

# Actorsingers Newsletter



# OVATION



Summer July/August 2012 Edition

Editor: Kerry Schneider

## **GREASE! - Teen Summer Show – This weekend!!!**

**July 20 @ 7:30, July 21 @ 2:00 and 7:30, and July 22 @ 2:00**

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

**Tickets: \$15 Adults/\$12 Students and Seniors**

**Available Online @ [www.actorsingers.org](http://www.actorsingers.org)**

**At the door 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 **Evelynn Decker**

Stage Managers – **Kathy & Bob Lovering**

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: **Justin Page**

Sonny: **Nick Masson**

Patty: **Jennifer Ryder**

Cha-Cha: **Anna Rausa**

Eugene: **Alexander Hebert**

Vince Fontaine: **Brandon Feliciano**

Johnny Casino: **Marc McClure**

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**  
**Samantha Weis**



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

The Silver Knights Baseball Fundraiser for The Actorsingers Scholarship Fund was held July 9th. The National Anthem, sung by the *Grease* cast, was flawless and the Silver Knights staff said it was the best rendition heard all year. Great job by **Amy St. Louis** who provided musical direction. The cast also performed a sneak peek of the show at the top of the 4th inning and did an awesome job. **Brittney-Lynne Stanley's** choreography was fun and energetic. Many thanks to **Brad Fernald** for his cast direction, planning and overall coordination of the event. Thank you to the cast for taking time to participate just one week before tech week. It looked like everyone had a good time! Many thanks to **Linda Stanley** for coordinating tickets sales. The 50/50 raffle was successful as well. Many thanks to **Chris** and **Bill Wenrich** who ran the raffle, to **Mike Ryder** who assisted with publicity, and to **Chuck Emmons** who was very helpful in selling raffle tickets. The total proceeds toward the Scholarship fund will be \$295. Great job, everyone!

# Actorsingers Summer Workshops

## REGISTER NOW!

Since time is short, if you are planning on attending, please contact **Amy Friedman** immediately at amyfriedman1@yahoo.com. You can pay at the door for next week's classes and workshops but we need to know if we will have enough people to run the programs. More information and links to registration forms is on the Actorsingers website, actorsingers.org, under "about us" workshops and classes.

## ONE DAY MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

**Sundays, July 29 and August 19**

The Actorsingers will be offering two one day musical theatre workshops on singing, dancing, and acting for students entering grades 1-9. Participants will learn choreographed musical numbers which will be performed at the end of the camp day for families. The workshops will be held on Sunday afternoons July 29 and August 19 from 1-5. You can sign up for one or both workshops. The cost is \$25 per workshop for Actorsingers members and \$30 for non-members. Any profit from the workshops will benefit the Actorsingers Scholarship Fund.

## ADULT DANCE CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS – Wednesdays July 25 – August 15

Join us for a series of classes for adults who want to learn some basic dance moves. Classes will be on four Wednesday nights from July 25 through August 15. "So You Think You Can't Tap: Well I Think You Can" will be taught from 7-8 by **Alice Pascucci**. Tap shoes are recommended. (Payless shoestores sell inexpensive tap shoes). Anyone who has old tap shoes that they would be willing to donate for this class, please contact **Amy Friedman**, amyfriedman1@yahoo.com. A beginning Jazz class will be taught by **Tina Cassidy** from 8:15 to 9:15. You may register for one or both classes.

The cost is \$25 for Actorsingers members and \$30 for non-members for one 4 week class (Tap or Jazz) or \$40 members, \$50 non members for both classes. Any profit from the classes will benefit the Actorsingers Scholarship Fund.

Space is limited for both the Children and Adult workshops. To reserve a place, send registration forms and a check made out to Actorsingers to Actorsingers: Attn. Workshops, PO Box 91, Nashua, NH 03061. There may be space at the door but advance registration will guarantee a space and help us to better plan. For further information and questions contact **Amy Friedman** at amyfriedman1@yahoo.com.

