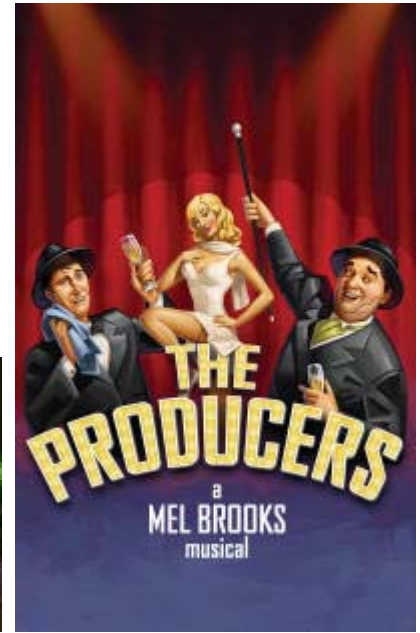


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Mark these exciting ACTORSINGERS Dates on your calendar !

- * **March 13, 14, and 15 – Jr. Actorsingers – *High School Musical, Jr.***
- * **March 14 and 15 – Regional Competition featuring *Vital Signs***
- * **March 28 - Spring Fling Party**
- * **May 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9 - *The Producers***
- * **June 8 – Annual Meeting**



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Actorsingers Newsletter

OVATION

Feb/March 2009 Issue

Editor: Kerry Schneider

High School Musical will be performed at the Jan Streeter Theatre at 14 Court Street, Nashua, NH

Friday, **March 13** – 7 pm

Saturday, **March 14** – 2 and 7 pm

Sunday, **March 15** – 2 pm

The Children (ages 8-13 and their Parents!) are hard at work preparing for this Disney musical Phenomenon.

We especially Thank TLP Music School in Merrimack for Sponsoring this Jr. Actorsingers production.

Tickets (Reserved Seating) **Center: \$12/\$10 Sides: \$10/\$8**



Available online at www.actorsingers.org or call (603) 320-1870 or come to the Box office at Actorsingers Hall on Sunday afternoons or Thursday evenings. The show is sure to sell out, so get your reserved seats today!

Director: **Mike Ryder** Choreography: **Jennifer Ryder** Musical Director: **Jed Holland**

Co-Producers: **Silvia Harper** and **Pat Silva** Tech Director: **Steve Harper** Costumes: **Evelyn Decker**

The Cast:

Troy - **Kyle Goleman**

Gabriella – **Samantha Migneault**

Sharpay – **Amanda Arnoff**

Ryan - **Nick Page**

Ms. Darbus – **Martha Connolly**

Taylor – **Rachael LaPolice**

Coach Bolton – **Sam Witts**

Kelsi – **Sidney Hawekotte**

Chad – **Ben Iuliano**

Jack Scott - **Andrew Holland**

Zeke – **Grant Hodgkins**

Martha Cox – **Elizabeth Noyes**

Audition Students – **Allison Kraus, Ethan Kraus**

Ripper – **Selena Miller**

Mongo – **Sarah Deshaw**

Ms. Tenny – **Kat Mail**

Jane - **Taylor Deschenes**

Susan - **Bethany Keyl**

Kat - **Kerriane O'Reilly**

Jason - **Samuel Cohen**

Jock – **Michael Holland**

Cyndra - **Shelby Capone**

Ski Party Announcer – **Mackenzie Goodwin**

Science Decathlon Moderator – **Alexandra Figueroa**

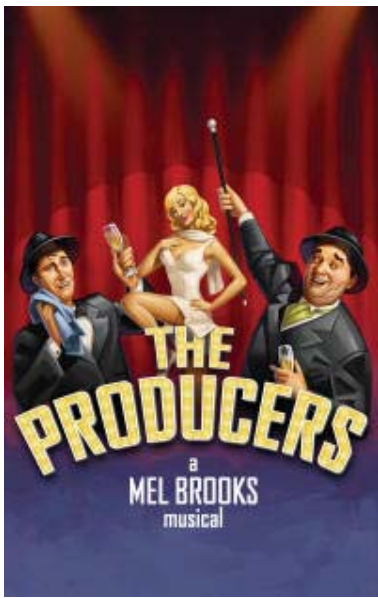


Thespians - **Katie Brink, Jenny Goleman, Emma Joanis, Grace Morton, Sabrina Nguyen**

Cheerleaders – **Natasha Bouley, Nicole Brault, Nicole Fondots, Laura Glynn, Kimberly Goodwin, Brittany Hermann, Rebecca Holland, Emma Joanis, Carolyn Marquis, Molly McAlpine, Rachel Scaer**

Brainiacs – **Kelly Frasca, Hannah Grinsztein, Bethany Haight, Gabrielle Masseur, Aileen Donohue, Victoria Whalen**

Skater Gals – **Emily Eckert, Calley Goulet, Shelby Lee Monas, Savannah Nguyen, Erin Ortega, Kimberly Ortega, Elizabeth Richardson, Emilie Tonucci**



Two Weekends!

