

GOINGS ON

NEWS, NOTES & NOTICES FOR TRC ALUMS & MEMBERS



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Kate West, Editor

Happy New Year!

2024

Ringing In The New Year!

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

This sentiment says a lot about The Rehearsal Club.

Along with this one by Rainer Maria Rilke,
"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been."

I love both phrases because they place us as agents of change. What we do with this hour, this day, this year is up to us. We can sit back with a moan and groan to declare things are not what they used to be, or we can be agents of change every day. A simple sincere greeting with a smile to someone not expecting it can change the day.

We are capable of so much. Start your day with a kind word and a spirit of generosity to see how little it takes to share your gifts as an agent of change.

All of us at The Rehearsal Club wish you a wonderful and fruitful 2024 with our deepest gratitude for your helping us to be agents in the pursuit of transforming dreams into reality.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gale Patron".

Gale Patron, President



Our TRC Spotlight shines this month on Board Member Janet Stilson. As Janet describes in her bio on janetstilson.com, she lives in "two worlds," one as a creative writer of novels, short stories, scripts and film, the other as a journalist.

Janet's work as a fiction writer is in science fiction and fantasy, where she strives to illuminate the human condition in new and thought provoking ways. Her current novel is *The Juice* (published by Dragon Moon Press). Janet's description of the novel is as "a dystopian, cyberpunk tale." A sequel to *The Juice* is scheduled for release in May, 2024. Janet also has a short story, "Imaginary Children," published by *Asimov's Magazine*.

Janet's film script *Jaguar Trail* was selected as a winner of *The Writers Lab for Women* (which is funded by Meryl Streep and Nicole Kidman). Stowe Story

Labs recognized the *Jaguar Trail* script as part of their intensive mentorship program in 2018.

Janet's "other world" as a journalist has also been filled with success. She worked on the showbiz publication *Variety*. She has traveled the world reporting on the business of media and entertainment. Janet was also a consultant and researcher in the area of business in media. Selected clients were Liberty Media, Microsoft Corp, Oxygen, Discovery Communications and MTV Networks.



Janet has been an artist in residence at Dorland, a retreat in Southern California, The Julia and David White Artists' Colony in Costa Rica, Odysseys, also in Costa Rica, and La Muse in southern France.

Janet currently lives in the Riverdale area of New York City. The Rehearsal Club is very honored to have Janet's support and expertise on our Board.

Thank You!

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the friends and family who so generously donated to The Rehearsal Club's year end fundraising effort. Bolstered by your support, we look forward to 2024 being a year filled with new milestones for TRC's Members and our Residents. Thank you!

Introducing New TRC Residency Program Co-Chairs

The New TRC Residency Program Co-Chairs, General Member Jenny Lamb and Charter Alum Donna Inglima, have begun taking on the tasks that have been carefully developed and managed by Andrea Frierson for two years. Our gratitude for Andrea's vision and unfaltering commitment is deeply appreciated and our learning curve is in motion. Andrea walked us through the specifics and nuances of the Residency Program and has also made herself available for questions or concerns. Thank you, Andrea, for your humor and lighthearted approach, and the strength you've modeled for TRC. Andrea has left big shoes to fill. Fortunately, Jenny and Donna have big feet!! LOL!

Jenny Lamb is an Assistant Professor of Theatre at Penn State. She's an Actor, Director, Educator, Movement Artist, Creator and Singer/Songwriter. Donna Inglima, member of AEA, SDC is a lifelong theater artist. She's a Director, Playwright, Producer, Actor, and Teacher.

Jenny lives and works in State College, PA, and Donna lives in Syracuse, NY. As Donna explains, their access to the city is not immediate. She and Jenny look forward to brainstorming, together and with others on TRC committees, as they plan upcoming workshops for Residents and create social events with our TRC members and Housemother, Maria Elena.

In November, as the transition from Andrea to the new co-chairs was happening, Jenny and Donna met a new Residency candidate, Kaitlyn Smith. Her interview was strong and we all look forward to completing the important document process.

We wish our current Residents, the candidates waiting in the wings, and our newest candidate, very Happy, Healthy Holidays.

