

Actorsingers Newsletter

OVATION

October/November 2008 Issue

Editor: Kerry Schneider

SEUSSICAL, The Musical

Directed by:

Marc Murai, Martha Daniels Holland and Judy Hayward

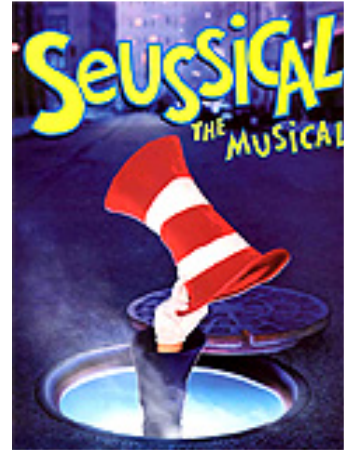
Friday, November 7 – 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 8 2:00 pm Matinee *and* 8:00 pm

Sunday, November 9 - 2:00 pm matinee

Tickets: online at www.actorsingers.org

or call **(603) 320 -1870**



Reserved seats at the Keefe Auditorium
Elm St. Middle School, 117 Elm St., Nashua

\$18 Adults / \$15 Seniors and Students
Season Subscriptions - only \$24!
Group Rates Available

The Cast:

Horton	Zach Bencal
Cat in the Hat	Rachel Cerullo
JoJo	Thomas Mitsock
Gertrude	Renee Lawrence
Mayzie	Elizabeth Armano
Bird Girls	Chelsea DeLacy
	Mollie Hayward
	Rachel Idhe
Schmitz	Bob Frasca
Sour Kangaroo	Emily Pipilas
Young Kangaroo	Samantha Migneault
Wickershams	Alyssa Dumas
	Eric Bethiume
	Kenny Gray
	Mark Lawrence
	Ben Levine
Thing 1	Trisha Mahoney
Thing 2	Emma Benson
Cindy Lou Hoo	Grace Conard
Mayor	Dave Fordyce
Mayor's Wife	Cindy Fisher
Yertle the Turtle	Christopher Cohen
Vlad Vladikoff	Jason Standley
Grinch	Jon Fisher

The Whos:	Christopher Cohen
	Danielle Demanche
	Carol Gorelick
	Ben Iuliano
	Anita Kelly
	Alice Pascucci
	Tom Ritrovato
	Bob Sears
	Jason Standley
	Caitlin Thistle

Who	Sam Cohen
Children:	Angela Demanche
	Ben Gorelick
	Erin Harper
	Samantha Harper
	Rebecca Holland
	Emma Joanis
	Stephen Koehler
	Sarah Scott

Jungle Creatures:

Molly Bruckman
Tina Cassidy
Bailie Delacy
Dana Dixon
Katrina Fisher
Andrew Holland
Christina Kent
Rachel Koehler
Crystal Lewis
Melody Miller
Katie Poulin
Jen Sassak
Leah Schwartz

Producer: **Val Levesque** Stage Manager: **Steve Pierpont**
Assistant Stage Manager: **Beth Schwartz**
Set Design & Master Carpenter: **John McAllister**
Technical Director: **Dennis Schneider**

Thank you to The Auditioning Board for *SEUSSICAL* – Directors **Marc, Martha and Judy, Keith Weirich, Val Levesque, and Beth Fenske**. Kudos to pianist **John Carey** and the dance coaching by **Val Psoinos**. Thanks also to **Dave Ducharme, Kim Spaziani, Tina Crawford, Pam Bruckman, MaryEllen Stafford and Dave Kasok** for helping with all the clerical duties of the audition.

The Holiday Stroll – Saturday, November 29

The Actorsingers are still seeking teen participants for Nashua's **Annual Holiday Stroll** on Saturday evening, November 29. **Emily Ellett** is the Musical Director this year, with **Jen Sassak** as the Choreographer. The Holiday Stroll is attended by thousands of people and gets everyone in the holiday spirit. Last year, over 50 groups performed at various venues throughout the city, bringing smiles to all. Be a part of it and represent our theatre organization. Contact Secretary@Actorsingers.org or call Beth Schwartz (603) 886-1579 ASAP! Rehearsals are underway.

