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Kate West, Editor



**Happy
Independence
Day!**



**TRC Welcomes a New Board
and New Fiscal Year**



Members, Friends, Colleagues, and Supporters,

It continues to be an honor and a privilege to be part of the journey of our beloved Rehearsal Club! We close books on a bright and productive year raising TRC to a new level of accomplishment and professionalism.

Having produced three major events in NYC and having opened the new Residency Program at Webster Apartments to great success, we could justifiably put our feet up. But wait! Every turn in the TRC journey has brought more opportunities, and plans are underway to further serve our wonderful mission.

It is time for nationwide recognition of The Rehearsal Club's history, legacy and accomplishments over time. We have succeeded since 2006 with a passionate core of volunteers. Now we need to build a sustaining non-profit future.

TRC now has “legs,” and with your vision and support we will make a larger impact on the performing arts in NYC and across our nation.

Very special thanks to the outgoing Board for their incredible gifts of talent, loyalty, solidarity and creativity. We truly hold each other up in a world of such uncertainty, and I know our enthusiastic new Board will bring an added dimension of fresh vision and commitment to TRC.

I thank EACH of you, from my heart, for your support, with very special thanks to two individuals for their gifts:

Magda Katz, a new member of TRC, blew us away with her gift of videography for our May events. Suddenly, we were LIVE and REAL – and for everyone – no matter if you were in Wichita or Katmandu. The videos made a huge impact on everybody who saw them. Thank you, Magda.

And where would we be without **Maria Mallman**, Emeritus Member of TRC, who devotes her life to searching out former Alums and keeping them up-to-date with information about where TRC is today. Maria actually found ME -- first in the Cayman Islands, then in Puerto Rico, and now back on the mainland! Maria is a passionate warrior and our in-house Historian..

There are other ways everyone can help. If you shop on Amazon (and who doesn't), you can turn pennies into dollars by joining Amazon Smile (exactly the same platform) and designating The Rehearsal Club as your charity, so they will donate a smidge of profit to TRC. It costs nothing and many "smidges" can make miracles.

Remember TRC in your estate planning going forward. Just like a new "boarding house" was a pipe dream a few years back, an Endowment Program is now a real possibility. Many of us in our Golden Years (yuk!) might consider this to support the next generation of artists.

We all look forward to a calmer and more collected new year (22-23) as we look deeper into the future of TRC. Please stay with us on the journey!

My very best always.



INTRODUCING THE 2022-23 TRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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CORRECTION

In the June issue of Goings On, Manhattan Council Member Keith Powers was incorrectly identified as Keith Gaines. We regret the error and we sincerely apologize to Mr. Powers.



**Dottie Belle, Alum,
Represents TRC at the Annual
BROADWAY CARES -AIDS Walk New York**



TRC Alumna and former NYC Rockette, **Dottie Belle**, participated in the *Broadway Cares – AIDS Walk* in New York on May 16. The annual event returned to Central Park for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. Dottie reports that she enjoyed walking as a Team Member for TRC, who raised \$800.00 for the event! Thank you, Dottie!



Breaking News of Our Celeb Alums



TRC Founding Benefactor **Carol Burnett** will join the cast of AMC's *Better Call Saul*, appearing as a guest star in the final six episodes of the six-season series, playing "Marion" in the series she describes as her "favorite show."

Better Call Saul returns to AMC and AMC+ for its final six episodes, the second half of its sixth and final season, July 11, with the series finale set for August 15.



TRC ALUM **Francine Mancini's** *New Day*, co-written with the talented Robert Scott Stone, made the Top Broadjam 10 again recently!! You can hear *New Day*, and other songs from Francine's Musical "No U-Turns A. D." , on many streaming sites, including Spotify, Amazon Music, iTunes, Radioplay, ReverbNation and Boomplay, among others.



TRC Vegas Alum **Barbara Brighton** will be appearing June 25 at Firelight Dinner Theater in Henderson, Nevada. She is an accomplished actress as well as singer-comedienne. Barbara appeared on Broadway in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *Camelot*, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* and *Milk and Honey*. She has been called "Joan Rivers Before Surgery."



Diane Keaton's latest film, to be released August 12, 2022, is *Mack and Rita*, about a 30-something who wanders into a regression pod during her best friend's bachelorette party and wakes up as a 70-year old.





Recently, **Maria Elena De la Noval** has been in LA producing some spots for Walmart for an ad agency from Houston. She is back home at the Webster now. Maria Elena is continuing the exciting work on her Broadway musical *Waiting For Snow in Havana*, slated to be completed next year.



Meet Our New TRC Residents



Karina Pomales hails from Deltona, Florida, and is a BFA student at Eckerd College, in a joint program with Circle in the Square Theatre School in New York City. She hopes to enter her third year in the Eckerd/Circle BFA program this fall and eventually pursue a career in Musical Theater.

Glory Pazdra is from Coral Gables, Florida, where she dreamed of being a Great Woman of Broadway – inspired by a childhood record album she listened to constantly growing up. Glory has been accepted into Broadway Dance Center's Independent Training Program, which starts in the fall of 2022.



Torinae Norman is a recent graduate of Manhattan School of Music's prestigious Musical Theater Program where she cultivated a love of and appreciation for the arts. She thrives upon exploring and learning new things and eagerly awaits her arrival in New York City.



Cinderella Book Project Update

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with any questions or concerns

Affiliate News



The Episcopal Actors' Guild



On July 21 at 7 pm, Episcopal Actors' Guild's SMALL PLATES series will feature the short play *Mice Will Play* by JoAnn Yeoman Tongret, directed by TRC's own **Kathleen Conry**. TRC alum **Melinda Tanner** is reading stage directions, and Mike Timoney, TRC/Shakespeare Workshop regular, will read Spencer in the two-hander. Newcomer Richard Leigh-Nilsen will read Jinx. Proceeds benefit EAG. COVID protocols are still in place for this event. Seating is limited. LOTS of exciting events are scheduled for July....check them ALL out!! For tickets, which are \$0-\$25, click the link below.

[Small Plates](#)

The Ziegfeld Society Has a New Home!



The Ziegfeld Society

A Midsummer Matinée 2022

Sunday, July 17th 3:30-5:00pm

● *Entertainment* ●

LAUREN BAKER FRANK BASILE
DIANE J. FINDLAY SIERRA REIN
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● Our NEW Location ●

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150 East 76th Street (between Lexington Ave & 3rd Ave)

For your safety, The Theatre requires all audience members
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From **Maria Mallman** comes the sad news that **Marti Hespen** (Hespenhyde), TRC early 1960's, has recently lost her spouse of 32 years, Douglas Pope. Maria has fond memories of coaxing Marti out to lunch at Pig & Whistle when her former housemate, Jodi Percelle, came to town. We offer our sincere condolences to Marti and will keep her in our thoughts.

Below, left to right:

Jodi Percelle, Marti Hespen, Virginia Wing, Maria Mallman and Judy Jenson (all TRC housemates early 1960's), joined by Risé Clemmer, who also danced in Vegas.



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.

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[July Zoom Link](#)



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