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A DREAM COME TRUE!

Our May trio of historic events focused on the legacy of the original Rehearsal Club, in tandem with our miraculous revival of affordable housing and sanctuary for talented young women aspiring to careers in the performing arts. Our new residents brought the house down at MoMA in their performance of "45–47 West 53rd" from the musical based on The Rehearsal Club by Jamey Simpson and Charles Liepart, "Cinderella's of West 53rd."

On May 11, the 53rd Street branch of The New York Public Library was host for the installation and dedication of a plaque generously donated by the Tony and Emmy Award winning actress and TRC alum Blythe Danner commemorating the original location of The Rehearsal Club on West 53rd Street.

TRC President Gale Patron welcomed alums and special guests, and introduced a letter from the Mayor of the City of New

York, Eric Adams, read by Carla Hoke-Miller, from the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment.

Proclamations were received from the office of Manhattan Borough President, Mark Levine, who proclaimed Wednesday, May 11, 2022 "The Rehearsal Club Appreciation Day" in the Borough of Manhattan of the great city of New York, and from NYC Council Members Gale Brewer, Eric Bottcher and Keith Gaines.

Four decades after the closure of the original residence in 1979, TRC reopened its safe haven for deserving female talent in January 2022 at The Webster Apartments on West 34th Street. The revived Residency Program, conceived and executed by volunteer alumnae, offers room and board at affordable rates plus mentorships, workshops and networking opportunities.





Special Thanks to our TRC Sister Francine Mancini, photographer extraordinaire and our Rising Stars Director, for the gorgeous images you see throughout this issue of Goings On. Do yourself a favor and check out her Facebook page at the following address:

<https://www.facebook.com/francinemanciniphotography>



Suddenly We're 19 Again!



TRC Members having lunch at The Webster while in NYC for all the festivities.



🌸 Miranda Jones wins Rising Star Award 🌸



TRC is thrilled to announce actress Miranda Jones as the winner of the annual Rising Star Event, held May 16 at Symphony Space.

Miranda Jones hails from Roanoke, Virginia. She originated the role of Ella McCormick on the national tour of *Elf on the Shelf*. Miranda was recently featured in Sundog Theatre's *Scenes from the Staten Island Ferry 2002*. Beginning in July she'll be singing and dancing around the Hawaiian Islands with Norwegian Cruise Lines "Pride of America" ship.



**Please Welcome
ANDREA FRIERSON
TRC Residency Program Chair
Effective June 27, 2022**

"Scrolling through last year's emails, I am struck by how far the Residency Program has come from our early Committee Meetings, then Chaired with unceasing devotion by Cynthia Darlow, to our first applicants who, at the time, numbered no more than the number of rooms we had to offer! What a difference six months makes! We now have a waiting list of young women hoping for a coveted spot in TRC's Residency Program at The Webster Apartments!

Next month, we welcome a new group of talented young women who are, along with many of our existing residents, ready to stake their claim as future artists "to know and watch". This success is due in large part to the tireless work of our Residency Committee Members viewing and interviewing applicants, Gale and Cynthia's "big picture" view of possibilities, a lot of attention to detail by yours

truly, and Maria Elena de la Noval's unending commitment to the resident community as Residency Program Coordinator.

We look to the future with workshops, special programs, and a resource I am personally developing: an online Residency Program Bulletin Board, featuring services both offered and needed and sourced from our TRC community (everything from dog walking to computer help). These services would help support our young women as they navigate huge living costs in NYC.

Meet our new TRC residents below!"

Jett Kwong Kelly, from Los Angeles, California, is a graduate of California Institute of the Arts. Jett is a singer, songwriter and actor. She joins us in July to participate in a unique arts project.



Lauren Reece, from Stillwater, Oklahoma, is a very recent graduate of Oklahoma State University, where she majored in Musical Theater and Acting. Lauren was accepted into Stella Adler's Summer Acting

Intensive for 2022 and joins us in June.

Sophie Sarnacki, from Winfield, Kansas, was a Musical Theater major at Stephens College and joins us in July.