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: Online at www.actorsingers.org or

(603) 320-1870 \$18 and \$15

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**

We need help! This production will run for Two Weekends and it will require a huge effort to be successful. Please support The Actorsingers and serve on a committee, buy an ad, sell tickets or work crew. Be part of *The Producers*. Contact Producer **Silvia Harper** (Silvia@Sharperbooks.com) or (603) 943-1614 and volunteer. We need you!!!!

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,

Danielle Lussier, 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: **Ellise Lesser**

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**

ENSEMBLE:

Elizabeth Armano

Laura Babb

Cheri Birch

Michele Bossie

Pam Bruckman

Tina Cassidy

Rachel Cerullo

Irene Cohen

Dana Dixon

Stephanie Hogan

Anita Kelly

Elizabeth Krahenbuhl

Renee Lawrence

Kathy LeClair

Ellise Lesser

Crystal Lewis

Danielle Lussier

Donna O'Bryant Metzger

Alice Pascucci

Katie Proulx

Stephanie Ross

Rachel Scott

Brittney Lynne Stanley

Linda Stanley

Caitlin Thistle

Lisa Volonte

Gail Ward

Mercy Zaveri

Zach Bencal

Russell Cannon

Cam Croteau

Bob Frasca

Rich Glynn

Glen Grimard

Allan Hunter

Peter Lasonde

Bill Mauser

Jordan Meehan

Paul Metzger

Ben Pascucci

Jeff Prescott

Jason Standley

Michael Trilling

Ron Williams

Spring Fling Social

(or a Seriously Post Holiday Party...whichever you prefer!)

Saturday, March 28 – 6:00 pm

Yes, it's that time again!!! Well, OK, it's a bit later than normal. :-) This year we've decided to do a POST-post-holiday party and celebrate the (hopefully) impending coming of spring!!

This totally social event will be held on Sat. March 28, beginning at 6 pm at The Actorsingers Hall. Adults only. The dinner is an organized potluck. BYOB. The point is for Actorsingers to get together at a non-show event just for the fun of it! All adult Actorsingers and their guests are invited.

Let us know what you would like to bring. (We may ask for specific things if we're in need to balance things out.) If you don't care to cook, there's always things like ice, chips, rolls, cups and so on or a \$10 donation per person to go towards decorations and such. The dress is "casually elegant"... dress up semi-formalish if you wish, but it's not necessary. In other words, don't let the dress prevent you from coming if you don't want to get dolled up.

There will be the usual Yankee Swap. Please bring a gift you wouldn't mind taking home yourself...you never know, you may end up with it back! :-)

Please RSVP by March 22!

Barb Amaral - barb.amaral@sun.com (603) 880-6486 or
Martha Holland - martha@marthajed.com (603) 889-1601 or
Cindy Fisher – jckfish@aol.com (603) 886-8442

2009/2010 season ... ***Anything Goes*** and ***Children of Eden***
Send any suggestions for shows for the 2010/2011 season to **Glen Grimard** at Grim856@aol.com

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: Next Board Meetings – Tues., March 3 and Tues., April 7

The Actorsingers is now a proud member of the Nashua Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you **Pam Bruckman** and **Steve Pierpont** and **Uno's Restaurant** on Amherst St. in Nashua for helping us with a successful fundraiser during our fall show, *Seussical*. The money will go toward The Actorsingers Scholarship.

Repairs - The Board has approved some much needed repairs such as the replacement of the kitchen sinks, the fixing of the back (red) door, and the fixing of the broken siding on the fire escape. We still have a major water problem which is not resolved in spite of some efforts to control it.

Standing Ovation - At the Semi-Annual Meeting in January, **Kim Spaziani** and **Tina Crawford** received a standing ovation from the members for their outstanding work in costuming both *Beauty and the Beast* and *Seussical*. Their countless hours and hard work were recognized by the appreciative membership.

Grant - Thank you to **Chuck Emmons** who has once again applied for a grant (3rd year!) to enable The Actorsingers to continue offering free tickets to many non-profit community organizations and Veterans to see our shows.

