

Actorsingers Newsletter



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*** Annual Meeting ***

Monday, June 11, 2012

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 2012/2013. 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 Scholarships and Life Membership for distinguished service to the organization, are presented. Come show your support on **Monday, June 11!** See you there.

Nominations for The Slate of Officers of The Board of Directors 2012/2013 *

* There will be a vote taken for Recording Secretary and new 2 Year Term Directors

Donna O'Bryant Metzger - President
Martha Daniels Holland - Vice President
Laura Prior - Corresponding Secretary
Recording Secretary - * a vote is needed
(Jenn, Crystal, Catherine)
Cheryl Stocks - Treasurer
Steve Pierpont - President ex-officio

Craig Brennan - finishing 2nd year of term
Cheri Birch - finishing 2nd year of term
Bev Frasca - finishing 2nd year of term (for **David Ducharme**)
Tom Ritrovato - new 2 year term
***Jenn Morton** - new 2 year term
***Crystal Lewis** - new 2 year term
***Catherine Andruskevich** - new 2 year term

Thank you to the Nominating Committee chaired by **Amy Friedman**. To those who have finished serving on the Board: **Steve Pierpont, Paul Metzger, Amy Friedman, Glen Grimard, Rachel Cerullo, David Ducharme, CZA** and **Alan Hunter** - The Actorsingers thank you for your time and dedication. ... and patience!!!!

Voting will take place at the **Actorsingers Annual Meeting, June 11, 2012** - 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 5** at The Actorsingers Hall.

Teen Summer Show 2012 – *GREASE!*

July 20, 21 and 22

at the Janice B. Streeter Theater,
14 Court St., Nashua

Tickets: \$15 Adults/\$12 Students and Seniors
Available Online @ www.actorsingers.org
At the Actorsingers Hall (Sunday evenings)
Or call (603) 320-1870 for information



Directed by **Brad Fernald** (mentored by **Kathy Lovering**)
Choreographed by **Brittney-Lynne Stanley** (mentored by **Tina Cassidy**)
Musical Direction by **Amy St. Louis** (mentored by **Jed Holland**)
Produced by **Evelyn Decker**
Stage Managers – **Kathy & Bob Lovering**

Congratulations to the Cast:

Danny: **Nick Page**
Sandy: **Amber Cosette**
Rizzo: **Sarah Wenrich**
Frenchy: **Braley Degenhardt**
Marty: **Natasha Rodriguez**
Jan: **Katie Masson**
Kenickie: **Nate Healey**
Doody: **Adam Harding**
Roger: **Brian Stangle**
Sonny: **Justin Page**
Patty: **Jennifer Ryder**
Cha-Cha: **Anna Rausa**
Eugene: **Alexander Hebert**
Vince Fontaine: **Brandon Feliciano**
Johnny Casino: **Mike Bolduc**
Teen Angel: **Ethan Kraus**
Miss Lynch: **Maggie St. Louis**

ENSEMBLE: **Hannah Benson**
Mike Derryberry
Sean Fitzgerald
Jordan Friedman
Andrew Holland
Becca Holland
Alyssa Jean
Tom Lessard
Nick Masson
Marc McClure
Kristin Perdue
Samantha Weis

"Its Raining on Prom Night" Soloists: **Samantha Weis & Alyssa Jean**

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 11, along with all other award recipients and Life Member honors. Thank you to committee members **Chuck Emmons, Kerry Schneider, Glen Grimard, Cheri Birch, Steve Pierpont** and outsider, **Brenda Poznanski**.

The 2012 New Hampshire Community Theater Association Festival

Love, Loss and What I Wore (* rights are pending)

Amy Friedman will Direct *Love, Loss and What I Wore* by Nora and Delia Ephron – the writers of *When Harry Met Sally*, *Sleepless in Seattle* and *You've Got Mail*. The play just completed a successful Off Broadway run. **Tentative Auditions are Monday, July 10 from 7 – 8:30 pm** at Actorsingers Hall. The NHCTA Festival will be Sept. 21-23 at the Amato Center in Milford. Needed are 5 women. Contact Amy at AmyFriedman1@yahoo.com for further information (or if you can't make the audition date). In addition to the Festival in September, plans are to also mount the production on Sept. 29 at Studio 99 in Nashua as a fundraiser for The Actorsingers Scholarship fund.

Thank you to all involved in the recent Actorsingers production of *CHICAGO*. A polished gem! A Million Thank You's to newcomers **William McGregor, Kellie Haigh, and Andrea Stasio** and all the backstage crew – costumers, props, lights, sets, running crew, tickets, etc. - who worked from day one to make the show happen - Especially **Evelynn Decker, CZA, Glen Grimard, Judy Hayward, John McAllister, Dennis Schneider, Craig Brennan, Leo Choquette, Cherie Prior, Kerry Schneider, Mike O'Keefe, Joe Reilly, Larry Doiron, Bill Wenrich, and Chris Wenrich** - and all the wonderful helpers and assistants. Without Backstage crew and staff the show would not be possible. A special thanks to **Mike Ryder** for plastering the *Chicago* Lawn signs all over town on the final week of rehearsal. And big Cheers to **Katie Proulx**, who stepped into the cast during tech week and did a great job onstage!