**** MEMBERSHIP ****

If there is an asterisk * next to your name on the address label of this newsletter, you HAVE NOT paid your membership dues for this year

Fill in the enclosed form and mail your dues today! Only Members will get future **Ovation** newsletters. Be a proud member of the oldest (and we think finest!) Community Theater group in Southern New Hampshire. **After 15 years of Active Membership you are eligible for Life Membership in the organization.**

Actorsingers 2008/2009 Membership Form

We invite you to become an Actorsingers Member!

Membership benefits include: Performing in our productions; attending social functions; discounts on various performances; receiving mailings of our newsletter - **The Ovation** - chock full of information on upcoming shows, auditions, who's performing where, what's happening within the group, information on the children's show in the winter and how to get tickets.

Adult Active Members also have certain voting rights on issues pertaining to the group and are invited to the Semi-Annual (January) and Annual (June) meetings.

Membership in the Actorsingers is a prerequisite for appearing onstage in any production

Dues: **\$10.00** Individual / **\$15.00** Family Membership - (Includes all adults/children at the same address)

*** Children performing in a Jr. Actorsingers show must join under Family Memberships**

Dues for this season (2008/2009) are good until the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2009.

Name _____ \$10.00 _____ \$15.00 _____

Names (**other than yourself**) (and ages of children) under Family Memberships - (\$15)

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

Make checks to Actorsingers and Mail to: Kerry Schneider, 32 Clearview Dr., Nashua, NH 03062

VITAL SIGNS

The Actorsingers Entry in the recent 2008 NH Community Theatre Association Festival, *Vital Signs*, won 2nd place in the Competition and will advance to the NE Regional Competition in March in MA. Cast member **Cheryl Stocks** was given an award for Outstanding Achievement in Acting. The entire cast was complimented by the judges. Congratulations to Director **Amy Friedman**, and the cast - **Erica Newhall, Gina Carballo, Pat Lawrence, Cheryl Stocks, Betty Thomson, Jackie McDonald, Sasha Kuffinec, Holly Countie, Traci Flaherty, Melissa Groff** and **Eric Skoglund** as the “Man Prop” and to Stage Manager **Molly Bruckman** and Lighting Chief, **Craig Brennan**. Congratulations to The Nashua Theatre Guild who won the Competition with their piece “*Dinner With Friends*”.

ONCE ON THIS ISLAND

Congratulations to a very talented cast who undertook this difficult production and managed to present a wonderful summer teen show! Thank you to the entire cast and crew and parents! for suffering through this past summer’s horrible weather to put on an absolutely fabulous show! Hats off to everyone involved in the production!

The Board is trying to start a new committee – **The Teen Musical Selection Committee** – and needs volunteers. They are looking for 3 Teens and 3 Adults willing to do some playreading and make proposals for the Teen program. Contact secretary@actorsingers.org if you are interested.

Condolences to: The Grilli Family on the recent death of Tom’s Mom.

SEARCHING FOR DIRECTORS for the **Jr. Actorsingers show** to be presented at the Court Street Theatre, March 13-15, 2009. If you have an idea for a show that would be appropriate for 8-12 year olds, preferably more “unknown” than the recent school versions of adult shows the Jr’s have been doing, contact secretary@actorsingers.org or silva.p@msn.com (Pat Silva). The Board has many catalogues for suggestions. This project is always a creative challenge and the families appreciate the whole process!

Can you say **KARAOKE!!!** – Saturday, December 13

Keep Saturday night, December 13 open for a fun night of *Karaoke* beginning at 7:00 pm at Actorsingers Hall. Everyone is welcome. This is a totally social evening. Bring a potluck appetizer to share and BYOB. RSVP to Glen Grimard at Grim856@aol.com or call (978) 204-2678. We just need a count to confirm the event. Sounds like fun!

Thanks to: Kathy Goreham, who writes the Thank You notes to all the Scholarship Fund contributors.

Remember, we are a volunteer organization and rely on our wonderful members to keep The Actorsingers viable, current and alive. Without your help we could not survive. Volunteer to serve on a committee, crew backstage, help with concessions, sew a costume...whatever...we need you! Whether you can give one hour or 100, your services are appreciated. The bonds that form doing shows are deep and the rewards are satisfying. Volunteer today!

