



The Ovation

The Actorsingers Newsletter
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Information on both of these shows in this edition!



Mark these ACTORSINGERS Dates on your calendar!!

January 10	Semi Annual Meeting - 6:30 Social - 7 pm Meeting
January 25	NH Theatre Awards - Stockbridge Theatre
January 31	Last day for Membership discount tickets to <i>The Music Man</i>
February 8	Auditions – <i>The Music Man</i> (ages 15 and under) 2-4 pm
February 9	Auditions – <i>The Music Man</i> (adults 16+) – 6-9 pm
February 10	Auditions – <i>The Music Man</i> (adults 16+) – 7-9 pm
February 12	Call Backs – <i>The Music Man</i>
March 7, 8, 9	<i>Schoolhouse Rock, Jr.</i> – Jr. Actorsingers – Court St. Theater
May 9, 10, 11	<i>The Music Man</i> – Keefe Auditorium

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***** *Semi-Annual Meeting* *****
Friday, January 10, 2014

6:30 Social / 7:00 Meeting

Twice a year the Actorsingers hold a business meeting open to the general public. We strongly encourage all members to attend and discuss the important issues of the organization. Mark the date, **Friday, January 10**. This is your chance to be heard and express opinions on matters of relevance. We need a Quorum of the active members (those who have paid dues for at least 2 years and have participated in 1 Actorsingers function per year) in order to take any votes or action on an issue. Please plan to attend. We are only as strong as our membership. Everyone is welcome! Hear about upcoming Social functions and what our 2014/2015 Season will be!

The New Hampshire Theatre Awards – The 12th NH Theatre Awards are set for **Saturday, January 25, 2014** at the Stockbridge Theater in Derry. The Actorsingers recent productions of *Curtains* and *Les Miserables* and the Teen show, *Urinetown*, are being considered for various honors. Can't wait to hear **Max Mcgrath** reprise "Bring Him Home" and see the teens perform a number from *Urinetown* during the award show! Good luck to all who have been involved in these productions. Congratulations to all the nominees from every theater company! Thank you to **Amy Friedman** for organizing a group sale for Actorsingers. We usually have a big presence at this awards show. Although our Group sale is completed, contact Amy (AmyFriedman1@yahoo.com) if you need a ticket. She might have some returns.



Call for Teen show Directors

Actorsingers is already gearing up for 2014 and we are putting out the call for Directing teams who are interested in working on the Teen Actorsingers show in the summer of 2014!

Interested individuals and teams should mail secretary@actorsingers.org by **December 31st** with their proposal (show title and members of their team if applicable) and be prepared to

make a presentation to the Board of Directors at the January board meeting on Tuesday, January 7th. The summer Teen show is scheduled for July 18-20, 2014 at Janice B. Streeter Theatre in Nashua.



Directors:

Kathy Lovering (Dramatics), **Jed Holland** (Music), **Martha Daniels Holland** (Choreography)

Join memorable characters Harold Hill, Marian the Librarian, Widow Paroo, Marcellus, The Pick-a-little Ladies, The Barbershop Quartet, Winthrop, Amaryllis, The Mayor and his wife and the colorful citizens of River City, Iowa in this family classic Meredith Willson gem.

Auditions: Saturday, Feb. 8 - 2 - 4 pm (ages 15 and under)
Sunday, Feb. 9 - 6 - 9 pm (Adults 16+).
Monday, Feb 10 – 7-9 pm (Adults 16+).

Come to the Actorsingers Hall, 219 Lake St., to warm up, sign in and learn a short dance routine. Please prepare a song that showcases your voice - approx. 32 bars and bring sheet music. If auditioning for Harold Hill, prepare the song “Trouble”. Marcellus – “Shipooopi”

Call Backs: Wednesday, Feb. 12

Once cast, everyone who performs on stage must be an Actorsingers member (Dues are \$10 Individual or \$15 Family and are valid through 6/30/14). You do NOT have to be a member to audition. Come with your friends and have fun!

The Actorsingers needs a Producer for *The Music Man* and asks you to serve on a committee, sell tickets, work crew, audition and be a part of the show! Volunteer to work on Sets, Costumes, Props, Makeup, etc. We need you!!!! Be a part of the Actorsingers family. See a show from a different angle and help behind the scenes! It’ll make you appreciate what the audience sees. Volunteer! Contact Secretary@actorsingers.org

*** A Special Benefit for Members Only! ***
Get \$3 off tickets to *The Music Man*!

From now until January 31, **Members** can get \$3.00 off every ticket they purchase online to our Spring show, *The Music Man* - May 9, 10 and 11 - via our website (www.actorsingers.org). Simply use the code **TROUBLE** for your discount. Hurry! This offer ends January 31! Regular prices are \$20 Adults/\$18 Seniors and Students. This discount really adds up to great savings!



Schoolhouse Rock, Jr.

A Jr. Actorsingers Production!

Show Dates:

Friday, March 7 (7pm)

Saturday, March 8 (2 and 7 pm) and

Sunday, March 9 (2 pm)

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

Schoolhouse Rock, Jr. is a fun, Emmy award winning, educational and pop culture phenomenon presented in a musical upbeat style by our Junior wing Actorsingers.

