



The Ovation

The Actorsingers Newsletter
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Information on these shows in this edition!



Teen Summer Show



Mark these ACTORSINGERS Dates on your calendar!!

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
July 18, 19, 20	<i>Legally Blonde</i> – Janice B. Streeper Theatre, 14 Court St.

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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., 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!

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.

Directors:

Kathy Lovering (Dramatics), **Jed Holland** (Music), **Martha Daniels Holland** (Choreography)
Jenn Morton and **Michelle Morrison** – Co-Producers **Dennis Schneider** – Technical Director
Deb Ritrovato – Stage Manager **Tom Ritrovato** – Assistant Stage Manager

The Actorsingers needs backstage help 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. If you've been onstage, see a show from a different angle and help behind the scenes. Volunteer! Contact the Producers: Jenn_Shell@yahoo.com Show Dates: May 9, 10 and 11

***School House Rock, Jr* - coming next month!!!**

a Jr. Actorsingers production

at the Janice B. Streeter Theater at 14 Court Street, Nashua, NH

Friday, March 7 – 7 pm

Saturday, March 8 – 2 and 7 pm

Sunday, March 9 – 2 pm

The Children (Grades 3 – 8 and their Parents!) are hard at work preparing for this Emmy award winning, educational, pop culture phenomenon.

Tickets (Reserved Seating): **\$12/\$10 Seniors/Students** \$2 discount

Available online at www.actorsingers.org – you can choose your own seats and print your tickets! Box office hours at Actorsingers Hall are Sunday 1-2 pm and Thursdays 6-7 pm or call (603) 320 -1870 for information ... or just come and buy your tickets at the door.

Directors: **Carol Gorelick, Jed Holland and Martha Daniels Holland**

Producers: **Jenn Morton and Michelle Morrison**

The Cast:

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 Jagentfl**

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, Reagan Belanger, Emma Duncan, Isaac George, Eli**

Goodman, Elizabeth Klayton, Kathleen Laramie, Rebecca Manning, Emma Mathson,

Trisha Mistry, Emma Pearl, Cohen Smith



Announcing our 2014/2015 Mainstage season:

Young Frankenstein* and *Crazy For You

Thank you to the hard work of the Playreading Committee – **Donna Metzger, Lauren Friedman, Don Smith-Weiss, Craig Brennan** and **Amy Agostino**.

Congratulations! - NHTA's

With a wonderful 27 nominations! (*Les Mis* 13, *Urinetown* 13 and *Curtains* 5), at the **New Hampshire Theater Awards** in January, The Actorsingers took home the Gold when we were awarded Best Production for *Les Miserables*! Many of that talented cast took prizes: Congratulations to **Max McGrath** for “Best Actor in a Musical”, **Joseph Paoni** for “Best Supporting Actor in a Musical”, **Sheree Owens** for “Best Supporting Actress in a Musical”, **Dennis Schneider** and **Craig Brennan** for “Best Lighting of a Musical”, **Michael O’Keefe** for “Best Sound”, **Judy Hayward** for “Best Musical Direction”, and **Will McGregor** for “Best Director for a Musical”. Wow! **Hannah Benson** couldn’t have made us prouder with her win for “Best Supporting Actress – Youth” for her role in *Urinetown*. It was a banner year! Kudos to **Shawna Ciampa, Mark Schwartzberg, and Don Smith-Weiss** for being in the Top 3 in their respective categories for *Les Mis*, to **Sue Ellett** for getting a top 3 nomination for “Best Supporting Actress” for her work in *Curtains*, and to **Adam Harding** for his top 3 nomination for “Best Actor – Youth” for *Urinetown*. In addition, The Teens performed an excerpt from *Urinetown* to the rousing delight of the audience and **Max McGrath** reprised the song “Bring Him Home”. Kudos to all who were involved with the productions of the past season. We congratulate all the nominees of the evening, and a shout out to Actorsingers’ Life Member, **Beth Fenske**, for her win for choreographing *Spamalot* for Concord Players and to **Val Psoinos Nelson, Amy Agostino** and **Jackov Schwartzberg** for being in the top 3 of their categories for other theater groups. New Hampshire is proud of the wonderful theater it produces all over the state and The Actorsingers is proud of all their members!!

Lifetime Achievement – John McAllister

** The Highlight of the evening was when our own technical master and Life Member, **John McAllister**, was honored with the “Lifetime Achievement” Award. All our appreciation and Thanks go out to this selfless and humble man who has spent thousands of hours working behind the scenes, designing and building sets, serving on the Board, and generally being a part of every Actorsingers production for almost 40 years. Thank you, John, for all you do. A huge round of applause is not enough thanks. ** For a peak at his video link from the awards show, go to <http://vimeo.com/85079079>

***** Teen Show announced for the Summer!!! *****

Legally Blonde, the Musical

July 18, 19 and 20

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

Directed by **Joseph Juknievich**

Musical Direction by **Eric Berthiaume**

Choreography by **Brittney-Lynne Stanley**

Auditions to be announced.