The New England Regional Festival will take place in Andover, MA on March 14 and 15. *Vital Signs*, the Actorsingers entry in the NHCTA Festival this past fall will be in contention on Saturday, March 14. Good luck to Director **Amy Friedman**, Tech crew **Molly Bruckman** and **Craig Brennan** and her talented cast: **Gina Carballo**, **Holly Countie**, **Traci Flaherty**, **Melissa Groff**, **Sasha Kuftinec**, **Pat Lawrence**, **Jackie MacDonald**, **Erica Newhall**, **Cheryl Stocks**, **Betty Thomson** and **Eric Skoglund**. *Vital Signs* has also been asked to do an encore performance for the community outreach group, Bridges, in April.

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.

Publicity and Marketing Help - **Silvia Harper**, Producer extraordinaire, needs help with Publicity and Marketing for both *The Producers* and The Actorsingers in general. She cannot do these jobs by herself. It is overwhelming. If you could handle one small piece of the overall need, it would be most appreciated. Could you send electronic E-mails or notices? Can you take pictures? Do you have a flair for writing? Please think of one thing that you could help with and contact her: Silvia@sharperbooks.com

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 need to contact a Nominating Committee member: Glen Grimard grim856@aol.com, Chuck Emmons (willwonder2001@yahoo.com) or Deb Walz debwalz@hotmail.com by April 14.

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.

Thanks to the auditioning committee for *The Producers*: Chuck Emmons (chair), the three Directors, **Beth Fenske**, **Dave Fordyce** and **Don Smith-Weiss**. Thanks also to all the various helpers, **Brittney-Lynne Stanley**, **Lanea Ritrovato**, **Rachel Scott**, **Jennifer Ryder**, **Jed Holland**, **Steve Harper**, **Bob Lovering**, **Raelene Liljeberg**, **Tom Ritrovato**, **Mike Ryder**, **Evelyn Decker** and **Dave Ducharme**.

Congratulations! – At the **New Hampshire Theater Awards** in February, The Actorsingers spring show of 2008, **Beauty and the Beast**, took home awards for Best Musical Production, Best Director (**Brett Mallard**), Best Musical Director (**Michelle Henderson**), Best Sound Design (**Michael O'Keefe**), Best Leading Actress (**Lanea Ritrovato**) and Best Supporting Actor (**Josh Dennis**). Kudos to all who were involved with this production and our wonderful production of *Seussical, the Musical* as well. It was a honor to sit in the audience and watch The Actorsingers perform a medley from *Seussical* in full costume! A special shout out to members **Val Psoinos** and **Ricky Brooks** for their wins (on non-Actorsingers shows) that evening as well. And it was wonderful to see **Matty Gregg**, (*Ragtime/Titanic*) the originator of the New Hampshire Theatre Awards, who now lives in CA, in attendance!

A BIG THANK YOU to **Paul** and **Donna Metzger** for once again hosting a lovely after awards party that was open to all Actorsingers members. Congratulations to all the nominees in every category from every theater group! New Hampshire should be proud of the wonderful theater it produces all over the state!

Thank you to **Val Psoinos** for leading the free **Tap Dancing Workshops** at Actorsingers Hall last month.

The Youth show choir will be accepting new members for the spring. Anyone between the ages of 9-19 is welcome. We are also looking for a Musical Director. If you are interested, send email to secretary@actorsingers.org.

Broadway Bowl – Thanks to **Beth Fenske** and **Glen Grimard** who represented The Actorsingers at this Broadway show trivia game pitting Theatre troupes against each other. Their goal was not to be the first team out and they met that goal! They were third team out. Congrats to the Winni Players who won this year's competition hands down.

David Ducharme has launched a new website (www.nhgivesback.com) dedicated to raising funds for the Susan G. Komen foundation and he is trying to put together a **NH Theatre Brigade** to either sponsor and/or accompany him this summer when he participates in the Avon 3 day walk for cancer on July 24-26. Wouldn't it be wonderful if these- pians all over the state joined him in support of cancer research. Contact Dave (Davra66@comcast.net) for more info and get your walking shoes on! Can't you just see it? – Walking for a good cause, singing show tunes the whole way!

