

Actorsingers Newsletter

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Editor: Kerry Schneider

Anything Goes

Friday, November 13 – 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 14 8:00 pm

Sunday, November 15 - 2:00 pm matinee

Tickets: Buy 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 Group Rates available



Directed by: **Dana Bissett-Siegal, Jed Holland and Martha Holland**

Producer: **Beth Fenske** Stage Manager: **Steve Pierpont** Set Design and Master Carpenter: **John McAllister**

The Cast: Hope Harcourt:	Laura Prior	Angels:	Cheri Birch
Billy Crocker:	Ron Bourque		Val Psoinos
Moonface:	Erik Duchesne		Kathleen Goreham
Bonnie:	Renee Lawrence		Diane Hanscom
Sir Evelyn Oakley:	Ed Siegal	Elisha Whitney:	Rand Sutton
Reno Sweeney:	Sandra Vitti	Bishop Dobson:	Dan Pelletier
Mrs. Harcourt:	Joan Storey	Captain:	Ben Pascucci

The Fabulous Ensemble:

Amy Agostino	Ashley Iannaco	Mike Ryder
Catherine Andruskevich	Anita Kelly	Jen Sassak
Mike Bradbury	Lizzie Krahenbuhl	Ashley Smith
Michele Bossie	Kathy LeClair	Don Smith-Weiss
Tina Cassidy	Tim Lord	Kimberly Stanizzi
Jerry Castaldo	Bill Mauser	Andrew Swansburg
Tony Clements	Brian Mehlman	Danielle Tuck
Mark Coutu	Dan Murphy	Eric Vieira
Joan Covino	Donna O'Bryant-Metzger	Gail Ward
Cristano Guadiz	Kathleen Palmer	Sue Weiss
Lisa Estrella	Alice Pascucci	Elyse Williams
Kristine Howard	Taylor Peterson	Jim Woolsey
	Ken Ryder	

Thanks to The Auditioning Board for this show: The 3 Directors, **Beth Fenske, Steve Pierpont, Craig Brennan and Don Smith-Weiss**

Awards and Honors Presented at the ANNUAL MEETING June 2009

Over \$3,000 was awarded to six **Actorsingers Scholarship** recipients in Memory of **Penny Tamulonis**. Congratulations to **Molly Bruckman, Ben Levine, Laura Franzini, Lannea Ritrovato, Brittney-Lynne Stanley and Ryan Warren**. The Actorsingers are proud of you and your achievements and wish you continued success in college.

Thank you to the Selection Committee: **Craig Neth, Stan Polan, Glen Grimard, Kerry Schneider, Cheryl Stocks and Brenda Poznanski**. The Scholarships are awarded to High School Seniors who apply in the spring.

This year's **Wall of Fame Award** was given posthumously to **Penny Tamulonis** for her 50+ years (!) of continued effort on behalf of The Actorsingers. Penny was in charge of our costume department, in addition to being a Life Member and former President of the organization.

Silvia Harper was the recipient of **The Unsung Hero Award**. This past season, in addition to working on publicity, she was the Producer of **The Producers**, and Co-Produced **High School Musical**, the Jr. Actorsingers winter show.

The **Presidents Award** was given to **Glen Grimard** for his determination and participation as Treasurer.

Chuck Emmons and **Brian Mehlman** became Life Members – 15 years of continuous service to the Actorsingers!

The Board of Directors 2009/2010

President **Craig Neth**
Vice President **Mike Bradbury**
Corresponding Secretary **Tina Cassidy**
Recording Secretary **Lindsay Vago**
Treasurer **Cheryl Stocks**

Directors (new 2 year term):
Kathleen LeClair
Craig Brennan
Amy Friedman
Directors (1 year remaining):
Donna O'Bryant-Metzger
Silvia Harper
David Fordyce

Thank you to **Pam Bruckman, Pat Silva, Val Levesque** and **Deb Walz** who have completed their terms. We thank you for your service on the Board and hope you continue to support The Actorsingers.

Thank you to VP **Mike Bradbury** and those Actorsingers (**Tom Ritrovato, John McAllister**, etc.) who have: Fixed the "Red Door" (now gray); Installed Sensor lights in the bathrooms; Replaced the kitchen sink; Fixed the outlets in the rehearsal rooms; Cleaned out rooms to make more space, and Replaced the seal on the garage door. The Board is also looking at possibly installing a keyless entry to the shop and replacing the fridge and stove in the kitchen. We still have a problem with leaking water and are trying all sorts of things to fix this ongoing situation.