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## The New Board of Directors 2012/2013

President: **Donna O'Bryant Metzger**  
Vice President: **Martha Daniels Holland**  
Corresponding Secretary: **Laura Prior**  
Recording Secretary: **Jenn Morton**  
Treasurer: **Cheryl Stocks**  
President Ex-officio - **Steve Pierpont**

Directors:  
**Craig Brennan** (Completing 2<sup>nd</sup> year of term)  
**Cheri Birch** (Completing 2<sup>nd</sup> year of term)  
**Bev Frasca** (Completing 2<sup>nd</sup> year of term  
- for David Ducharme)  
**Catherine Andruskevich** (New Two year term)  
**Tom Ritrovato** (New Two year term)  
**Cystal Lewis** (New Two year term)

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**Membership Dues are Due!** (Fiscal year runs from July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013)

Please fill in the Subscription/Membership form and mail it today!

Welcome to all our new members from the cast of **GREASE!**

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\*\*\*\*\* *Annie* \*\*\*\*\*

November 9, 10 and 11 at The Keefe Auditorium

Director: **Dana Bissett Siegel**  
Music Director: **Donna Tongue**  
Choreographer: **Alice Pascucci**



**Info Nite** - Tuesday, July 31 - 7 pm.

Meet the Directors, hear their vision of the show,  
and maybe sneak a peek at the audition dance!

**Auditions: Sunday, August 12:** 1 - 5 pm (children) 6 - 10 pm (adults)

**Monday, August 13:** 7 - 10 pm (adults)

Auditioners are asked to prepare a musical selection of 16 bars of a show tune **NOT** from **Annie** and will be taught a short dance routine. There will be cold readings for adults - poems and rhymes for children.

Callbacks : Wednesday, Aug 14 - 7 pm. Rehearsals will be Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Info Nite and Auditions will take place at Actorsingers Hall (219 Lake St., Nashua, NH). **All who are cast must become Actorsingers members.**



**Amy Friedman** will be Directing this Actorsingers competition entry piece for the NHCTA festival at the Amato Center in Milford September 22-23. This Nora and Delia Ephron play is based on a book by Ilene Beckerman. **Love, Loss, and What I Wore** is about clothing, memories and how they are often intertwined.

There will be a **preview performance** at the Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd. in Hudson on September 20 at 7 pm. Admission is free but patrons are asked to bring donations for local food pantries and shelters.

On September 29 there will be a **special performance to benefit the Actorsingers Scholarship Fund** at Studio 99, 17 Factory St., Nashua. The venue allows BYOB for an additional charge of \$3. Tickets will be \$12 (\$15 with BYOB). This is a great way to support a good cause and enjoy a social evening.

The Cast of *Love, Loss and What I Wore*: **Amy Agostino, Cheri Birch, Pam Bruckman, Linnie McAllister, Donna Metzger, Julia Neveu, Alice Pascucci, Aimee Robidoux, Cheryl Stocks, Lindsay Vago, and Val Verge.**

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**Subscriptions for *Annie* and *Curtains* are available now to Paid Members!**

There's no better time to buy your Subscription package at fantastic savings!

Individual tickets go on sale Sept. 23.

Please mail back the attached forms with your 2012/2013 Membership Dues and Subscription orders. (Our beautiful trifold brochure is not ready to mail with this newsletter). Don't delay! **New** Subscriptions are allotted on a first come, first served basis after current Subscriptions are filled. Current Subscribers retain their seats each year they renew, so if you want good seats for the coming season at fantastic savings, do it now! Save \$10 over the cost of buying individual seats. What a deal! New Subscriptions go on sale August 26, but **PAID Members** can get them now!

## The Annual Meeting (held on June 11, 2012)

**Life Membership** - Congratulations to **Cheri Birch, Ellie Risley** and **Bob Frasca** on becoming Life Members of The Actorsingers (15 years of Active Participation!). We look forward to at least 15 more years! Apologies to Bob for not announcing his name at the Annual Meeting. It was a major oversight. We will present him with his Life Membership cup at the Semi Annual Meeting in January.

**The Penny Award** went to **Evelynn Decker** for her outstanding help behind the scenes.

**The Liljeberg/Badeau Wall of Fame Award** was presented to **Raelene Liljeberg** for her lifetime dedication to this organization and the countless hours of work behind the scenes and in the costume shop.

