

COHASSET DRAMATIC CLUB

FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER

2010 SEASON

Summer Drama Workshop Productions are a Summer Hit

CDC kicked off our 7th Summer Drama Workshop Season in June with auditions for "Seussical Jr." for kids 8 – 13, and the new musical "13" for kids 13 – 18. 68 energized actors joined the casts of both shows and summer theater was off and running. For the second year in a row, five cast members from "13" enlisted in "double sessions" when they applied for and were accepted as production interns for "Seussical Jr." Their mission was to work with program directors this year to learn how to produce a show. They coordinated the design and creation of t-shirts, posters and the show program, along with writing the press release and handling ticket sales. They did all of this while rehearsing 3 – 4 days a week for their show, "13." Congrats to that team: Alex Huntington, Andrew Lemieux, Logan Pratt, Megan Rafferty and Julia Thompson. The fantastical, magical production of "Seussical, Jr." was a colorful, musical sight to see, with forty young thespians and an egg, nest and tree!! With creative, original costuming by Bernadette Crawford of Cohasset and Brianna Plummer of Norwell, the show exploded onto the stage for an hour and half of singing and dancing excitement.



In the new musical, "13," twenty-eight teens took over the stage to tell the story of Evan Goldman, a young man forced to move from New York to a small town in Indiana when his parents get divorced. Having just finished a one year Broadway run, "13" was the perfect choice for our teens to "walk the walk." This show didn't stray far from home for them. With an unforgettable rock score from Tony Award-winning composer, Jason



Robert Brown, "13" is a fun, wry, high-energy musical for all ages about discovering that cool is where you find it, and sometimes where you least expect it.

"Footloose" Actress Earns a Nomination

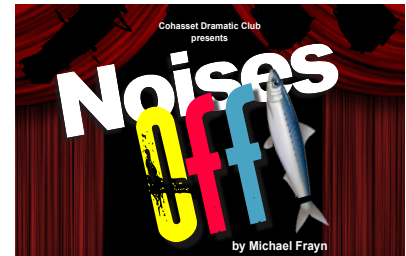
Our spring production of "Footloose" was a treat on many levels, but we couldn't let it rest on its laurels without congratulating our very own Cara Lee Haman, who was nominated by the Eastern Massachusetts Association of Community Theaters (EMACT) for Best Supporting Actress in a Musical for her performance in "Footloose." Theaters large and small participate in the EMACT adjudication process each year. Although Cara didn't take home the ultimate prize, she was one of only five actresses in her category in 2010, CDC's first year of participation. We are proud to have been judged a winner, because after all, it's an honor just to be nominated!! Congrats Cara Lee!



Award Winning Comedy "Noises Off!" Opens November 12th

We're kicking off CDC's 90th season with the frantically funny farce, "Noises Off!" at Cohasset Town Hall Theater, November 12 - 21, 2010. Heralded by the New York Post as "The funniest farce ever written," Tony Award winner Michael Frayn's "Noises Off!" is not one play but two. A cast of second-rate ac-

tors is in the midst of final rehearsals for their upcoming flop, "Nothing's On," while an even worse nightmare is going on backstage. Audience members will witness the frenzied action on stage and behind the scenes as everything spins with hilarity. In the end the two collide into a single classically comic play. Directed by Lisa Pratt (Cohasset), "Noises Off!" stars Mark Bono (Milton), Cecelia Chapman (Cohasset), Jessica Corey (Weymouth), Woody Farrick (Boston), Chris Hetherington (Scituate), Dan Kirichok (Brockton), Cathy Larson (Milton), Sarah Rocca (Weymouth) and Bill White (Scituate).



Performance dates and times are as follows: Fridays and Saturdays, November 12, 13, 19, 20 at 7:30 p.m., Sundays, November 14 & 21 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for general admission, group discount available upon request. Tickets can be purchased at Paperscapes in Cohasset Village, Buttonwood Books on CJC Hwy, Cohasset, by reservation at 617-697-2115, or at the door. Tickets for Friday November 12, opening night only, are specially priced \$14 and are available at Paperscapes or at the door. www.cohassetdramaticclub.org for more information.

PLEASE TAKE A SEAT!

After 20 years (we think) in the role of theater seating at Cohasset Town Hall, we have retired our not so luxurious black and green chairs to scrap metal recycling. OK, you might see about 30 of them still alive and kicking around the theater at town hall, but they auditioned and were cast "the best

of the best.” The rest, you’ll be pleased to know, were shown the “stage door.” The news is that CDC has purchased 160 new padded cloth chairs for your seating pleasure. So get your tickets soon for “Noises Off,” and be among the first to take a seat among the next generation! A special thank you to everyone who supported us over the last few years. It is your support and the generous grant we receive from the South Shore Music Circus that has allowed us to finally purchase our new chairs.

Board Member and Playwright Lisa Rafferty finds the Funny in Breast Cancer with MOMologues: Pink ribbon Edition

WCVB-TV5 Newswomen Star in Staged Reading of ‘The MOMologues: Pink Ribbon Overdose’ in Honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month



The Ellie Fund, a local breast cancer nonprofit organization that provides valuable support services to Massachusetts’ women and families, will benefit from a staged reading of the new comedy - The MOMologues: Pink Ribbon Overdose at the Hard Rock Café Boston on October 27. The cast stars WCVB-TV5’s Newswomen Bianca de la Garza, Susan Wornick, and Karen Holmes Ward, film and television actress Erica McDermott (The Fighter) and Ellie Fund Executive Director Julie Nations in the production that mines the experience of breast cancer for laughs. All the cast members have been touched by breast cancer through the experiences of family members and other loved ones. The MOMologues: Pink Ribbon Overdose will benefit the Ellie Fund on Wednesday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hard Rock Café Boston Cavern Club. Tickets are \$30 for the performance, complimentary hors d’oeuvres and an exclusive “Pop Up Boutique” by well-known women’s clothing retailer Lyn Evans/Potpourri Designs. 100% of ticket proceeds and 15% of boutique proceeds will be donated to The Ellie Fund to provide transportation, childcare, housekeeping, groceries and meals free of charge to more than 500 breast cancer patients and families across Massachusetts this year. For tickets and more information, go to www.elliefund.org/pinkribbon or www.MOMologues.com