If you have any questions, contact the producers at jenn_shell@yahoo.com

Directed by **Carol Gorelick**

Musical Direction by **Jed Holland**

Choreography by **Martha Daniels Holland**

Producers: **Jen Morton** and **Michelle Morrison**

Tickets go on sale toward
the end of Jan. online at
www.actorsingers.org
at rehearsals or call:
(603) 320-1870

\$12/\$10/\$8 depending on section

Cast list:

Alter-ego --- **Grace Conard**

Alter-ego --- **Mary Grabowski**

Alter-ego --- **Grace Greenaway**

Alter-ego --- **Peter Murphy**

Alter-ego --- **Cayden Plummer**

Teacher- **Grace Morton**

InterPlanet Janet (skater) - **Emily Tibbitts**

InterPlanet Janet (singer) - **Mary Grabowski**

3 is a Magic Number- **Nicole Plummer**

Conjunction Junction- **Cayden Plummer**

Just a Bill- **Peter Murphy**

Unpack Your Adjectives- **Grace Conard & Grace Greenaway**

Great American Melting Pot- **Tyler & Julian Jagentenfl**

The Preamble- **Jonah Savage & Emily Tibbitts**

A Noun is a Person, Place or Thing- **Darcy Hinkle**

Elbow Room- **Mia Taylor & Ella Landry**

Circulation- **Ben Morton**

Interjections- **Nicole Plummer**

Ensemble-- **Jaiden Ackerman, Emma Duncan, Isaac George, Eli Goodman, Elizabeth Klayton, Nick Klayton, Rebecca Manning, Trisha Mistry, Cohen Smith**



News From the Board:

It's never too early to volunteer to serve on The Nominating Committee or to serve on The Board. Please contact secretary@actorsingers.org to throw your name in the ring. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Good job to the Playreading committee for their recent Play Selection Mingle night showcasing the top 8 titles in consideration for next season. A great way to connect with the membership and get good feedback on the selections. Come to the **Semi Annual Meeting on January 10** to hear the outcome!

Thank you **Glen Grimard** for the recent fun "Charades" night at the Hall.

Don't have any details yet on the **Annual After Holiday, Holiday Party/Spring Fling** but look for this purely social event coming sometime in March or early April in the next edition of The Ovation or check the website for updates.

Interested in Adjudicating? - If any member has interest in being an adjudicator for the 2014 New Hampshire Theater Award season please contact Actorsingers NHTA liaison **Laura Prior** via e-mail at laura.prior@comcast.net.

Les Miserables - What a show! Everyone involved in this production should pat themselves on the back. Incredible talent on the stage and wonderful Tech behind the scenes. Wow! Kudos to all. Thank you to the entire cast and crew and all the newcomers. Over 3,200 patrons enjoyed the performances, making Les Mis the best attended show in our history! In the spirit of giving back to the community, The Actorsingers gave **Free tickets** to Keystone Hall, St. Joe's Hospital Breast Care, Bridges, Marguarette's Place and The Nashua Soup Kitchen - all local charitable organizations. A Special THANK YOU to Uno's Restaurant on Amherst Street in Nashua who donated a portion of their receipts back to The Actorsingers after a few fun nights out at the establishment.

Hats off to Producer **Cheryl Stocks!** Producing a show is one of the hardest volunteer jobs in Community Theater. The Actorsingers acknowledge and wish to thank those who offer to do this task...and Cheryl did a great job! A well deserved round of applause also to first time Stage Manager **Michelle Morrison**, and co-stage manager, **Gretchen Gray**. And the show could not have been pulled off without Technical Director guru **Dennis Schneider**, foam expert and emergency replacement spotlight operator, **Will McGregor**, and the entire backstage builders and crew for creating a gorgeous production. Go crew! ...a huge shout out to our running crew whose names were not in the program – **Jed Holland, Glen Grimard, Mike Bradbury, Sara Desaulniers, Chuck Emmons, Deb Ritrovato, and Dave Fordyce.**

Ellie Risley, House Mgr. for *Les Mis*, gives a huge THANK YOU to the folks who helped usher and do concessions. Hopefully you had fun and will help again in May for *The Music Man!*

A huge Thank you to **Lorraine Louie** who made the adorable candy grams during Les Mis that brought in more than \$200 for The Scholarship fund!

In and About Town – First, apologies to **Donna Metzger** who was also in *Spamelot* with the Concord Players but omitted from mention in the last Ovation and to **Ben Morton** who was also in *Children of Eden* with Stagecoach productions, but also omitted. Mea Culpa! **Mary Golding** was in Bedford Off Broadways' *In-Laws, Outlaws and Other People That Should Be Shot* back in November. **Derek De Marco** came all the way from California (where he has moved) to see our production of *Les Mis*. Wow! It was wonderful to see **Hayleigh Scott** and her whole family able to attend the show as well, with Hayleigh being so ill recently. Miracles do happen! Kudos to **Will McGregor, Marc Murai** and **Craig Brennan** who brought their show, *City of Bones*, to the New Orleans Fringe Festival. Congratulations to new member **Jessica Brouillard** on her recent engagement. Life Member **Linnie McAllister** shined when she took the baton from the maestro and conducted the NH Symphony in the finale number of their recent performance. **Sasha Kuftinec** (**Mark Schwartzberg's** wife) enjoys singing with the Manchester Choral Society and made some beautiful music at their recent concert. **Laura Prior** and **Joel Iwaskiewicz** are Directing *Peter Pan* for Nashua High School South. Congrats to **Ben Gorelick** who made All State Chorus and All State Band (Trombone)! Good luck in your new home, **Jenn Morton** and **Michelle Morrison** and family. Life Member **Bernadette Boardman** (who now lives in Florida) says hello and Happy New Year to all. Wishing **Tina Cassidy** good luck with her new choreography in Northern Ballets' *The Nutcracker*. Just heard that new members **Sheree Owens** and **Steve Gonzales** will be in Manchester Community Players' *I Love You Because*.

Hope everyone had a Filling Thanksgiving, a Happy Hanukkah and enjoys a Merry Christmas, a Wonderous Solstice, an Energizing Kwanzaa, a Fun Festivus and a Joyous New Year! Until next time... news? call Kerry (603) 888-2837 or E-mail ActingKer@aol.com

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