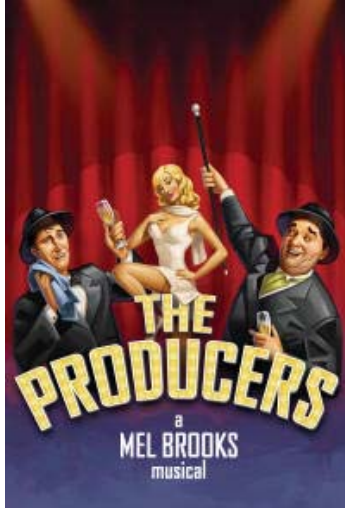


Actorsingers Newsletter

OVATION

April/May 2009 Issue

Editor: Kerry Schneider



Two Weekends!

Directed by: **Kathy Lovering**
Musical Direction: **Judy Hayward**
Choreography: **Val Psoinos**
Producer: **Silvia Harper**
Stage Manager: **Steve Harper**
Assistant Stage Manager: **Deb Ritrovato**
Technical Director: **Dennis Schneider**

Friday, **May 1** and **May 8** - 8:00 pm
Saturday, **May 2** and **May 9** - 8:00 pm
Only *ONE* Sunday Matinee **May 3** – 2:00 pm
at the Keefe Auditorium, Nashua, NH

Tickets \$18 and \$15: online at www.actorsingers.org or call (603) 320-1870

We need help! Please support The Actorsingers by serving on the **Running Crew, Ushering**, helping with **Concessions** and **Selling Tickets!** This production will run for Two Weekends and it will require a huge effort to be successful. Contact Producer **Silvia Harper** (Silvia@Sharperbooks.com) or (603) 943-1614 and volunteer! Thanks.

Congratulations to the Cast of this wacky Mel Brooks comedy that offends everyone!

Max Bialystock: **Craig Howard**
Leo Bloom: **Michael Coppola**
Franz Liebkind: **Dan Desmarais**
Ulla: **Lisa Owen**
Usherettes: **Katie Proulx** and **Stephanie Hogan**
Hold Me Touch Me: **Catherine Andruskevich**
Mr. Marks: **Bob Frasca**
"I Wanna Be" Tappers: **Elizabeth Armano, Tina Cassidy, Rachel Cerullo, Stephanie Hogan, Renee Lawrence, Donna Metzger, Katie Proulx, Stephanie Ross, Rachel Scott, Brittney Lynne Stanley, Mercy Zaveri**
Tenor Soloist – "Springtime for Hitler": **Zachary Bencal**
3 Old Ladies – **Catherine Andruskevich, Anita Kelly, Alice Pascucci**

Roger DeBris: **Stuart Harmon**
Carmen Ghia: **Josh Dennis**
Shirley Markowitz: **Cheri Birch**
Bryan (set designer): **Michael Trilling**
Kevin (costume designer): **Allan Hunter**
Scott (choreographer): **Jordan Meehan**
Sabu: **Russell Cannon**
The Indian: **Ron Williams**
The motorcycle cop: **Peter Lasonde**
Jack Lapidus: **Jeffrey Prescott**
Donald Dinsmore: **Peter Lasonde**
Jason Green: **Paul Metzger**

Elizabeth Armano	Elizabeth Krahenbuhl	Brittney Lynne Stanley	Zach Bencal	Bill Mauser
Laura Babb	Renee Lawrence	Linda Stanley	Russell Cannon	Jordan Meehan
Cheri Birch	Kathy LeClair	Caitlin Thistle	Cam Croteau	Paul Metzger
Tina Cassidy	Crystal Lewis	Lisa Volonte	Bob Frasca	Ben Pascucci
Rachel Cerullo	Donna O'Bryant Metzger	Gail Ward	Rich Glynn	Jeff Prescott
Irene Cohen	Alice Pascucci	Mercy Zaveri	Glen Grimard	Jason Standley
Dana Dixon	Katie Proulx		Allan Hunter	Michael Trilling
Stephanie Hogan	Stephanie Ross		Peter Lasonde	Ron Williams
Anita Kelly	Rachel Scott			

Breaking NEWS! – change of show for next season!

2009/2010 season ... *Anything Goes* and *Sweet Charity*

Thank you to all the children and parents involved in the **TOTALLY SOLD OUT** Junior Actorsingers production of *High School Musical*. We especially Thank **TLP Music School** in Merrimack for Sponsoring this production.

The Actorsingers Scholarship

The Actorsingers Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who have participated in Actorsinger shows and are planning to further their education. Last year the organization gave out over \$3,000 in scholarship money to 5 students! **The deadline for application is May 1**, with the award recipient(s) being announced at the Annual Meeting in June. Contact **Stan Polan** (603) 888-0411 for more information or find the application on our website.

News From the Board: In addition to approving installation of new sensor light switches for the bathrooms...

The Musical Selection Committee for 2010/2011 (formerly the Playreading Committee) will consist of **Beth Schwartz** and **Shawna O'Brien** (both finishing 2nd year of 2 year terms), **Paul Metzger** (new 1 year term), and **Allan Hunter**, **Bob Frasca** and **Cheryl Stocks** who will begin new 2 year terms.