**** **MEMBERSHIP** ****

Dues for this fiscal year (July 1 - June 30, 2010) are due!!

Only those who paid after June 30 are considered members for this year.

Mail checks - \$10 (Individual) or \$15 (Family – all at one address) to:
The Actorsingers, c/o Kerry Schneider, 32 Clearview Dr., Nashua, NH 03062.

Be a proud member of the oldest (and we think finest!) Community Theater group in Southern New Hampshire

Until October 31, all paid members get discount tickets to Anything Goes. Call (603) 320-1870 for details

SWING



What a wonderful summer teen show this was – full of energy and excitement! Thank you to the entire cast and crew and parents! for suffering through the dismal rain of this past summer to put on an absolutely fabulous show! Hats off to everyone involved in the production - From Directors **Tim Stanley, Theo Martinez** and **Henry Kopzynskie** with help from Producer, **Tom Ritrovato**, and Ass't Director and Stage Manager, **Deb Ritrovato**, to the cast - **John Barsoian, Trina Cardamone, Bailie de Lacy, Brad Fernald, Laura Franzini, Adam Harding, Andy Harris, Joe Harris, Mark Lawrence, Lanéa Ritrovato, Natasha Rodriguez, Daniel Schwartzberg, Kimberly Stanizzi, Brittney-Lynne Stanley, Tyler Stanley, Rebecca Tarr, Ryan Warren, and Sarah Wenrich.**



A Grand Night For Singing

Boy, were we busy this summer! The Teen Actorsingers did 2 shows with 2 very different styles. This graceful revue of Rodgers and Hammerstein classics deserves a big Thank you to **Glen Grimard, Deb Walz, Heather MacRobie** and **Jen Ryder** for Directing, **Kathy Lovering** for Stage Managing, and all the parents who helped put together this lovely evening of song featuring **Amanda Arnoff, Emma Benson, Noelle Bourquard, Nicole Brault, Molly Bruckman, Chantel Choiniere, Braley Degenhardt, Danielle Demanche, Taylor Deschenes, Catherine Franzeze, Jordan Friedman, Molly Glynn, Melanie Grosvenor, Grant Hodgkins, Christina Kelly, Gabriel Keyl, Kat Mail, Miranda Mail, Nicholas Masson, Thomas Mitsock, Elizabeth Noyes, Daniel Orcutt, Tom Quinlan, Jennifer Ryder, Rachel Scaer, Christian Seasholtz, Laura Spence, Paige Vallie, Alyssa Vautier, Connor Vigeant, and Ariel Weithman.** Thank you also to The Auditioning Board: **Glen, Deb, Kathy, Chuck Emmons, Sally Landis, Rachel Cerullo, Dave Fordyce** and **Pam Bruckman** with help from **Evelyn Decker, Mike Ryder, Nancy Bruckman** and **David Ducharme.**

Check please

In addition to the Teen shows this summer, **Amy Friedman** was busy directing this very funny entry in the New Hampshire Community Theatre Festival. *Check please* featured **Eric Skoglund, Cheri Birch, Joe Vago** and **Rachel Cerullo** with backstage help from Stage Manager, **Cheryl Stocks** and Lighting Designer, **Craig Brennan** and crew **Emily** and **Mayer**. The show took many awards at the festival – Best Stage Crew, Best Costumes (**Val Verge**), Best Actor (**Eric Skoglund**), Best Actress (**Rachel Cerullo**), Best Director (**Amy Friedman**) and Best Production. Wow! Congratulations to all.

Holiday Stroll – November 28

Join The Actorsingers at the Unitarian-Universalist Church on Lowell St. from 5:45-6:45 at this wonderful family event on Saturday, November 28 in downtown Nashua. The Stroll is attended by thousands and gets everyone in the holiday spirit. Last year, over 50 groups performed at various venues throughout the city, bringing smiles to all. Come and support all the live performers and enjoy this festive FREE event. Thank you **Glen Grimard** for directing.

Save \$\$\$\$\$ - There is still time to **become a Subscriber** and see both Shows - **Save \$\$\$\$\$**
Anything Goes and *Sweet Charity* – only \$24. Call (603) 320-1870 for details

We still have 4 beautiful **Actorsingers Mugs** for sale - \$6. They're black with gold trim. Very classy.

The New Hampshire Theatre Awards – Friday, Feb. 5, 2010 at The Palace Theater, Manchester, NH. **Amy Friedman** is organizing the Actorsingers group sale for this event which brings hundreds of fellow thespians and technical wizards together to celebrate achievements in theater throughout New Hampshire. Group ticket price: \$27.50. Contact Amy at AmyFriedman1@yahoo.com or call (603) 888-2236. Our shows *The Producers* and *Anything Goes* will be in the running for awards.