TRC Residents Perform In Holiday Cabaret

Three of TRC's current Residents performed in a Holiday Cabaret with Circle In The Square on December 8 at Urban Stages in New York.

Photos by Jaimee Lee Gaston



TRC Residents Karina Pomales, Zoe Smith and Grace Ingves performed at the Circle In The Square Holiday Cabaret. Seen above with the Circle students is TRC Charter Member and Circle In The Square BFA Coordinator Sara Lazarus.



Circle in the Square students, TRC Residents **Grace Ingves** and **Jaimee Gaston**

Circle in the Square students, TRC Residents **Grace Ingves**, **Karina Pomales** and **Zoe Smith**, after their

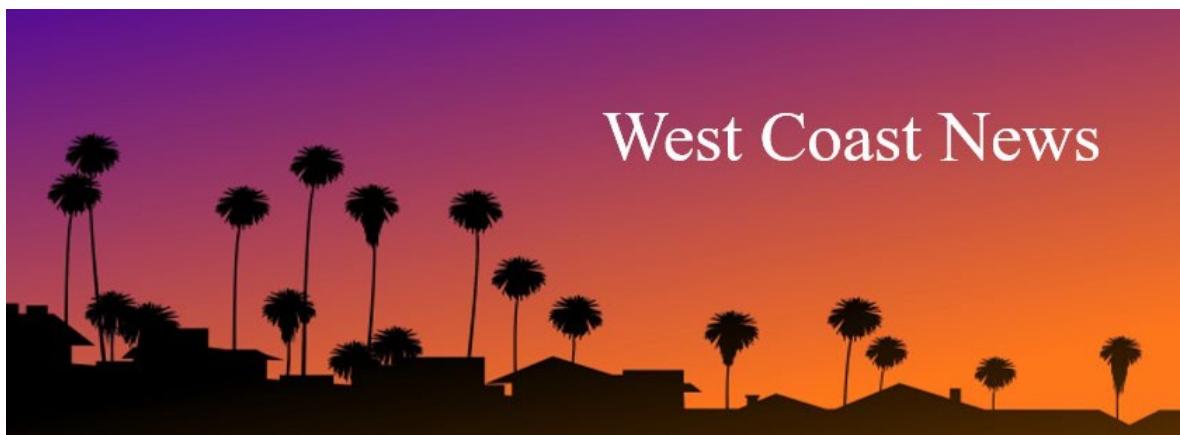
A Key To Our Success: Evadne Giannini



It's easy to see why The Rehearsal Club recently awarded its first Lifetime Honorary Membership to Evadne Giannini. Her services as a strategic planner were critical when the goal of revitalizing TRC moved from a dream shared by friends to a solid reality.

Evadne is a longtime friend of Cynthia Darlow, and a former actress. She founded a theater, became a successful fashion designer, and then moved into strategic planning work related to the environment.

After Cynthia approached her about helping TRC, Evadne put together a small presentation about creating a nonprofit. One thing led to another. "I stayed for almost three years and gave in-kind services of almost 400 hours," Evadne says. Among her many contributions was work on a five-year strategic plan and the success of TRC's first capital campaign.



TRC Charter Member Annie O'Donnell's Amazon holiday ad is running constantly. Annie is the one in blue.



Charter Member Melanie Mayron is a director of HBO's *Julia*, streaming now, but you may not know that she is acting in many episodes as a featured player! She plays twins!

Membership News



TRC Honorary Board Member Bebe Neuwirth has joined the cast of the upcoming Broadway revival of John Kander, Fred Ebb and Joe Masteroff's *Cabaret*. Tony and Emmy winner Neuwirth will play Fraulein Schneider. The revival will play at the August Wilson Theater. Performances will begin April 1, 2024.

Our TRC Charter Member extraordinaire, Jean Preece, is the recipient of the Dancers Over Forty Legacy Award. The Legacy Award gala took place last month at Lips in NYC. DO40, as quoted on their website, "celebrates the diversity that is dance and the human spirit." (Visit www.dancersover40.org for more information on this incredible non-profit organization).