Thank you to the Individual Cast Members from *Seussical* who volunteered to help at both the Pancake Breakfast on October 18 and The Nashua Public Library’s “Seussical Story Hour” on October 25, where they read Dr. Seuss stories to the children.

The Producers

I know our heads are in *Seussical* right now, but **Kathy Lovering**, the Director of *The Producers*, just wants to give a heads up – **Info nite** will be **Jan. 26** with **Auditions Feb. 7 and 8**. Make a note of the dates now.

Benefit of being an Actorsingers Member – Discounted tickets!!!

***** ACTORSINGERS MEMBERS ONLY *****

**can purchase tickets or Gift Vouchers to THE PRODUCERS *now*
at \$15.00 per ticket for Adults and \$12.00 for Students and Seniors!**

(a savings of \$3 off the regular ticket prices...no other discounts apply)

This offer is good **ONLY** until December 31, 2008 and **MUST** be done by calling Kerry Schneider (603) 888-2837. There is **no limit** on the amount of tickets you can buy at this price, but hurry – offer will expire on December 31!

***** Ticket Gift Vouchers *****

A Great Gift Idea for the Holidays!

**Choose tickets to The Producers
or a Subscription to our 2009/2010 Season!**

We will mail a special voucher that can be redeemed for any performance of The Producers or any Subscription pkg. (reserved seats based on availability). Call Kerry Schneider (603) 888-2837 for details

The 2009-2010 Tentative Season

The newly named “Musical Selection Committee” (formerly the Playreading committee) hosted an open house in October to present and discuss the 10 plays being considered for next season. Members offered their input to the committee regarding the play selection and voted for their top choices. The tentative 2009/2010 Season will be *Anything Goes* in the Fall and *Children of Eden* in the Spring, with *Sweet Charity* as the back up for either.* Thank you to the committee – **Glen Grimard, Deb Walz, Tom Ritrovato, Shawna O’Brien, Chuck Emmons** and **Beth Schwartz** for an entertaining and informative evening. New members are needed for next year’s playreading committee. Anyone interested in serving and/or suggesting plays should contact Glen Grimard Grim856@aol or email secretary@actorsingers.org

* (A Note from Musical Selection Committee Chairman Glen Grimard...”How does a mainstage show go from being the desired choice one year to being the alternate in the next? To some degree it is what is "right" for the organization at the time, combined with the popularity of a selection. *Sweet Charity* didn't have the popular vote that it had last year"...before it was changed to *The Producers* due to unexpected issues and when rights became available.

No Green Eggs and Ham!

Thank you to **Silvia Harper** for organizing the recent successful **Pancake Breakfast** held at Applebees’ restaurant to support The Actorsingers Scholarship Fund. Over 60 people attended and were served by costumed characters from our current production of *Seussical*.

If anyone would like to buy an **Actorsingers Mug** contact Kerry Schneider (603) 888-2837. These are really nice black coffee mugs with gold lettering – Only \$6 each!

A Few Thank you's... to **Debbie** and **Steve Grass** who helped **Kerry Schneider** fold, label and stuff over 3000 brochures promoting The Actorsingers season that were sent to our non member list. A shout out to **Silvia Harper** who also helped label and is doing a great job, wearing many hats behind the scenes, for *Seussical*.

