

# Actorsingers Newsletter



# OVATION



March 2012 Issue

Editor: Kerry Schneider

## *Stuart Little* - this weekend!!!

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

**Friday, March 9 – 7 pm**

**Saturday, March 10 – 2 and 7 pm**      Come Support

**Sunday, March 11 – 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 mouse.

**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 just come to the show and buy your tickets at the door.

Directors: **Holly Countie, Joy IaQuinta** and **Betsey Martell**

Producer: **Amy Friedman**

The Cast:

Narrators: **Lauren Ritter, Naomi Goodman, Chelsea Columbus, Zarah Durst**

Stuart Little: **Peter Murphy**    The Stuart Family: **Ben Gorelick, Becca Holland, Cayden Plummer**

The Ensemble: **Joshua Booth, Alba Clement, Mikayla Colburn, Meghan Corban, Lizzie Egelston, Peyton Fisher, Kelly Frasca, Calley Goulet, Mary Grabowski, Darcy Hinkle, Jasmine Javanbokht, Lexi Jones-Guillemette, Devon Kuchta, Maddie Kutchta, Kathleen Laramie, Adam Lavoie, Kira Lavoie, Selena Miller, Grace Mor-ton, Sammy O'Neil, Samantha Parks, Hannah Patenaude, Nicole Plummer, Emily Risteen, Juliann Risteen, Shae Roe, Delany Weimer, Hailey Sullivan, Benjamin Tabey, Emily Tibbitts, and Devony Whiting**

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## **Announcing our 2012/2013 Mainstage season**

- a little something old, a little something new -

### *Annie* and *Curtains*

Thank you to the Playreading Committee – **Amy Friedman** (chair), **Gretchen Gray, Catherine Andruskevich, Laura Prior, Tom Ritrovato** and **Craig Brennan** for their work in making these selections.

# CHICAGO

Friday, May 4 - 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 5 - 8:00 pm

Sunday Matinee May 6 – 2:00 pm

at the Keefe Auditorium, Nashua, NH

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

\$20 Adults \$18 Seniors/Students

(603) 320-1870 for information



Directed by: **William McGregor**  
Musical Direction: **Judy Hayward**  
Choreography: **Kellie Haigh**

Producers: **Glen Grimard, Catherine Andruskevich, Evelyn Decker**  
Stage Manager: **Andrea Stasio**  
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 *Chicago* 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 either Producer **CZA** (catherinez.andruskevich@dechert.com (603) 429-3053) or **Glen Grimard** (Grim856@aol.com (617) 204-2678) and see a show from a different angle – behind the scenes! It'll make you appreciate what the audience sees. Thanks to Costume Designer - **Cherie Prior**, Props – **Leo Choquette**, Program – **Silvia Harper**, Ad Chair – **Chris Wenrich**, Set – **John McAllister, Larry Doiron**, and **Bill Wenrich**, Lights – **Craig Brennan** and **Dennis Schneider**. Special Thanks to **John Adie** for designing the poster.

Congratulations to the Cast of this Bob Fosse Classic:

**Velma Kelly:** Jessica Dee

**Roxie Hart:** Sophie Linkroum

**Billy Flynn:** Michael Coppola

**Matron "Mama" Morton:** Anne Orio

**Amos Hart:** Marc Murai

**Mary Sunshine:** A. Charles

**Hunyak:** Ashley Smith

**Liz:** Jen Sassak

**Annie:** Lisa Owen

**June:** Lauren Reis

**Mona:** Jennifer Stanley

**Go-To-Hell-Kitty:** Ashley St. Martin

**Master of Ceremonies:** Erik Duchesne

**Fred Casley:** Mitch Fortier

**Fogerty:** Steve Damboise

**Aaron:** Mike Wood

### Cellblock Tango Backup Dancers

Diane Veach

Jennifer Ryder

Ashley St. Martin

Donna Metzger

Tina Cassidy

### Male Chorus / Dancers

Steve Damboise

Adam Harding

Christian Hodge

John C. McCarthy

### Female Ensemble

Alisha Buyck

Jocelyn Duford

Diana Hill

Lizzie Krahenbuhl

Crystal Lewis

Samantha Morin

Nicole Ste. Croix

Caitlin Thistle

Katie Tocci

Lindsay Vago

Denise Wheaton

**Thank you** to the Auditioning Board for *Chicago*: The Three Directors, **Martha Holland, Glen Grimard, Alice Pascucci** and outsider, **Deb Shaw**. Also, a big hug and thank you to all the helpers at auditions including: **Cherie Prior, Val Levesque, Paul Sandler, Mike Ryder, Ron Bourque** and **Christin Clohosey**

## Spring Fling Social

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

Saturday, March 24 – 6:00 pm

Yes, it's that time again!!! Time for our POST-post-holiday party to celebrate the 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 24, beginning at 6 pm at Actorsingers Hall. 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. You must RSVP and let us know what you would like to bring. Get in your culinary creative mood...or simply donate \$10 to defray some of the costs. Either way...come and party! The dress is "casually elegant", but the point is to just come even if you don't want to dress up!