Check the website soon www.actorsingers.org



The Actorsingers Scholarship

The Actorsingers Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who have participated in Actorsingers shows and are planning to further their education. The deadline for application is May 1, with the award recipient(s) being announced at the Annual Meeting in June. All Actorsingers High School Seniors are eligible. The application is on our website: www.actorsingers.org

Mail completed applications to **Chuck Emmons**, Actorsingers Scholarship Chairman, PO Box 91, Nashua, NH 03061

News From the Board:

SEARCH FOR DIRECTORS! - The Board is beginning their **SEARCH FOR DIRECTORS** for our **Fall 2014 show, *Young Frankenstein***, slated for Nov 7-9. Interviews will be on Wednesday, Feb. 19 with a Feb. 14 deadline for submission. Individuals for Director, Musical Director and Choreographer are encouraged to submit. Teams are welcome. Please respond to Evelyn Decker Secretary@actorsingers.org if interested.

The 43rd Annual NHCTA Festival will be held in the Concord City Auditorium (the Audi) on Sept. 19-22. This year two shows will continue on to the Regional competition with a chance to go to the Nationals. Anyone who would like to submit a One Act play (or a cutting from a show not to exceed one hour), please contact Secretary@actorsingers.org

The Nominating Committee – is looking for all talented, intelligent and caring Actorsinger members. Your service is needed! Those who aspire to give back to this excellent organization by serving on the next Board of Directors, please contact Secretary@actorsingers.org

Consider serving on The Actorsingers Board of Directors. We need help to run this organization. Things don't just happen magically. There's lots of hard work and dedication that goes into keeping the Actorsingers a viable, wonderful Community Theater group and we need **YOUR** help to continue. Make a difference. Serve on the Board.

Ellie Risley, Our House Manager for the past few years, is looking for someone to take over the responsibilities of House Manager for Mainstage productions. Contact Ellie (603) 888-6669 and she'll explain what's involved. Basically the job is recruiting ushers for the shows.

Condolences

To The Gorelick Family on the death of Carol's mother.

In and About Town – First off, a big Thank you to **Kathy St. Clair** for hosting the pre Theater awards soiree at her beautiful home. New Member **Mitchell Johnson** was in Majestic Theatre's *The Laramie Project*. **Janine Lefler** was in *Suessical* with The Amherst PTA. Not Your Mom's Musical Theatre boasts new member **Jessica Plummer** in the upcoming season of *Something Wonderful I Missed*. Over at Stagecoach Productions, rehearsals have begun for *Jesus Christ Superstar*, musically Directed by **Judy Hayward** and starring **Max McGrath, Kate Gaudet, Steve Gonzalez, Sheree Owens, Glen Grimard, Mark Schwartzberg, Dan Demarais, Sarah DeLisle, Michele Henderson, Cam Morin, Danielle O'Keefe, Jessica Plummer, Julie Sampson** and **Marc Murai**. Over in MA, **Ed Siegal** is doing *Frankenstein*. **Catherine Andruskevich's** son, **Carl Andress**, is directing *The Tribute Artist* in NYC starring Charles Busch. **Laura Prior** and **Joel Iwaskiewicz** are not only Directing *Peter Pan* for Nashua High School South, but are also in *Once on This Island* with Voices of Hope, directed by **Dana Siegal**. Also lending their voices in that production are **Ed Siegal, Amy Agostino** and **Lauren Friedman**. **Dan Merriman** and **Karina Belano Carney** simply can't get enough of Les Mis and are both in a concert version down in MA. **Bob** and **Bev Frasca's** daughter, **Kelly**, won 1st place "All Around" for her age group at the NH Gymnastics' winter festival...and then hurt her pelvis and is undergoing PT. Get Well soon to **Josh Friedman**. **William McGregor** is Directing *Brilliant Traces* for Nashua Theatre Guild. **Kerry Schneider** is doing a dinner theater with Stage One Productions in Manchester. Ex-member **Garrett Hawe** has left Broadway's *Newsies* and is on tour with *Hello Dolly* starring Sally Struthers. **Nathan Schwartzberg** will be teaching some classes for The Peacock Players at the same time he is honing his musical compositions. **Donna Metzger** will be choreographing *Cabaret* this summer for Majestic Theater. Life Member **Shirley Coutu** saved the day - or at least some students from getting hurt – when she acted on instinct, herding them out of her computer classroom after the ceiling sprung a leak. Our hero! In May, students from her school will perform *Hot, Hot Fairytales*, a play she co-wrote many years ago for a Jr. Actorsingers production.

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

Get your tickets for ***The Music Man*** (May 9, 10 and 11) and ***Schoolhouse Rock, Jr.*** (March 7, 8 and 9) and put ***Legally Blonde*** (July 18, 19 and 20) on your calendars!

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