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Nashua Holiday Stroll – It's never too early to plan this program as a welcome to the holiday season. Actor-singers is looking for someone to Direct. If anyone would like to organize a group of Actorsingers to participate in this year's Nashua Holiday Stroll, please contact Pam Bruckman, at schwartlaw@comcast.net

Thank you to **Barb Amaral** and **Martha Holland** for hosting the **Spring Fling Social** back in March. This was the first event to use the new kitchen facilities at the hall and the intimate group enjoyed a great pot luck dinner and lively Yankee Swap. From hostess Martha: "It was a blast! The food was great and the Yankee Swap was a hoot!" **Kathy LeClair**, attending the Fling for the first time, got the highly sought after "Number 1". All in all, much laughter and fun was had by all. If you missed it this year, maybe you could join us next year! A totally social, fun event.



THE 2012/2013 SEASON!

Annie (November 2012)

Directed by **Dana Siegal, Donna Tongue** and **Alice Pascucci**

and *Curtains* (May 2013)



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Condolences to Life Member **Stan Polan**, on the death of his Sister.
Condolences to **Jon, Cindy** and **Katrina Fisher** on the death of Cindy's Father.

Come down to Actorsingers Hall and see all the MAJOR changes!!!! Thank you to Vice President in charge of the building, **Paul Metzger**, and his wonderful band of workers who have been selflessly volunteering hours upon hours to complete the renovations to the hall. In the past month **John McAllister** and **Bob Lovering** have organized painting parties and the almost finished product looks fabulous!!! Thank you to painters **Jed** and **Martha Holland**, **Rebecca Holland**, **Michael Holland**, **Glen Grimard**, **Evelynn Decker**, **Catherine Andruskevich**, **Bill Wenrich**, **Chuck Emmons**, **Kerry Schneider**, **Tom Ritrovato**, and **Donna O'Bryant Metzger**.

In and About Town – Apologies to **Jenn Morton** for inadvertently omitting her name as Co-Producer for *Stuart Little* in the last Ovation. Also omitted from the Ovation last month were **Josh Friedman** and **Andrew Holland**, who were both in Stage Coach's *Titanic*. **Lauren Friedman** and **Marc Murai** were in *A Series of Unfortunate Entertainments* from Not Your Mom's Musical Theater. **Pat Lawrence** sang rockin' A Cappella with Custom Blend and Ball in the House as a fundraiser for Lazarus House back in March and was in *Crossing Brooklyn* for the Harvard Community Theater in April. In Nashua High School North's *High School Musical*, **Katrina Fisher** played Gabrielle. She also just did the Palace Teen Company's *Legally Blonde*, with **Daniel Schwartzberg** who was also in the adult version of the show at the Palace as well. New Thalian's *Laramie Project* boasted **Anne Orio** and **Michael Coppola** and was produced by Life Member, **Beth Fenske**. **Judy Hayward** led the Stage Coach Women's Chorus in a concert at Nashua Community College recently. **Glen Grimard**, **Alan Hunter** and **Ashley St. Martin** were in Acting Loft's *Side by Side by Sondheim*. New Member, **Mike Wood** will be directing Milford Area Players *Shakespeare in Hollywood* in July. **Suellen Davidson** was a featured soloist with the Hollis Town Band at their annual Pops concert in March. **Paul Metzger** was in Nashua Theater Guild's *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*. Stage Coach's production of the original play, *Lazarus*, featured **Michelle Bossie** and **Marc Murai**. We're glad to hear that **Kelly Frasca** is feeling much better after having her appendix removed at Mass General Hospital back in March. Also good to see **Ellie Risley** back on her feet after a mild stroke a few months ago. **Maureen Booth** is rocking with her Band, *Engine Judy*, playing the Bass. **Joel Iwaskiewicz** was the Producer and **Laura Prior** the Musical Director and Choreographer for Nashua High School South's *All Shook Up* which featured **Anna Rausa**. Congratulations to **Donna O'Bryant Metzger** who is hosting a new Radio show, *Overtures and Encores*, featuring music from Broadway and Movie Themes on 94.7 FM. Enjoy your new home, **Kathy LeClair**...and yours too, **Don Smith-Weiss**! **Nathan Schwartzberg** recently was Gaston in The Peacock Players *Beauty and the Beast*. Congratulations to Life Member **Sue Koczarski** who became a Grandmother in May. Her son, **Shawn** – who played young Patrick in the Actorsingers production of *Mame*, back in 1990 – is the new father. **Colin Bradbury**, (son of **Mike**), who was in our shows, *Brigadoon* and *A Chorus Line*, just finished dancing up a storm in a show in New York and is headed to LA this fall where he'll be in *The Book of Mormon*! Ex-member **Garrett Hawe**, also in our production of *A Chorus Line*, is in *Newsies* on Broadway! And we knew them both when. Congratulations to **Katie Proulx** on her engagement to **Joel Mercier**. Mazel Tov to the **Gorelick** Family in celebration of **Ben's** Bar Mitzvah. Good luck to **Rick Brooks** on starting a new local theater company, Genesys Theater. So nice to see an old Musical Director of many of our past shows, **Steve Norris**, honored with a "Nashua's own Music Man" bronze statue at Nashua High School South, where he taught for many years.

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 5 – Board Meeting**
- * **June 11 – Annual Meeting**
- * **June 25 – Silver Knights Baseball Performance by *Grease* Teens**
- * **July 10 – Tentative Audition Date for NHCTA show,
*Love, Loss and What I Wore***
- * **July 20, 21, and 22 – Teen Actorsingers – *GREASE* (Youth version)**

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