The Yankee Swap is usually the highlight of the evening. Be creative and bring something unique, or cool, or at least something of value you'd want yourself....you never know, you may end up with it back! :-)

**Please RSVP ASAP !!! – March 24 is only 2 weeks away! RSVP Deadline is March 22.** The hosts need to organize!  
Martha Holland - marthdh@gmail.com (603) 889-1601 or Barb Amaral – [barb.amaral@oracle.net](mailto:barb.amaral@oracle.net) (603) 880-6486

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**Congratulations!** – At the **New Hampshire Theater Awards** in February, The Actorsingers performed an excerpt from *Guys and Dolls* to the rousing delight of the audience. Although this year we didn't win any awards for either of our Mainstage shows, *Guys and Dolls* or *The Sound of Music*, they were both in the top 10 for Best Show. Kudos to all who were involved with these productions and our Teen show, *Working*. We congratulate all the winners of the evening, especially Actorsingers **Judy Hayward** and **Nathan** and **Daniel Schwartzberg** for wins from other theater groups. New Hampshire should be proud of the wonderful theater it produces all over the state!

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\*\*\*\*\* **Teen Show announces dates for Summer!!!** \*\*\*\*\*

Although the show itself is being kept a surprise until we get the rights, the Teen show dates are July 20-22. Much more info in the next Ovation or on our website [www.actorsingers.org](http://www.actorsingers.org)

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### 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 [secretary@actorsingers.org](mailto:secretary@actorsingers.org) for more information or find the application on our website: [www.actorsingers.org](http://www.actorsingers.org)  
Mail completed applications to Chuck Emmons, Actorsingers Scholarship Chairman, PO Box 91, Nashua, NH 03061

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For the best reserved seats, get your tickets for both

**STUART LITTLE**

and

**CHICAGO**

now!

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**Box office at Actorsingers Hall for Chicago tickets: Sundays 5-6:15 pm**

**News From the Board:**

**SEARCH FOR DIRECTORS!** - The Board is beginning their **SEARCH FOR DIRECTORS** for *ANNIE* – our **Fall 2012 show**, slated for Nov 9-11. Please respond to [Secretary@actorsingers.org](mailto:Secretary@actorsingers.org) if interested. Deadline for submissions is April 11 with interviews scheduled for April 18.

**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.

**The New Hampshire Community Theatre Association (NHCTA)** will hold it's 4<sup>th</sup> **Annual festival Sept. 21-23** at the Amato Center in Milford. Two shows will be selected to continue onto the Regional Festival in March of 2013. Now is the time for anyone to propose a show to the Actorsingers Board. The deadline is May.

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**In and About Town** – The Actorsingers President, **Steve Pierpont**, has been busy Stage Managing *Bloody, Bloody Andrew Jackson* for Not Your Mom's Musical Theatre, with Lighting by **Craig Brennan**, and *Urinetown* for Colonial Chorus in MA, which will feature Actorsingers **Amy Agostino, Anita Kelly, Ben** and **Alice Pascucci** and **Jen Sasaki**. Steve is also SM for the concert series *Unfortunate Entertainment* which will feature **Glen Grimard, Baillie deLacy** and **Trisha Mahoney** were in *Noises Off* with Peacock Players. **Kerry Schneider** made 'em laugh with *Love, Sex and the IRS* and **Barbara Lawler** will be in *A Couple of White Chicks...* for Stage One Productions in Manchester. We hope **Ann Siglin** is healing nicely and had plenty of Band Aids after she fell in her garage. Nothing broken...just bruised. **William McGregor** (Director of *Chicago*), recently directed Nashua Theatre Guild's *Driving Miss Daisy*. The Cabaret Company (formerly the Red Hot Society), featuring **Allie Duhamel, Liz Vigil** and **Rosemary Quinlan** is putting on "*Corsets and Cocktails*", a Cabaret review at the Portsmouth Gaslight Co. on April 6. They also did a Valentine's show at the Alpine Grove back in Feb. **Beth Fenske** is producing *The Laramie Project* for New Thalian Players in Manchester. It was anything but *Next to Normal* at the Acting Loft in Manchester when **Laura Prior** stepped into the show with only 2 hours of rehearsal. For the final weekend of the run she replaced the actress who broke her ankle. Wow! **Joel Iwaskiewicz**, also in the production, looked on with pride and joy. Laura is also performing a concert at Pinkerton Academy, "*Old Chestnuts: Songs You Know and Love*", along with friends **Katie Weiss, Lauren Friedman** and **Joel Iwaskiewicz**. Ex-Teen Actorsinger and Scholarship recipient, **Brittney-Lynne Stanley** had a bird's eye view of the Patriots at the Superbowl. She's been a Patriots cheerleader for the past 2 years while attending college. In April, Stagecoach productions will be mounting *Titanic*, directed by **Steve Harper** and **Judy Hayward**, with lots of Actorsingers in the show – **Rachel Cerullo** (who is pregnant and expecting sometime in the summer), **Jon Fisher, Bob Frasca, Lauren Friedman, Kathleen Goreham, Glen Grimard, Adam Harding, Don Higgins, Martha, Jed** and **Christopher Holland, Ben Pascucci, Tom Ritrovato** and **Don Smith-Weiss**. Whew! I'm dying to know how they're going to fit everyone in the cast...and the boat...on the stage at Court Street??!!

Spring is just around the corner! Remember to turn your clocks AHEAD this weekend in the wee hours of March 10.

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 9, 10, and 11 – Jr. Actorsingers – *Stuart Little***
- \* **March 24 - Spring Fling Post Holiday Party (March 22 RSVP deadline)**
- \* **May 1 – Deadline for Application for Actorsingers Scholarship**
- \* **May 4, 5, and 6- *CHICAGO***

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

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