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Kate West, Editor



**Friends, Members, Residents and Supporters!**

2022 Was a Whirlwind For The Rehearsal Club!

- In our first year of revival, our Residency Program provided sanctuary for 16 immensely talented women.
- Through the generosity of Blythe Danner, a permanent plaque commemorating our legacy was installed at the 53rd Street branch of the New York Public Library.
- The Museum of Modern Art hosted a TRC reception honoring our history and the reopening of TRC affordable housing.
- Our “Rising Stars” event presented emerging talent on Broadway for an evening of diverse entertainment.
- Our community bustled with a variety of workshops, master classes and events.

Although we experienced the profound loss of some of our dearest members, we were brought together in gratitude for strength in the bonds we share.

We greet 2023 with great JOY, LOVE and APPRECIATION for YOU – having brought us this far – with much ANTICIPATION for our continued journey.

With great affection,  
Gale Patron  
and the Board of Directors

**Happy New Year!**

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book,  
waiting to be written." —Melody Beattie

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**TRC Residency Program**



The current Residents at The Webster recorded a beautiful holiday greeting as a very sincere thank-you to all Alumnae and TRC donors who have made their dreams come true.

### [TRC Residents Holiday](#)

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TRC Star Andrea Frierson has a short play being featured at The Fire This Time Festival, an evening of short plays by African-American playwrights at the Kraine Theater, 85 E. 4th Street in the East Village.

Performances are: Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm; Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Follow the link below for more info and to purchase tickets.

### [\*\*The Fire This Time\*\*](#)

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## **TRC Seeks Part-Time Executive Director**

As TRC grows, the Board of Directors is conducting a search for a part time Executive Director. This position will provide more hands-on help in fund raising as well as organizational and strategic operations. Anyone with

fundraising and leadership skills (or who might know someone appropriate) should reach out to [RCGovernance@gmail.com](mailto:RCGovernance@gmail.com) for more information.

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## **TRC Holiday Party Hosted by Francine Mancini**

On December 18, Francine Mancini, TRC Vice President and photographer extraordinaire, hosted a holiday celebration. Those in attendance enjoyed the camaraderie, the food and the opportunity to celebrate with their TRC Sisters.



Left to right: Andrea Frierson, Debbie Andrews, Leslie Shreve, Johann Carlo, Francine Mancini, Margaret Darlow, Leslie Middlebrook. On couch: Cameron Taylor, Sunny Keyser, Denise Pence, Harmony (dog), Michele Smith, Linda Cool



Left to right: Cameron Taylor, Johann Carlo, Andrea Frierson, Sunny Keyser, Denise Pence, Harmony (dog), Michele Smith, Francine Mancini, Linda Cool, Debbie Andrews

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## **Alliance News**





The New Florida Follies  
 Presents  
**MAGIC, MUSIC & MYSTERY**

**Countess de Hoernle Theatre**  
 at Spanish River Community High School  
 5100 Jog Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33496

Sunday	January 15, 2023	2:00 PM
Sunday	February 5, 2023	2:00 PM
Sunday	March 19, 2023	2:00 PM
Sunday	March 26, 2023	2:00 PM

Tickets: <https://newfloridafollies.yapsody.com/> or call (305) 596-7394

**Township Center for Performing Arts**  
 2452 Lyons Rd., Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Sunday	January 29, 2023	2:00 PM
Sunday	February 26, 2023	2:00 PM

Tickets: <https://boxoffice.townshipcoconutcreek.com> or call (954) 970-0606

**Lillian S. Wells Hall at The Parker**  
 (the reimagined Parker Playhouse)  
 707 NE 8<sup>th</sup> St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304

Sunday	February 19, 2023	2:00 PM
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Tickets: [www.parkerplayhouse.com](http://www.parkerplayhouse.com) or call (954) 462-0222

Tickets \$35 each. Discounts for groups of 25 or more.  
 Proceeds go to local children's charities.

## MAGIC, MUSIC & MYSTERY!

The New Florida Follies proudly presents their brand-new show for 2023 – MAGIC, MUSIC & MYSTERY! – a Broadway-style extravaganza of song and dance performed by the forever young Follies ensemble!

Audiences will be entertained with wondrous magic, great music, Rockette-style tap dancing and Follies production numbers, with mysterious surprises along the way.

The Follies cast includes former professional dancers, including Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, June Taylor dancers, NFL cheerleaders, Las Vegas and Latin Quarter showgirls, and more! Also featured in the 2023 show are the dynamic singing talents of Don Stansfield & Carolyn Smylie, and the intriguing illusions of magician Ian Michael.

The New Florida Follies is directed and choreographed by our dynamo Rehearsal Club Alumna and former Rockette, **Cheryl Steinthal**. The more than 35 Follies dancers, who range in age from 55 to 94 years young, donate their time and talent to help children in need. Each year, the proceeds from ticket sales are donated to local children's charities in South Florida.

There will be seven performances throughout January, February, and March 2023. All performances are 2:00 p.m. Sunday matinees.

The Florida Follies performers create a unique entertainment experience not to be missed! Buy your tickets at one of the links below, or contact Cheryl Steinthal at [cher5678@aol.com](mailto:cher5678@aol.com).