**Steve Pierpont** presented **The Presidents Award** to **Laura Prior** and **The Unsung Hero** award to **Jed Holland**.

**The Actorsingers Scholarship** - Congratulations to: **Jen Ryder, Bailie DeLacy** and **Katrina** - the Recipients of the 2012 Actorsingers Scholarship, awarded to graduating High School Seniors who have participated in Actorsingers shows. Good luck to these graduates who will be attending college in the fall. The scholarship this year is in Memory of Life members **Ed Wall** and **Kay Goransen**.

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**Updates to the Hall:** At the Annual Meeting the membership was treated to the almost completed renovations of the downstairs Hall. The walls were painted, the molding was in place, the lights shone brightly, the kitchen appliances were all working and the Hall looked wonderful! A Huge, *HUGE* Thank you to every volunteer who helped with this year long project.

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**Condolences** to The **Levine Family** on the death of Jackie's Mother

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**In and About Town** – **Don Smith-Weiss** was in Majestic Theater's *And Then There was None*. **Ann Siglin** sang *The National Anthem* at a Fisher Cats game in June. Congrats to **Lauren Friedman, Laura Prior** and **Joel Iwaskiewicz** who made a fabulous song video for a contest and made it to the top 20! Majestic's *Wizard of Oz* features **Noelle Bourquard** as Dorothy. Milford Area Players' *Shakespeare in Hollywood*, directed by **Mike Wood**, features **Andrea Stasio, Steve Kalter** and **Katie Proulx** (all of whom were in our spring production of *Chicago*) and **David Ducharme**. Kudos to **Emma Benson**, a 16 year old junior at Bedford High School, who used her passion for dance to organize the Second Annual Glory Project, a charity dance event that raises money for Arts Education. Get well to **Jackie Levine** who is recovering from a nasty fall. Good luck to **Tina Cassidy**, the new Artistic Director of the Northern Ballet Dance Center. **Mike Coppola** is Directing *Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean* for Nashua Theatre Guild (which will feature **Amy Agostino** and **Jen Sassak**) and he just filmed a commercial for Acura. I recently got the chance to see *Newsies* on Broadway featuring ex-member, **Garrett Hawe**, who says "hello" to everyone who remembers him at Actorsingers. He was so excited to perform at the Tony awards. Also on Broadway in *War Horse* was ex-member **Ariel Heller** (Lancelot in our Camelot). So exciting to see thespians who came up through The Actorsingers going places in the theater world. Congratulations to **Rick Brooks** on the premiere of *Snow, the Rock Opera*, for his new Genesys Theater Company. **Marc Murai** is directing **Josh Friedman** in *1776* out in Exeter. Marc is also in Not Your Mom's Musical Theater's *A Series of Unfortunate Entertainment*, along with **Glen Grimard**. Thanks to Glen for DJ'ing the Dance Social at the Actorsingers Hall back in June, with help from **Lindsay Vago, Amy Friedman, Leo Choquette** and **Laura Prior**. Hooray for the arrival of **Rebecca Romano, Rachel Cerullo's** new baby girl...and youngest member of Actorsingers?! And lastly, good thoughts and prayers for the **DeLacy** family in dealing with **Chelsea's** recent surgery and recovery. Until next time...news? E-mail Kerry [ActingKer@aol.com](mailto:ActingKer@aol.com)

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## **Important Actorsingers Dates:**

**July 20, 21, 22 –*GREASE* – Teen Summer Show**

**July 25, Aug 1, Aug 8, Aug 15 – Adult Dance Workshops**

**July 29, August 19 – Children’s Workshops**

**July 31 – Info Nite - Annie**

**August 12, 13 – Auditions – *Annie***

**August 25 – Deadline for Renewing Current Subscriptions**

**August 26 – New Subscribers and Website Sales open for Season Packages**

**September 20 – Preview of Love, Loss and What I Wore**

**September 22, 23 – NHCTA Festival**

**September 23 - Individual Tickets available to General Public**

**September 29 – Scholarship Fund Benefit Performance of Love, Loss and What I Wore**

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

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