Zoe Smith is from Bradenton, Florida, and attended Eckart College, as well as the Circle in the Square Theater School. Zoe, sadly, lost her Dad, her most ardent supporter, to Covid a couple of years ago. She continues work on her craft and strives to make him proud.

Chelsea Weaver,
from Tolland,
Connecticut, attended
Western Connecticut
State University. She
joins us in July and
her interest is in
theater performance,
writing, and directing.



From TRC Golden Girl Christina Gillespie



Carol Burnett, David Atkinson, Christina Gillespie, Julie Andrews

We received a lovely letter from TRC Golden Girl Christina "Tinker" Gillespie, expressing her regrets at not being able to attend the festivities

in New York City last month and enclosing the above photo of herself with 3 friends – Carol Burnett, her roommate/minder at The Rehearsal Club; David Atkinson, Broadway actor/singer; Christina, and Julie Andrews. Christina recalls that this photo was a publicity shot for Carol and Julie's first TV special together. David Atkinson was the lead in *All In Love*, and Christina was about to open in a new Off-Broadway musical.

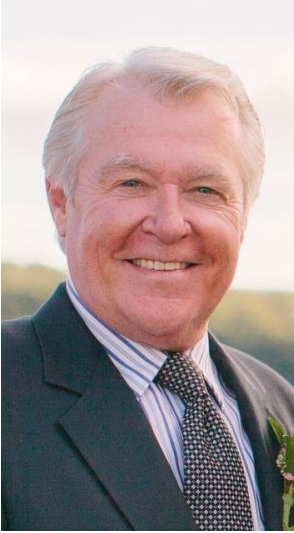
In her first role on Broadway, Christina created the role of Clarissa in *The Reluctant Debutante*, after an audition she got thanks to Agent Sarah Enright, whom she met in the cafeteria of The Rehearsal Club. Christina also played Lady Anne, Julie Andrews' lady-in-waiting, in *Camelot*, again thanks to her agent. As Christina says in her letter, the role of the TRC cafeteria in all of this should not be diminished.

We love hearing these stories of The Rehearsal Club over the years, as our new Residents create new memories for generations to come.

In Memoriam



We mourn the death of **Joanne "Lilith" McCorry Cincotta**, who passed away after a short illness on May 4th, 2022. While at The Rehearsal Club, 1964–1966, Lilith attended and graduated from The Neighborhood Playhouse. Theater was her passion, and for the remainder of her life she followed the industry with great vigor. "Lil" was a staunch member and supporter of The Rehearsal Club, having served on Steering Committees and as Treasurer of the club. She will be dearly missed.



Consider a Memorial Donation to TRC

Last month, we reported the news from Denise Pence of her daytime-tv colleague Jerry Ver Dorn's passing (Mr. Ver Dorn is pictured at left). Denise has made a contribution to TRC in memory of Jerry. Contributions to TRC in memory of a friend, colleague or relative that loved the theater are always welcome. We will acknowledge the contribution to the family if the information is provided.

TRC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 6/26/22

All Dues Paying Members are Invited
to
Join Us!

Sunday, 3–6 pm, June 26th, 2022

For

The Rehearsal Club Annual General Meeting
&

“Social Schmooze”

at

Jean Blevins “Studios 353”

353 West 48th Street, New York, NY 10036

RSVP by 6/15 please to Margaret Strom

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Meet our “little sisters,” hang out with “alum sisters,”
and get to know our colleague members.

Welcome the new TRC Board of Directors!

WIN \$1,000 With YOUR SHORT SCREENPLAY

The CinemaStreet Women's Short Screenplay Competition invites women screenwriters to submit short dramatic scripts of any genre (20 minutes and under) to CinemaStreet Pictures for production consideration. The winning screenwriter will receive \$1,000 for the option to produce the film.

Screenplays may be from anywhere in the world, but must be in English. The first winning screenplay, 6:18 to Omaha, by Leah Curney, is now in distribution.

Sponsored by CinemaStreet Pictures, Dana Offenbach, Owner, and managed by Terry Lawler, former Executive Director of New York Women in Film & Television.

DEADLINE June 30, 2022

Apply at FilmFreeway.com/cinemastreet

Website: CinemaStreetContest.net

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: 873 8866 2646

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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.

[June Zoom Link](#)



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