Nashua Holiday Stroll – It's never too early to plan this program as a welcome to the holiday season. If interested, reply to secretary@actorsingers.org

The Youth show choir is looking for a Musical Director, Choreographer and Producer for the 2009/2010 season. If interested, send email to secretary@actorsingers.org.

The Board needs volunteers to serve on the **Scholarship Committee**. Again, contact secretary@actorsingers.org

The New England Regional Festival took place in Groton, MA on March 14 and 15. Although *Vital Signs*, the Actorsingers entry, didn't take home any trophies, it was a top 3 finalist in the Best Ensemble, Best Director, Best Actress and Best Costumes categories. Congratulations to The Arlington Friends of the Drama on their winning entry, *How I Learned To Drive*. Thank you to Director **Amy Friedman**, Tech crew **Molly Bruckman** and **Craig Brennan** and her talented cast: **Gina Carballo**, **Holly Countie**, **Melissa Groff**, **Sasha Kuftinec**, **Pat Lawrence**, **Jackie MacDonald**, **Erica Newhall**, **Cheryl Stocks**, **Betty Thomson** and **Eric Skoglund**. *Vital Signs* did an encore performance for the community outreach group, Bridges, in April. Unfortunately, **Traci Flaherty** was unable to participate. She was busy giving birth to daughter, Keira, born on April 8. Congratulation, Traci!

The 2009 NHCTA Festival - The Actorsingers are looking for proposals for a competition piece, no longer than one hour, for next fall's NHCTA festival. E-mail Secretary@actorsingers.org before June 1. The 38th Annual Festival will be held Sept 12 and 13 at the Majestic Theater in Manchester, NH.

Thank you to **Barb Amaral**, **Martha Holland**, and **Cindy Fisher** for hosting the **Spring Fling Social** which ended up an intimate group of about 30 people who dined at the Holland's house and enjoyed a lively Yankee Swap.

Condolences

to **Bob Lovering** and **Kathy Goreham** on the deaths of their respective fathers
and to **Kathy Redman** on the death of her mother



Teen Summer Show 2009

SWING! Is a dance revue in 2 Acts dedicated to the style of swing music of the 40's

July 31, August 1 and August 2 at the Janice B. Streeter Theater, Nashua

Directed by **Tim Stanley** Choreographed by **Theo Martinez** Musical Direction by **Henry Kopzynskie**
Tom Ritrovato – Producer **Deb Ritrovato** – Stage Manager/Ass't Director

All teens, ages 13-19 are invited to audition at the Actorsingers Hall, 219 Lake Street, Nashua. If cast, you will be required to become a member of The Actorsingers (\$10 yearly dues)

Info Nite: Monday, May 11, 5:30 – 6:30 Learn about the show, the audition dance and meet the Directors

Auditions: Sunday, May 17, 5 – 8 pm and Monday, May 18, 6 – 9 pm Call Backs Tues, May 19, 6-9 pm

The Cast: 3 Female Vocalists/3 Male Vocalists + 8-10 Dance Couples

Those auditioning for a vocalist role should prepare a song from the "Jazz Standards" music book or a song from the Swing show. **No Broadway show tunes please.** The music style of the show is highly stylized and nothing like the typical Broadway show tune. If you have questions or concerns about your song selection for auditions please contact the Music Director, Henry at 603-930-4630.

Those auditioning for a dance role will be taught a dance at auditions and will perform it for the audition board. This dance will also be taught at information night.

Rehearsals: Every Mon, Wed, and Thurs 6-9 pm at the Actorsingers Hall on Lake St, Nashua, NH

First Rehearsal is Wednesday, May 27. Tech Week Starts Sunday, July 26.

If you have any questions about the audition requirements or show please contact Tim Stanley at 603-320-5531 or timjstanley@comcast.net

Annual Meeting – Monday, June 8 (6:30 Social / 7:00 pm Meeting)

Nominations for The Slate of Officers of The Board of Directors 2009/2010

Craig Neth – President

Mike Bradbury – Vice President

Tina Cassidy - Corresponding Secretary

Lindsay Vago - Recording Secretary

Cheryl Stocks - Treasurer

Dave Fordyce – finishing 2nd year of his term

Donna O'Bryant Metzger – finishing 2nd year of her term

Silvia Harper – finishing 2nd year of her term

Kathy LeClair – new 2 year term

Craig Brennan – new 2 year term

Amy Friedman – new 2 year term

Thank you to the Nominating Committee: **Glen Grimard, Chuck Emmons and Deb Walz.**

Voting will take place at the **Actorsingers Annual Meeting, June 8, 2009** - 219 Lake St., Nashua

Nominations to The Board can also be made from the floor for any position with the following stipulations: 1. Anyone who is nominated from the floor and not present at the Annual Meeting must submit a letter stating their willingness to accept a nomination. 2. Anyone nominated for President must have served on The Board within the past 10 years. 3. All who nominate and accept must be **voting** members: 2 consecutive years of paying dues and **active**...involved in one Actorsingers sanctioned function per year.

