently at Fody's restaurant in Nashua. Good luck at the Finals! The Milford Area Players are doing *Almost Maine* next week featuring **Pat Lawrence**. Tickling the ivories for *A Little Bit Of Ireland* this weekend in Milford is **Jared Holland**. **Beth Fenske** is choreographing *A New Brain* for the New Thalian Players. Dancing with the Contemporary Out of Order dance troupe at Boston University's Dance theater was **Shaina Schwartz**. **Daniel Schwartzberg** is dancing his way through *The Four Pianomen* at The Palace Theatre. And **Kathy Lovering** and **Tina Cassidy** are Directing Nashua High School South's *1944 Big Band Comedy Canteen* which features **Sarah Wenrich**, **Adam Harding**, **Taylor Peterson**, **Anna Rausa** and **Lauren Weiner** with costumes by **Kim Spaziani** and **Tina Crawford**. Break a leg to all the Actorsingers who are in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, directed by **Paul** and **Donna Metzger** and **Judy Hayward**, for Stagecoach productions – **Bob Frasca**, **Rachel Cerullo**, **Amy Agostino**, **Cheri Birch**, **Lindsay Vago**, **Alice Pascucci**, **Lauren Friedman**, **Catherine Andruskevich** and **Sasha Schwartzberg**.

Spring is just around the corner! Remember to turn your clocks AHEAD in the wee hours of March 12

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

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**Mark these exciting ACTORSINGERS Dates on your calendar !**

- \* **March 11, 12, and 13 – Jr. Actorsingers – *Anne of Green Gables***
- \* **April 2 - Spring Fling Post Holiday Party**
- \* **May 1 – Deadline for Application for Actorsingers Scholarship**
- \* **May 20, 21, and 22 – *Guys and Dolls***
- \* **June 6 – Annual Meeting**

Remember to check our Web site [www.actorsingers.org](http://www.actorsingers.org) for up to the minute information

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