The Legacy Award is in recognition of Jean's contribution to dance and to the DO40 organization. Jean began her professional dance career as

a Rockette, then continued into the stratosphere as an original cast member in *Golden Rainbow*, *Coco* and *42nd Street* (where she worked with Gower Champion in his last Broadway show).

Congratulations to Jean!!!



Welcome Back!



Charter Member Leigh Taylor-Young: Leigh was a Rehearsal Club resident in the mid 1960's and now lives in Los Angeles. She has been performing regularly into the 2000's. She is an ordained minister in the Movement of Spiritual Awareness. Her website is www.Lty.com.



Gee Dee Hayden Kerr: Welcome back to Gee Dee Hayden Kerr, who was roommates at TRC with Sandy Duncan in the mid 60's. They have remained fast friends ever since. A long time Florida resident, Gee Dee has now moved to San Diego to be near her daughter and grandchildren. With lots of fundraising experience, Gee Dee has been warmly welcomed onto TRC's Development Committee.

Welcome to TRC's New Members

Pat Addiss: New TRC General Member Pat Addiss resides in New York City, and is a Broadway Producer and promoter of young artists. She was recommended by Magda Katz.

New Year - New Dues

If you haven't already taken care of your 2024 Membership dues, the moment is NOW! Just click the button below and follow the directions. It only takes a moment, and it lasts for a year.

[Pay TRC Dues](#)

Valentine's Day A Keepsake Gift For Your Loved One



TRC Charter 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.

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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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Come and chat as long as we want.

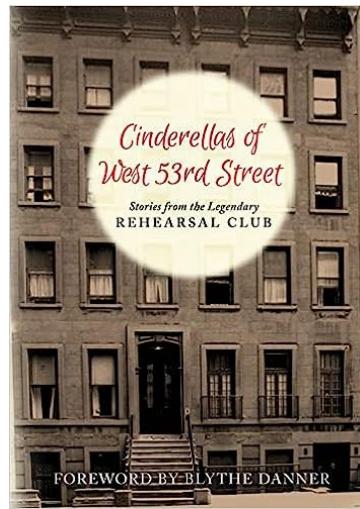
Topic: Monthly TRC Charter Member PJ Gathering
Hosted by TRC Board Member Dolores Gordon
Time: all times 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
First three dates:

Jan 4, 2024 06:00 PM
Feb 1, 2024 06:00 PM
Mar 7, 2024 06:00 PM

Meeting ID: 826 4846 4413
Passcode: 036123

Just click the button below to join the party!

[Join Virtual PJ Party](#)



Happy New Year to Everyone at TRC
From All Our Cinderellas and Shakespeare Thespians!

Casting is currently commencing for *Henry IV, Part 1* – overview with Page scheduled for January 22, 2024. We managed to finish *Merchant of Venice* for your viewing pleasure: <https://youtu.be/moT9OCTsuSw?si=BNSvTCP6VXTryuJa>

During Covid, creating the Brush Up videos was part of all our fun, but now that everyone is hustling in the "real" world, these are few and far between–hoping to get one done for *King Lear* with our own [Cameron Taylor](#) beautifully portraying Goneril. Stay tuned!

Meanwhile, the Cinderella Audiobook is on schedule to be released by Blackstone in February 2024, with the official launch happening around May 11, 2024, NYC's TRC Recognition Day.

TRC Workshops

Meditation and Mindfulness



**Hosted by Charter Member 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: 834 3498 1975
Passcode: 978818**

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 Link](#)

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Robert Wise Academy Award Winning Director

Carole D'Andrea is a TRC Charter Member. She has enjoyed many vibrant years in the theater, having performed in the original Broadway production of *West Side Story* and in the motion picture. She has taught at Carnegie Hall in New York and for 30 years at the Complex Theatre in Hollywood, and she now offers Zoom classes.

Carole is offering a free audit to all TRC Members. The classes take place each Wednesday from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM Pacific time and are open to all levels. One may bring a song, a monologue, a scene or an audition piece.

To register for classes, please email Carole at: caroleandrea@gmail.com

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Text submissions should be Microsoft Word documents, 150 words or fewer, and include photos, links and pertinent information.

The deadline for the March issue is February 10, 2024.

Please send to trc.newslettersubmissions@gmail.com