

Actorsingers Newsletter



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*** Annual Meeting ***

Monday, June 13, 2011

Social 6:30 PM / Meeting 7 PM

Actorsingers Hall, 219 Lake St., Nashua, NH

The Actorsingers hold two business meetings a year, one in January and one in June. We encourage all members to attend these important meetings. This is *your* chance to be heard and express opinions on matters of relevance to the organization. We need to have as many members as possible attend in order to establish a quorum (25% of the *active* membership). This is so we can vote on issues brought to the floor as well as the Slate of Officers who will serve on the Board of Directors for 2011/2012. Our theatre group would not exist if it weren't for the dedicated volunteers who give of their time and energy. Please become one of them and plan on attending the meeting...and, of course, socializing! It is also at the Annual meeting that Awards, including Life Membership for distinguished service to the organization, and any Scholarships are presented. Come show your support on **Monday, June 13!** See you there.

Nominations for The Slate of Officers of The Board of Directors 2011/2012

Steve Pierpont – President

Paul Metzger – Vice President

Laura Prior - Corresponding Secretary

Amy Friedman - Recording Secretary

Glen Grimard - Treasurer

Alan Hunter – finishing 2nd year of term

Catherine Andruskevich – finishing 2nd year of term (for **Val P.**)

Rachel Cerullo – finishing 2nd year of **Ben Pascucci's** term

Cheri Birch – new 2 year term

David DuCharme – new 2 year term

Craig Brennan – new 2 year term

Thank you to the Nominating Committee chaired by **Lindsay Vago**. And to those who have finished serving on the Board: **Tina Cassidy, Lindsay Vago, and Cheryl Stocks**. The Actorsingers thank you for your time and dedication.

Voting will take place at the **Actorsingers Annual Meeting, June 13, 2011** - 219 Lake St., Nashua

Nominations to The Board can also be made from the floor for any position with the following stipulations: 1. Anyone who is nominated from the floor and not present at the Annual Meeting must submit a letter stating their willingness to accept a nomination. 2. Anyone nominated for President must have served on The Board within the past 10 years. 3. All who nominate and accept must be **voting** members: 2 consecutive years of paying dues and **active**...involved in one Actorsingers sanctioned function per year.

The Next **Regular Board Meeting** will be **Tuesday, June 7** at The Actorsingers Hall.

Next season!

2011/2012 season ... *The Sound of Music* and *Chicago*

Teen Summer Show 2011 *WORKING!*

August 5, 6 and 7

at the Janice B. Streeter Theater,
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Tickets: \$15 Adults/\$12 Students and Seniors

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Directed by **Kathy Lovering**

Choreographed by **Tina Cassidy**

Musical Direction by **Henry Kopczynskie**

Produced by **Evelyn Decker**

Stage Manager – **Mike Ryder**

Ass't SM's – **Bob Lovering** and **Rachel Cerullo**

Working is about the hopes, dreams, joys and concerns of average working class Americans – school teachers, firemen, millworkers, waitresses, truckers, housewives, etc.

Congratulations to the Cast: **Maggie St. Louis, Selena Miller, Anna Rausa, Spenser Hukill, Carolyn Marquis, Emma Benson, Adam Harding, Kristen Perdue, Jen Ryder, Melody Miller, Alyssa Jean, Paige Vallie, Amanda Arnoff, Hannah Benson, Sarah Wenrich, Thomas Mitsock, Beau Fisher, Amy St. Louis, Devon Labonte, and Rosemary Mulvey** with more to come to fill available roles.

Thank you to all involved in the recent Actorsingers production of *Guys and Dolls*. A true Classic! A Million Thank You's to all the backstage crew – costumers, props, lights, sets, running crew, tickets, etc. - who worked feverishly to make the show happen - Especially **Silvia, Dennis, Lou, Steve P., John M., Ricky, Steve H., Leo, Randi, Kerry, Dave M., Mike O., Joe W., Larry D., Bill W., Alan A., Dan P.** and all the wonderful helpers and Assistants. Without Backstage crew the show would not be possible. A special thanks to **Bob Frasca**, who stepped in to fill **Joe Iaquina's** role, after Joe unexpectedly passed away. The show was dedicated in his memory.

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 awarded almost \$4,000 in scholarship money. The scholarship recipient(s) will be announced at the Annual Meeting on June 13, along with all other award recipients and Life Member honors. Thank you to committee members **Stan Polan, Kerry Schneider, Cheryl Stocks, Craig Brennan, Steve Pierpont** and outsider, **Brenda P.**

Seeking Design Concepts - John McAllister is Seeking design concepts and ideas for decorating the renovated downstairs of The Actorsingers Hall. We have a lot of posters and memorabilia that needs to be placed in an eye appealing way. He is looking for ideas to arrange/decorate the Posters from past and future shows, How to display the rogues gallery of past presidents, and all the past, present and future awards the group has and will receive.