CDC Thespians Onstage

Many CDC friends are presently celebrating in NYC, well in “Annie’s” NYC that is, with Hingham Civic Music Theater in their successful run of the classic story. Look for Bob Kniffen as Oliver “Daddy” Warbucks, Reed Dickinson as Rooster Hannigan, Denise Feeney and Ellen Spadorcia as two of the Boylan sisters, and Jen Kuzmeskas and Madison Hindley in the ensemble. Jillian Ahern, Olivia Arnold, Meghan Considine, Morgan Fechter, Rebecca Fredey, Madison Hindley, Emma Humphrey, Katie McKeon, Sami Mushin, Madison Pratt and Maggie Seebeck will all be appearing in late November in Cohasset Middle School’s fall One-Act Drama Fest to take place at the school. In Cohasset High School’s December production of “The Wiz,” Logan Pratt plays the scarecrow, Julia Thompson is Aunt Em, and Callie Piepenbrink and Faith Porter take on characters of the citizens of Oz. Mark Bono is rehearsal pianist and will accompany the show; Chris Hetherington will play Bass in the orchestra, with Gary Ritts on Synthesizer. Denise Feeney will be appearing in Company theater’s “It’s a Wonderful Life” running from late November through December 19. Roger Dawley and Megan Rafferty will appear as Eugene and in the ensemble, respectively, of “Grease,” Company Theater’s Teen Conservatory’s January 2011 production.

COMING SOON!

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee in Spring 2011

Mark your calendars for March 11 – 27, 2011 when CDC presents the hilarious musical, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,” nominated for 6 Tony awards upon it’s 2005 debut. The show centers around a fictional spelling bee set in the geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the Bee, run by three equally-quirky grown-ups! The show offers a unique twist in that it invites four audience members to join the cast onstage to compete in the spelling bee alongside the six young characters, so improvisation and surprises abound!



There’s something for everyone at CDC’s spring musical where, whether you’re onstage or off, you’ll meet the unlikeliest of heroes; a quirky yet charming cast of outsiders for whom a spelling bee is the one place where they can stand out and fit in at the same time. Adults 18 years & older are welcomed to audition on December 12 & 13, 2010. Check out our website for all the details: www.cohassetdramaticclub.org

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

We’re nothing without you, so tell us what you think. What kind of shows would you like us to consider? A comedy, drama, murder mystery, or a good old fashioned musical? Our Playreading committee sets sail on their research and reading journey each February. If there’s a title you want us to consider, tell us. We’d love to hear from you. Do you have some great theater news about what you’re up to? We’d love to print it in our newsletter so everyone knows what’s happening. Do you have a friend who might like to hear from Cohasset Dramatic Club and be the first to know all the latest about auditions and show dates? Send their email address to our Secretary, Lisa Pratt at lisa.pratt@comcast.net

2010-2011 CDC MEMBERSHIPS

Attached in this email is CDC's annual membership form. Without the support of our members, we would not have been able to continue our 89-year commitment to presenting fine entertainment for our community and surrounding towns. The benefits of membership are outlined on the membership page, along with receiving our newsletter and of course the enjoyment of participating in all facets of our productions. So, to you, our members and friends, we deeply thank you. In this our 2010-2011 season, our 90th, we ask for your support once again. Please consider joining us with your membership today!

Cohasset Dramatic Club 2010 – 2011 Membership Form

The Cohasset Dramatic Club, Inc. has maintained our commitment for 89 years to presenting fine entertainment for the community. Our ability to do that depends upon your support as members. In supporting CDC as a member, you receive the benefits as outlined below, subscription to our email announcements, and of course the enjoyment of participating in all facets of our productions. CDC's season begins in September and runs through May of each year. Membership and Gift giving levels are outlined below.

Membership:

Single (Individual): \$20

Family (of 2 or more): \$35

Patron: \$50 (includes your name listed in our show program and 1 ticket to each production)

Angel: \$100 (includes your name listed in our show program and 2 tickets to each production as well as preferred seating and refreshments for each ticket holder)

Benefactor: \$500 (includes your name listed in our show program and 4 tickets to each production, along with preferred seating and refreshments for each ticket holder)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

_____ Individual Member

_____ Family Member

_____ Patron*

_____ Angel*

_____ Benefactor*

All donors at the Patron level and above will be listed in our 2010 - 2011 program booklet. (Please list your name, as you would like it printed in our program book in the "Name" line above.) To take advantage of the reserved seating benefit, you must contact our ticket reservation line at 617-697-2115

one week prior to the show date for which you would like to reserve your seats, and they will be held for you for your chosen performance. All seats must be occupied 10 minutes before the curtain goes up for any performance. Patron, Angel and Benefactor seats not occupied at that time will then be released to general seating by our House Manager.

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

Cohasset Dramatic Club, Inc. and mailed to P.O. Box 53, Cohasset, MA 02025

Shows dates for the Cohasset Dramatic Club's 2010 - 2011 Season:

Noises Off!: November 12, 13, 19, 20 at 7:30 p.m.; November 14 and 21 at 2:00 p.m.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee: March 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, at 7:30 p.m.; March 13, 20, 27 at 2:00 p.m.