In and About Town – **Jon Fisher** recently lent his makeup expertise to a workshop “How to Look Horrible” at the Nashua Library, just in time for Halloween. **MaryEllen Stafford**, **Allan Hunter** and **Keith Weirich** are starring in Stagecoach’s *Sweeney Todd*. **Gail Angellis** was featured in *FIGHT!! Episode V: Return of the Jed-Pie* at the New England Fringe Festival. **Steve Harper** was the Assistant Director for Bedford Off Broadway’s *Seascape*, starring **Cheri Birch** (as a lizard!) and **Judi Mitchell**. **Mark Ferman** directed new members **Erica Newhall** and **Gina Carballo** (*Vital Signs*) in M & M’s *The Odd Couple*. Gina will also be in *All My Sons* for the Milford Area Players. Good luck to **Brett Mallard** who recently made a career change and is now the manager of Good Times Smoke Shop in Nashua. **Kyle Goleman** was in Peacock Player’s *The Laramie Project*. Back in the summer, **Ben Levine** was selected to participate in the Economics for Leaders program at Cornell University and was one of only 32 students in the country who was honored with acceptance into the Foundation for Teaching Economics Leaders program. Not bad for a guy who played a fool in our production of *Beauty and the Beast*. **Jen Sassak** is a finalist for the Miss NH USA pageant. Good luck from all of us! **Mike Bradbury**’s son, **Colin**, is in the National Tour of *A Chorus Line* and recently performed at the Opera House here in Boston. **Ben Pascucci** is in *Sweet Charity* with the Colonial Chorus Players. **Catherine Andruskevich**’s son, **Carl Andress** directed **Charles Busch** in *The Third Story* at the La Jolla Playhouse in California. Wow! Mean old Aunt Reed was played by **Pat Lawrence** in Theatre Three’s *Jane Eyre*. Pat will also be going to the Regional Competetion with *The Mistress Cycle* for Harvard Community Theatre in MA (and will be going to the Regionals for The Actorsingers’ *Vital Signs* as well!). Young **Emma Joanis** was Molly in Stoneham Theatre’s production of *Annie* in MA. Music and Drama Youth Company featured **Brad Fernald** in their production of *Beauty and the Beast* this past summer. Congratulations to **Mike O’Keefe** (Jr.) for placing 5th in the International Thespian Festival Competition of technical theater skills held in Nebraska this past summer. Congratulations also to **Tommi Hall** and **Barbara Lawler** on becoming Grandparents – Barbara for the first time and Tommi again last Feb. Congrats also to new member **Anita Kelly** on her son’s recent marriage. And, speaking of marriage, a great big **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Cat in the Hat herself - **Rachel Cerillo Romano** - on her very recent wedding! We all wish you the best. **Greg Tarsa**, who lives in North Carolina now, was visiting in the area and got a chance to hear **Josh Friedman** play Irish music with his band, *Aidan’s Clan* in Billerica this past week. **Daniel Schwartzberg** and **Arielle Rawding** were accepted into the Palace Theater’s Teen Company and will be part of the show, *The Wedding Singer*, featuring **Kerry Schneider**, who just finished an extended run of *High School Musical* at The Ogunquit Playhouse in Maine and was in **Fiddler on the Roof** there with Sally Struthers. Ex-member, **Brian Waldron** (*Jesus Christ Superstar*) is now a Contemporary Christian music artist and recently sang at the The Palace Theatre after being named NH Idol in 2007. A speedy recovery to **Cindy Fisher** who took the phrase “break a leg” a bit too far and broke her wrist during auditions for *Seussical*...but she made it into the cast –Ha Ha! Got a nice note from **Pat Gage**, who now lives in North Conway, NH. She says she still misses The Actorsingers – “Been up here 2 years and there is no Community theatre like you!”. She recently did the show *Lil Abner* with Arts in Motion, “but nothing compares...” Nice to know the impact The Actorsingers has on our lives.

Until next time... news? Contact Kerry ActingKer@aol.com

The Actorsingers are trying to “GO GREEN” as much as they can, so we are going to be E-mailing issues of **The Ovation** to Current Members from now on. The issues will look a bit more formal than before due to the lack of pasted artwork, but the news will reach you in a more timely manner, and The Actorsingers will save a few trees and a few pennies.

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via regular mail, E-mail Editor Kerry Schneider at ActingKer@aol.com or call (603) 888-2837 and I will happily mail you a hard copy. If I don’t have your E-mail address in our database you will automatically receive a hard copy.

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ACTORSINGERS Important Dates

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Tickets: (603) 320-1870

November 29 – Holiday Stroll – Downtown Nashua

December 13 – Karaoke Night! – Actorsingers Hall – 7 pm

Jan 26, 2009 – Info Nite – The Producers

February 7 and 8, 2009 – Auditions – The Producers

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