In and About Town – **Stuart Harmon** (*The Producers* – new member) and **Kerry Schneider** were in *The Producers* at the Palace theatre in Manchester. **Drew Whitney** (*Beauty and the Beast*) was Michael Darling in the Amherst PTA's production of **Peter Pan** with sister, **Hannah** also in the cast and Mom, **Jennifer**, Producing. **Allan Hunter** just wrapped up working as a priest on an independent film, *The Kingmen's Redeemer*. The last scene was filmed at the old Merrimack County Jail. Allan reports he was just visiting. **Mike Spaziani** (one of last year's Scholarship recipients) will be in Stage Coach's *Altar Boyz* this summer, along with **Josh Dennis** and **Zach Bencal**. **Tyler Stanley** was King Louie in Peacock's *Jungle Book*. **Betty Thomson** played a widow seduced by a gambler in Stage One's *Bermuda Avenue Triangle* back in March, which also featured **Kerry Schneider**. **Bill Mauser** and **Eric Skoglund** were in *No Sex Please, We're British*, performed by the Milford Area Players. Eric is also doing Murder and Mayhem's Dinner theatre comedy, *The Alto's*. **Beth Fenske** won't be going all the way, but others will in Concord Community Players' *The Full Monty*. Although **Ann Siglin** hasn't done a show with The Actorsingers in a few years, she is keeping busy singing with her church choir and for the Hollis Women's Club. *The Pact*, Yellow Taxi's newest work features **Gail Angellis**. **Lisa Owen** (*The Producers* – new member) was recently a top finalist in The Telegraph's Encore Superstar Karaoke contest. Congratulations to **Molly Bruckman** and **Lanea Ritrovato** who were named 2009 Granite State Scholars. Another Congrats to **Catherine Weinrich** (*Once on This Island*) who was awarded a NH Educational Theatre Guild All State Honor at the State Drama Festival held in Plymouth. Catherine is also a member of Nashua High School South's Panther Players. Over at Nashua High School North, the Senior play - *All Shook Up* - featured **Elise Lesser**, **Nickie Dubick** and **Ryan Warren** and was Directed by **Jen Mallard** with Choreography by **Lauren Schneider**. Congratulations to the **Koczarski Family** on **Shawn's** recent wedding down in Puerto Rico. I remember when Shawn was in the Junior Actorsingers! **Sue Koczarski** participated in University of Massachusetts Lowell's student Ballroom Club's show, *Dancing with the Stars* and performed a Mambo! Congratulations to **Shirley Coutu** who became a Grandmother for the 4th time and to her son, **Mark**, who is in his final show - *The Fantasticks* - at Assumption College before he graduates. Where does the time go?! Heard from Life Member **Bernadette Boardman** who auditioned on a whim for American Idol at Disneyworld. Fun experience. She wants all to know that Actorsingers will always be a part of her and she loves getting the **Ovation** and hearing all the news. **Michelle Henderson** had so many Actorsingers in Carey and Henderson Music School's recent production of *Les Miserables*, I hope I don't leave anyone out – **Molly Bruckman**, **Ben Levine**, **Lanea Ritrovato**, **Alyssa Dumas**, **Devan Lyman**, **Matt Spaziani**, **Trisha Mahoney**, **Alexa Crawford**, **John Carey**, **Stephen Koehler**, **Laura Franzini**, **Kenny Gray**, **Tom Whalen**, **Kyle Goleman**, **Adam Gray**, **Kristina Kelly** and **Emma Joanis**. And the adult helpers – **Tom and Deb Ritrovato**, **Judy Hayward**, **Rick Brooks**, **Craig Brennan**, **Gretchen Gray**, **Kim Spaziani**, **Tina Crawford** and **Paul Metzger**. Whew! That's some support!

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

**Please Help Make our Spring show, *The Producers*, a success.
Sell tickets to friends and neighbors!**

Actorsingers Mugs for Sale – The Actorsingers has classy official Mugs (Black with Gold Trim) for sale at \$6.00 each. Contact Kerry Schneider (ActingKer@aol.com) or (603) 888-2837

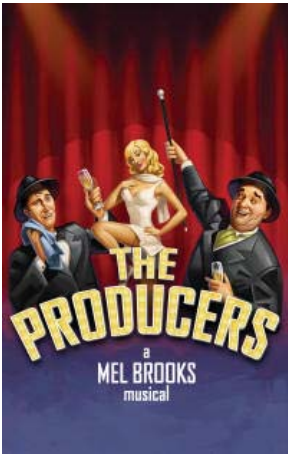
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Mark these exciting ACTORSINGERS Dates on your calendar!!

- * **May 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9 - The Producers**
- * **May 1 – Deadline for Scholarship Application**
- * **May 11 – Info Nite: Swing!**
- * **May 17 and 18 - Auditions: Swing!**
- * **June 8 – Annual Meeting**

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