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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to tonight's celebration honoring The Rehearsal Club (TRC).

Founded in 1913, TRC provided generations of young women a safe, welcoming home in Manhattan's Theater District as they pursued careers in the performing arts. Many of its talented residents went on to enjoy successful careers on Broadway and in music, dance, radio, film, and television, and its alumnae include such acclaimed artists as Carol Burnett, Blythe Danner, Diane Keaton, and Kim Cattrall, among other notable individuals. The boarding house closed in 1979, but its influence lives on in the hearts of its former residents, many of whom have joined forces to preserve its legacy and raise funds to re-open an affordable sanctuary for women at the Webster Apartments on West 34th Street.

Tonight, I am pleased to join TRC alumnae and supporters at the New York Public Library's 53rd Street branch for the unveiling of a commemorative plaque in honor of the residence's longtime location on this block, to be followed by a reception and performances across the street at the Museum of Modern Art. This evening's program not only recognizes the important role TRC played in our city's diverse creative community, but also celebrates its rebirth as a nonprofit organization that offers professional mentoring and residency programs to young women in New York City with dreams of joining our dynamic show business sector. I look forward to the many ways everyone gathered will further strengthen the five boroughs as we take bold steps to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, restore our city's cultural vibrancy, and build a brighter, more inclusive, and prosperous future for all.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for a safe and uplifting event, and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eric Adams'.

Eric Adams
Mayor



2022 Three Historic TRC Celebrations

NYPL Commemorative Plaque Installation *Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 PM*

A Commemorative Plaque will be installed by the New York Public Library to celebrate the former TRC location on 53rd Street across from MoMA. City officials, celebrities and dignitaries will be on hand with presentations.

MoMA (Museum of Modern Art) Reception *Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 PM*

TRC past, present and future will be celebrated with major donors, alums and special guests at a festive reception at the museum following installation of the plaque. Musical performances will anchor the affair that includes a menu of small bites and refreshments.

TRC Rising Stars Event *Monday, May 16, 7:00 PM*

A theater presentation showcasing TRC Rising Stars will take place at the Leonard Nimoy Theatre at Symphony Space. A panel of industry professionals will preside over a competition for the TRC 2022 Rising Star award.



Be a Part of these TRC Springtime Events!

Tickets for the MoMA/NYPL Event are \$100, \$50 for TRC Members in good standing. Ticketholders receive a wristband that will allow entry to the MoMA reception following the plaque installation at NYPL.

For tickets to the Rising Star Award competition, go to boxoffice@symphonyspace.org
Find the calendar, click on the date (May 16),
and follow the prompts to purchase tickets.

[Buy MoMA/NYPL
Tickets](#)

Join The TRC AIDS Walk Team!



Come One! Come All!

Our Rehearsal Club Team is up and running and needs YOU to help us find the fun! To be part of the Team and raise \$\$, and/or just DONATE to the team, click the button below.

Your fellow alums and new members are looking forward to walking with you soon!

Contact Margaret Darlow: meodarlow@gmail.com, for meet-up info if you want to join the walk.

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In Memoriam



Liz Sheridan, TRC Alum and TV Mom to Jerry Seinfeld, died on April 15 at 93. Liz started her career in the '50's as a dancer. In the '70's she appeared in 7 Broadway shows, and throughout the following decades she appeared in many roles in a wide variety of TV shows.

In 2000 Liz published a memoir in which she wrote of her romance with a young, struggling actor she met in the lobby of The Rehearsal Club one day in 1951. That young actor was James Dean.



Our love and support go out to TRC Alum **Carole D'Andrea**, also one of our Cinderella writers, who recently lost her husband, **Robert Morse**. Carole has had a long and successful career. Among her many accomplishments, she appeared in the original film of *West Side Story*



From TRC All Star **Denise Pence** comes the sad news of the death of Jerry Ver Dorn, with whom she worked on *Guiding Light*.

Anyone who watched *Guiding Light* back in the late 70s and followed him to *One Life To Live*, knows the beautiful spirit with which Jerry imbued his characters.

According to Denise, "We came into the show at the same time. Lisa Brown joined our group when we went to an hour. Both actors are now gone. Their memory, and our work together, remains with me. May they both be resting in peace."



Breaking News Of Our Celeb Alums



On May 16, 2022, Virginia's Tony Award-winning Signature Theatre will honor Carol Burnett with the company's eleventh Stephen Sondheim Award. The Award will be presented at a black-tie Gala Benefit at Capital One Hall in Tysons, Virginia and will benefit Signature Theatre's artistic, education, and community programs



DeBorah Sharpe-Taylor, who is running for an Actors Equity office, appeared as a crossing guard in Episode 613 of *This Is Us*, which aired on April 19.

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TRC Alum **Annette Hunt** is now at the Lillian Booth Home in Englewood, New Jersey. In 2011, Annette received excellent reviews for her role as Ada in *Hillbilly Women* at the Off Broadway Arclight Theatre. TRC Sister **Maria Mallman** joined fellow Alums **Dottie Belle** and **Sunny Keyser** for a pre-lunch and the show.



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TRC Workshops



Meditation & Mindfulness

Hosted by RC Alum: Michele Mason
Thursdays 2:00 – 3:00 pm EDT

Highly recommended to reduce stress and help to bring you into a state of true Zen.

Meeting ID: 854 0574 8510

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Thank you, Michele, for sharing your amazing gift with us every week! This Workshop is a special place to collect, reflect and commune.

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Shakespeare Alive!

Produced by Denise Pence



Shakespeare Alive! completed its 15th play, *Cymbeline*, since we started all this in August, 2020 (see image below). Many thanks to Page Clements, our Shakespeare guru, who has been giving us an overview of each play since we began this series under the TRC umbrella.

Today, under our History Alive! umbrella, Page will be joining our readings as Mistress Overdone in *Measure For Measure*, our last and final play. Many of our talented thespians are finding work again! Yea for them! A fabulous, fun and educational time was had by all. Thank you to TRC for getting us started.

If anyone would like to read stage directions or cover minor roles for this last play, contact: Denise@denisepence.com

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Explore! Engage! Enjoy!

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Welcome New Members and Returning Alumnae!

Avis Boone, Maria Cabezas, Patricia Cody, Rebecca Damon, Kristin Fox, Wendy Gebb, Christina Gillespie, Ezra Knight, Florence Long, Sarah Seeds, Virginia Seidel, Deborah White

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