The concept for the wall is to have a chair rail to take the blows of moving chairs and tables, a mop board and crown molding to hide the edges of the sheet rock. There are some examples of faux wall decorations in the hall that might be possibilities for decorating below the chair rail, above the rail - who know? Suggestions? Contact John at John.McAllister@att.net

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The 2011 NHCTA Festival – Amy Friedman has tentatively agreed to Direct a piece for next fall's Annual NHCTA festival. More on this show soon.

Nashua Holiday Stroll – It's never too early to plan this program as a welcome to the holiday season. If interested, reply to secretary@actorsingers.org

Thank you to **Barb Amaral** and **Martha Holland** for hosting the **Spring Fling Social** which was an intimate group of people who dined at the Holland's house and enjoyed a lively Yankee Swap. From hostess Martha: "It was a blast! The food was great and the yankee swap was a hoot! One of our newest members, **Dustin Teuber**, got the highly sought after "number 1". There were 7 or 8 gifts that were traded many times. One of the most popular was the 'X-rated' bag. We also had clever gifts like a box decorated like dice containing gifts pertaining to Guys and Dolls. All in all, much laughter and fun was had by all. We were delighted to have some new members join us as well as some of our dearest veteran Actorsingers. We look forward to next year!"

Condolences

to **The Iaquinta Family** on **Joe Iaquinta's** death

to **Donna O'Bryant Metzger** on the death of her father, **Don O'Bryant**, long time Subscriber and Patron

In and About Town – **Noelle Bouquard** was Cosette in *Les Miz School edition* for Riverbend Youth theatre company in May. Back in April, **Glen Grimard** starred in *The Man Who Came to Dinner* for Nashua Theatre Guild. **Steve Pierpont** was the Stage Manager for New Thalian's *A New Brain* back in March and **Jed Holland** was the MD. **Dave Cote** stole the show dressed as a frog. Congratulations to **Beth Fenske** who is the new President of that group. Some talented Teen Actorsingers were in the NH All State Chorus – **Emma Benson, Noelee Bourquard, Lauren Weiner** and **Katrina Fisher**. StageCoach's *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* boasted many Actorsingers – **Bob Frasca, Rachel Cerullo, Alice Pascuccu, Lauren Friedman, Amy Agostino, Cheri Birch, Lindsay Vago, Catherine Andruskevich, and Sasha Kuftinec**. **Paul** and **Donna Metzger** directed and **Judy Hayward** was the MD with **Craig Brennan** doing Lights and **Steve Harper** as Stage Manager. Funny show! Also doing *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* down in MA for the Concord Players was **Craig Howard**. Good luck to **Allan Hunter** in his new job. Adieu to **Rebecca James (Redman)**, MD for our Jr. Actorsingers' *Anne of Green Gables* and former Jr. Actorsinger herself, who has moved to parts South to be with her Army husband. Both **Gail Ward** and **Caitlin Thistle** are working as extras in the film *Boom*. **Laura Prior** headed a review, *Vignettes of Life*, as a benefit for Habitat for Humanity recently that featured many Actorsinger members – **Lauren Friedman, Katie Weiss, Nathan Schwartzberg, Dan Nickerson** and **Joel Iwaskiewicz**. It was so well received that the troupe is continuing with this charitable endeavor. Catch them June 9 at the Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson, NH. Laura will also be doing *Cole* at the Capitol Center of the Arts in June. **Cheryl Stocks, Sasha Kuftinec** and her son, **Nathan Schwartzberg** are going to Ireland in July with the Manchester Choral Society. Congratulations to the Choral Society, celebrating it's 50th season. **Andrew** and **Rebecca Holland** were in Peacock's *Schoolhouse Rock*. **Ellie Risely (Morrill)** is the new Director of the Silver Lining Chorus at the Nashua Senior Center. **Adam Gray** had a ball doing *Suessical* for Peacock Players. **Louisa Amaral** was in The Palace Youth Theatre's *101 Dalmations* and *High School Musical 2* and will be in their upcoming *Night of 1,000 stars*. Congratulations to new Grandparents **Dennis** and **Kerry Schneider** whose daughter, Lauren (former Actorsinger), gave birth to a baby girl in March. Also, congratulations to **Meredith Lustig**, ex Jr. Actorsinger (pasta shows) who made her professional operatic debut with The New York City Opera in April and Congratulations to ex-member **Garret Hawe** who is hoofing it up in *Mary Poppins* on Broadway! Heard from ex-member **Pam Gilpatrick Green** who moved away years ago. Her son, Tim (ex Jr. Actorsinger), is thriving at the University of Delaware. Kudos to **Gale Taylor** of Merrimack, who spent a week in Alabama volunteering with The Red Cross to help residents recover from the horrific tornadoes. Now *that's* volunteering!

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!!

- * **June 7 – Board Meeting**
- * **June 13 – Annual Meeting**
- * **August 5, 6 and 7 – Teen Actorsingers - *WORKING***

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