The Board is **SEARCHING FOR DIRECTORS** for the **Jr. Actorsingers show** to be presented at the Court Street Theatre on March 21-28, 2010. If you have an idea for a show that would be appropriate for 8-12 year olds, please respond to secretary@actorsingers.org This project is always a creative challenge!

Actorsingers is **seeking volunteer adjudicators** for the 2010 calendar year New Hampshire Theater Awards. All adjudicators must receive annual training from the New Hampshire Theater Awards committee, offering instruction on how to critically evaluate plays. Adjudicators generally watch and prepare evaluations on 5-6 plays in New Hampshire in a year. Adjudicators attend the plays they are reviewing for free. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please email secretary@actorsingers.org

Thank you to **Martha Daniels Holland** for offering the Tap Workshops before the *Anything Goes* Auditions

In and About Town – This summer featured lots of Actorsingers doing lots of shows! **Stuart Harmon** (*The Producers*) and **Elizabeth Armano** (*Suessical*) were in *Baby* at The Palace. Speaking of *Baby*, Congratulations to **Joe** and **Lindsay Vago** who are expecting their third child in January. All 3 **Schwartzberg** boys - **Daniel**, **Nathaniel** and **Jakov** - were in Peacock Players *Joseph*. StageCoach Productions boasted **Bob Frasca** in *The Mousetrap*. Good luck to this group in their new space **Emma Benson** (*Seussical*) did *High School Musical* for New Thalian's Theatre in the Park. **Kerry Schneider** was in *Guys and Dolls* at The Ogunquit Playhouse and also reprised her role of the Drama teacher in *High School Musical* there. **Cheryl Stocks** and **Alan Amaral** were in *Hot Buttons*, an original work in Milford. **Louisa Amaral** was a Princess in Manchester Community Theater's *The King and I* while mom, **Barb**, was one of the wives. **Ben Gorelick** (*Suessical*) has the lead role of *Oliver* in the upcoming Majestic Theatre production. One of our Scholarship recipients, **Molly Bruckman**, is also an AP Scholar. Wow...bright and talented! Under the Direction of **Betty Thomson**, **Ron Bourque** (*Anything Goes*) went back in time with the *1944 Big Band Comedy Canteen*, along with **Joy Douville** and **Barbara Lawler** for the Concord Community Players. Barbara is also doing a weekly Cabaret at The Element Lounge in Manchester on Mondays. **Katrina Fisher** did *High School Musical 2* at The Palace and participated in the Summer School for Performing Arts in Westford where she performed in *Children of Eden* and *Songs for a New World*. Good Luck to **Rich Glynn** in his new job and also to **Pat Silva** in her new Swarovski Crystal Jewelry business. **Chelsea deLacy** was in *Putnam Spelling Bee* for Peacock while sister **Bailie** is in *James and the Giant Peach*, along with **Nick Masson** (who is playing James) and **Aileen Donohue**. **David Ducharme** is in *The Foreigner* for the Milford Area Players. He also participated in the Avon 3 day walk and hosted a Cancer Awareness murder/mystery dinner theatre at The Actorsingers back in July. **Steve Harper** is the Director for Stage Coach's *Floyd Collins*. **Pat Lawrence** (*Brigadoon*) is in *City of Angels* with Theatre III down in MA. A wonderful Congratulations to **Ellie Morrill** on her recent marriage. Get well to **Lizzie Krahenbuhl**, suffering from a bout with Shingles. And we mourn the death of ex-member, **Ben Esterman**, who only performed with The Actorsingers in one show - *On the Town* – but came to almost every performance, including this past summer's Teen shows. A belated get well to **Lorraine Cote** who was recovering from surgery back in June. She and husband, **Bill**, have been singing with The Suncook Valley Chorale in Concord, but they miss performing with The Actorsingers as do **Pat Gage**, **Greg Tarsa** and **Bernadette Boardman** who all say "hello" to everyone that remembers them. Greg is singing in North Carolina with *The Musicals Royale* and performed at the local Renaissance Faire. All were active in the organization, but have since moved away. Speaking of moving, a fond farewell to **Kevin** and **Marissa Roberge** (*Thoroughly Modern Millie*) who just moved to North Carolina. You all may not live close by anymore, but you will always have a home with The Actorsingers!

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

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November 28 – Holiday Stroll – Downtown Nashua

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