Condolences

to **Alene Bonner** on the death of her father

In and About Town – Only good thoughts go out to **Judi Mitchell** (*Beauty and the Beast*) as we wish her a speedy recovery. Kudos to **Kathy DeLacy** (and I'm sure countless others) who volunteered time at the Red Cross shelter helping those who needed to stay warm during the incredible ice storm in December. Also, hats off to **Suellen Davidson** who had lost power herself for 8 days, but had it in her heart to sing for the PSNH crews who were staying at Hampshire Hills in Hollis to brighten their gruelling work days. **Ellie Morrill** was 1st runner up and Ms. Congeniality for the Ms. NH Senior Pageant back in October. She is currently the singing soloist and member of the Nashua Red Hat Ding-Lings – a group of women over 50 who play bells and just have fun! Heard from Life Member **Elaine Duhamel** who lives down in sunny Florida and says she still enjoys hearing about what's happening with The Actorsingers when she gets her **Ovation**. **Pat Lawrence** is in not 1, but 2 productions that are going to the NHCTA's regional festival. She'll represent The Actorsingers in *Vital Signs* and will also be doing *The Mistress Cycle* for Harvard Community Theatre of MA. **Beth Schwartz** is the costumer for Music and Drama Company's *Grease*. **Lou Duhamel** was actually on stage as a winkie in the KCT production of *The Wizard of Oz* featuring his daughter, **Allison Duhamel**, as Glinda, the good witch. **Molly Bruckman** is Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls* at Nashua South with **Ben Levine** as Nicely-Nicely. Costume wizards **Kim Spaziani** and **Tina Crawford** are handling costumes. Tina's son, **Danny Crawford**, one of the scholarship recipients last year, is Jesus in Manhattan College's production of *Godspell* and is also performing in a Disney revue for the school. **Jeff Prescott** was MD and **Katie Proulx** was the choreographer for Nashua Theatre Guild's *Have a Nice Day*. **Dave Ducharme** directed *Believe* and *Mulan, Jr.* with The Kids Coop in Londonderry and **John Carey** was the MD. For Majestic theatre in Manchester, Dave also wore a Directors hat for *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*. **Brian Goleman** was one of the Telegraph newspaper's top picks for Soccer all star athlete from Nashua High School South. **Eric Skoglund** and **Bill Mauser** are in Milford's *No Sex Please, We're British*. *The Jungle Book* over at Peacock Players features **Thomas Mitsock**, **Taylor Morrow**, **Tyler Stanley** and **Danny Shea**. Their recent production of *Godspell* had **Martha Holland** as Choreographer, assisted by **Beth Fenske** with **Judy Hayward** as MD. The cast included **Chelsey DeLacy**, **Caitlan Donohue**, **Katrina Fisher**, **Stephanie Hogan**, **Ellise Lesser**, **Rachel Koehler**, **Samantha Mignault**, **Emily Pipilas**, **Connor Vigeant** and **Daniel Schwartzberg**. Behind the scenes were **Grethen Gray**, **Bailey DeLacy**, **Dan Koehler**, **Jon Fisher** and **Dave Migneault**. **Martha** and **Jed Holland** will be working with the Unitarian Church production of *Honk, Jr.* which will feature **Andrew** and **Becca Holland** and **Grace Morton**. Jed is also handling the music for a one woman revue in May. Congratulations to Nashua High North's **Nickie Dubick** who made All State Jazz Choir and **Eric Berthiume** who made All State Choir. And to college students **Michael O'Keefe** and **Emily Ellett** who made the Deans List. **Ben Gorelick**, who was a Who in *Seussical* and a member of Jr. Actorsingers, just finished a run as a Wickersham Brother in *Seussical Jr.* at the Palace theater in Manchester and is going on to be the "Modern Major General" in his school's production of *The Pirates of Penzance*. **Carol Gorelick**, recently in *Seussical* as Mama Who, can be seen every day at 8:30 am and 6 pm on Nashua's E-TV educational channel 99 (cable access channel) starring in a children's television show that she created to promote reading background and introduction to literature to the children of Nashua. **Beth Fenske** will be featured in Concord's *The Full Monty* while Mom, **Betty Thomson**, is doing a dinner theatre, *Bermuda Avenue Triangle* with Stage One Productions in Manchester, along with **Kerry Schneider**, who just finished *Beau Jest* there. And a double congrats to **Kerry** and **Dennis Schneider** on the birth of their first grandchild, **Hannah Grace**, who decided to arrive almost 6 weeks early - and on the engagement of their daughter, **Lauren**. Until next time... news? call Kerry (603) 888-2837 or E-mail ActingKer@aol.com

Actorsingers Mugs for Sale – The Actorsingers has classy official Mugs (Black with Gold Trim) for sale at \$8.00 each. Contact Kerry Schneider (ActingKer@aol.com) or (603) 888-2837