**Boca Raton**

**Coconut**

**Fort**

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## **SAG-AFTRA REMEMBERS RICHARD FERRONE**

The Following appreciation of Richard Ferrone was published by our friends at SAG-AFTRA.



Richard Ferrone, award-winning audiobook narrator and chair of the SAG-AFTRA National Audiobook Steering Committee since its inception, died Oct. 3 at the age of 76. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on Sept. 18.

The wages and working conditions that audiobook narrators work under – continuing to grow to this day – exist in no small part from the singular effort of this champion of union leadership. Ferrone was dedicated to his craft and his union, and served as a National

and New York Local Board member, convention delegate, chair of the New York Audiobook Narrators Caucus and the New York Organizing committee, co-chair of the

MORE Committee and vice chair of Move New York and the National Organizing Committee.

Once a lawyer for the Labor Department in Washington, D.C., he gave up law in the early '70s and joyfully began acting on stage, screen and behind the mic. He recorded over 150 audiobooks and received an Audio Award and four Audio nominations, as well as 12 AudioFile awards.

He joined both legacy unions in 1981 and is survived by his wife, SAG-AFTRA member Cynthia Darlow and their extended family.



We're starting the New Year with *Love's Labour's Lost*, which is fully cast already. However, if you're interested in joining our larger group of thespians to get more timely casting alerts, contact [denise@denisepence.com](mailto:denise@denisepence.com). We are an actor-driven, safe space, although we do share bits of brilliance on social when appropriate – see *Coriolanus* excerpt below, featuring Lisa Barnes as Volumnia and Katie Sparer gender-bending Coriolanus.

Next Up: *Richard II* or *Romeo & Juliet*, end of January or early February. To join our mailing list, contact [denise@denisepence.com](mailto:denise@denisepence.com). You're welcome to join us at any time.

**Coriolanus: A Mother**

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## CINDERELLAS OF WEST 53RD STREET



### EVIL STEP-MOTHER HIDING THE CINDERELLA SLIPPER!

As everyone knows, Boockvor Productions is working with Bear Manor Media to finalize The Rehearsal Club book, "Cinderellas of West 53rd Street: Stories from the Legendary Rehearsal Club." We're all looking forward to publication in January; however, we still do not have a date for when it will actually hit the stands and be available to all of us! Beyond frustrating, but we know Bear Manor is doing their very best to convert all our beautiful, historical stories and photos.

Stay tuned. Contact [denise@denisepence.com](mailto:denise@denisepence.com) to be added to the "Extended TRC Family" to receive more immediate updates on publication and TRC's 110th Anniversary book-signing events!

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## Beautiful Keepsake Valentine Cards Handmade by TRC Alum Charla Hayen





TRC Alum Charla Hayen creates these beautiful, hand-drawn Valentines, suitable for framing. Treat your loved one to an original keepsake, and support TRC at the same time.

## SEND AN UNFORGETTABLE, PERSONALIZED GREETING!



Your sentiment, hand-drawn in pen and ink, illustrated with vintage artwork and original drawings. The Victorian meaning of each flower is its own Valentine message:

CANTERBURY BELLS <i>Consistency</i>	CARNATION <i>Fascination</i>
CHRYSANTHEMUM <i>Love</i>	CLOVER <i>Think of Me</i>
FORGET ME NOT <i>True Love</i>	JONQUIL <i>Desire</i>
LILY <i>Loveliness</i>	LILY OF THE VALLEY <i>Happiness</i>
PANSY <i>Thoughts</i>	PEACH BLOSSOM <i>I Am Your Captive</i>
ROSE <i>Love</i>	VIOLET <i>Faithfulness</i>
SWEETBRIAR <i>Simplicity</i>	TULIP <i>Declaration of Love</i>
SPINDLE <i>Your Image Is Engraved in My Heart</i>	

This lovely keepsake is created by our own talented illustrator, TRC alum Charla Hayen, who will generously donate the proceeds to the TRC Operating Fund. The 5" X 8" card, on luxe creamy stock, is available for only \$20 (shipping included). Please choose your sentiment soon... the deadline to order is February 6!



CONTACT CHARLA DIRECTLY:  
charla1219@aol.com | 540-535-0515

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**SAVE THE DATE!**



TRC will present a Cabaret show featuring our current Residents.

## ***Don't Tell Mama***

Sunday, March 5, 2023, at 4:00 pm

Details to follow

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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: 871 7940 6138

Passcode: 173791

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

[January Zoom](#)

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Please consider The Rehearsal Club in your estate planning. Gifts of this nature have long term tax benefits. Speak with your financial advisor.

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**Explore! Engage! Enjoy!**

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We had a good turnout during our 2023 Membership Drive, which ended on November 30, 2022. If you missed it or know someone who would like to become a member, we will always “throw up the sash” to welcome you in or back!

If you have any doubts or questions about your dues or gifts to The Rehearsal Club, please write Jackie Gautreaux, our finance whiz, who will



send you a list of your contributions during the last few years. Reach out to Jackie at [RCFinancecom@gmail.com](mailto:RCFinancecom@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support of TRC.  
We can't do it without you.

[TRC Dues](#)

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