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NEWS, NOTES & NOTICES FOR TRC ALUMS & MEMBERS



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Celebrate the *New Miracle*
on 34th Street with us!

From early in the 20th century, The Rehearsal Club helped shape the American theatre by providing a safe haven for thousands of women in all areas of the performing arts. The TRC Residency Program provides a sanctuary of mentoring, coaching, workshops and networking in a family atmosphere. We support futures and build careers every single day!





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!

Spotlight On TRC Residents – Riley McGregor



Hi! I'm Riley McGregor. I recently graduated from Stephens College Conservatory with my BFA in Musical Theatre. I grew up in the dance studio, where I developed a passion for dance – specifically classical ballet. I have lived in New Jersey, Connecticut, Arizona, Illinois, Missouri, and now I'm finally back east in NYC.

When I heard about the reboot of TRC, I knew immediately that I wanted to be a part of it. Graduating from an all-women's college has given me a deep respect for the legacy and history of TRC. The incredible women who have passed through the TRC ranks inspire me to keep working, learning, and pushing to pursue my artistic and theatrical passions and to one day provide mentorship and support to a new generation of young women with a passion for theatre.

Now, I am honored to live in the "Carol Burnett" room at the Webster Apartments, and one day I hope that a young woman will feel just as excited to live in the "Riley McGregor" room.

Cinderella Book Project Update

By Denise Pence



We are thrilled to announce that twenty-five of our Rehearsal Club Alums are on the road to publication for their memoir book, **"Cinderellas of West 53rd Street."**

A variety of writers were gathered a good 15 years ago by Denise Pence, an Officer and eventual Chair of TRC from 2007 to 2019, under her and her husband's company, Boockvor Productions – the only entity for The Rehearsal Club at that time. Over the years, writers came and went; many developing their own books; others sticking with this labor of love over the long haul. And the haul has been long.

Special thank you to Amanda Roberts, Chair of the first Writers Committee, consisting of Dottie Belle, Cynthia Darlow, Andrea Frierson, Judy Jenson, Francine Mancini, Gale Patron and yours truly. After quite a few metamorphoses, a recent reference by a longtime TRC "friend" from The Paley, Jane Klain, led us last year to Bear Manor Media. With much help from Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, we are happy to announce we signed a contract in February 2022 for publication late this year or early next year, with almost half our "shared" royalties donated back to TRC.

Thank you to our new Writer's Committee consisting of Diane Findlay, Charla Hayen, Patricia Hill, Joanne Yeoman and yours truly, with Terry Baughan (also our illustrator throughout), Kathy Conry, Michele Mason and Melinda Tanner in "consultation" for helping all of us take this project to the finish line!

For more information, contact: Denise@denisepence.com

Potential Cover Illustration by Terry Baughan

Breaking News Of Our Celeb Alums



Tickets are now available for **CAROL BURNETT's** one person show, coming to Chicago, Milwaukee and Cincinnati this April and May



KIM CATTRALL is starring in FARFETCH'S spring 2022 fashion campaign. FARFETCH represents fashion-lovers across a range of ages and styles.



MELANIE MAYRON recently directed an episode of A MILLION LITTLE THINGS. The episode is titled "A Piece of Cake" and can be seen currently on ABC.



Last month, **DIANE KEATON** starred in a viral 12-second dance clip featured on Instagram and seen around the world. She wore fashions by Ashe, and was noted by reviewers as still a fashion icon.





TRC Alum Maybin Hewes Sherman Was Featured in a Recent Article in The Hollywood Times, and We Couldn't Be More Proud

The Hollywood Times

February 26, 2022

By Ethlie Ann Vare

Singer-dancer Maybin Hewes Sherman first mounted her vaudeville-style show 20 years ago, when she was a mere child of 70. At 91, Maybin is tap-dancing her way back onto boards like the ones she trod at mob-controlled nightclubs back in the 1950s and 1960s in New York City. She was in *Pal Joey* and *Brigadoon* and danced on Ed Sullivan and Sid Caesar's shows. The petite firecracker with her auburn pixie cut is obviously a force of nature.

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: 858 6497 2131

Passcode: 777207

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

April Zoom Link

New: Self Defense Workshop



Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

April 12, 19, 26 and May 3 – Via Zoom

Deborah White holds a second degree Black Belt and has taught Karate and self defense for over thirty years. She was inducted into the USA Black Belt Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2012 and The International Karate & Kickboxing Hall of Fame in 2018. Check out her Facebook page at [DebbieSelfDefense101](#) and on her Instagram Page at [theselfdefenseguru](#).

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Shakespeare Alive!

Produced by Denise Pence



I continue to host readings of Shakespeare's plays as part of my own "exercise" throughout Covid (today is the anniversary of its start). *Since August, 2020, we've now completed a total of 14 plays!!! It boggles my mind that these talented actors keep coming back for more!*

We're continually adding trained thespians who are relishing the challenge -- each of us having grown by working the bard's text & polishing our Zoom techniques. So much more responsibility to produce is now part of an actor's skillset. We are ready for you world: Lights! Camera! Action! Brush Up Your Own Shakespeare -- and relish in some stellar performances by our actors

Our Shakespeare guru, Page Clements, is on hiatus until mid-April, because she's coaching dialect for a feature film! We are holding *Cymbeline* until she gets back. Casting now, if you're interested in joining our talented thespians.

Measure For Measure will follow close behind, before we break for the summer.

Contact: Denise@denisepence.com

Explore! Engage! Enjoy!

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