



October 2021

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## Latest TRC News

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# Annual General Meeting

Sunday, October 17th 2021

1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Annual General Meeting

*Gather with Alums and General Members  
at our Annual Meeting, designed to inform,  
excite and engage all Members!*

General Members are invited to audit the business meeting  
and enjoy the social event.

**Wine & Cheese Schmooze Reception  
Featuring Music and Entertainment from  
TRC Alum Amanda Trees  
Plus cameo performances by two Rising Stars,  
Julia Adams and Miranda Jones**

The meeting will take place through the  
generosity of Alumna Jean Blevins at her studios:

353 West 48th Street  
New York, NY 10036  
(between 8th & 9th)

Please RSVP to Michele Smith  
[shellbarn@aol.com](mailto:shellbarn@aol.com)

Zoom invitations will be sent to all who have reserved.  
Masks are required in common areas.

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**THE REVIVAL OF THE REHEARSAL CLUB  
THE DREAM BECOMES REALITY!**  
Spread the word - tell your friends and colleagues



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## Women In The Performing Arts

The Rehearsal Club, the legendary boarding house for young actresses that inspired Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman's play *Stage Door*, is getting a revival, not a stage production, but a new sanctuary for young women aspiring to careers in the performing arts in New York City.

Through an agreement with the historic Webster Apartments (419 West 34th Street) [pictured above right], adjacent to Hudson Yards, affordable room and board plus an abundance of services (from laundry to wi-fi) will be available in a Rehearsal Club Wing.

"In this world of enormous challenges and uncertainty, young female performing artists need our help more than ever," said Gale Patron, President of TRC and former resident.

Between 1913 [pictured above center in 1922, photo provided courtesy of the Professional Children's School] and its closing on West 53rd Street [pictured above left] in NYC in 1979, The Rehearsal Club became a part of American theatre history for providing affordable housing and a safe haven for thousands of women in all areas of the performing arts.

In 2006 a new era of The Rehearsal Club was born and began to grow as TRC alums gathered to celebrate and preserve its legacy, and to support aspiring artists with coaching, mentoring and inspiration. Passing on values instilled by cherished memories at TRC of earlier years seemed natural.

Residency in The Rehearsal Club wing at the historic Webster Apartments in midtown Manhattan offers an opportunity for aspiring, female performing artists to live in a private sanctuary at an affordable rate. Modeled after the original Rehearsal Club, which became a theatrical legend for its impact on the American theater, the revived club will provide room and board at a discounted rate, as well as extensive services including mentoring, networking and workshops.

There will be a competitive admissions program offered across the nation to young, talented, aspiring women seriously seeking a career in the performing arts. TRC residents will be selected according to talent, passion, and commitment. Total monthly rent, full board and all services will not exceed \$1400; financial assistance is available according to need. Please see the Benefits of Residency [Rehearsal Club \(rehearsalclubnyc.com\)](https://rehearsalclubnyc.com) for all the services offered.

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## Other News



### Bella Malinka Memorial October 5, 2021, 7 pm Metro Baptist Church

A memorial service for Bella Malinka, beloved ballet instructor at the High School of Performing Arts for 35 years, will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 7:00 pm at Metro Baptist Church, 410 W. 40th St., New York. Seating at the church is limited, but the service will also be available via Zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82192334689>

Copy and paste the following passcode for entry: MytnRkcra2FaODRycnBVWnZ3R0c0Zz09

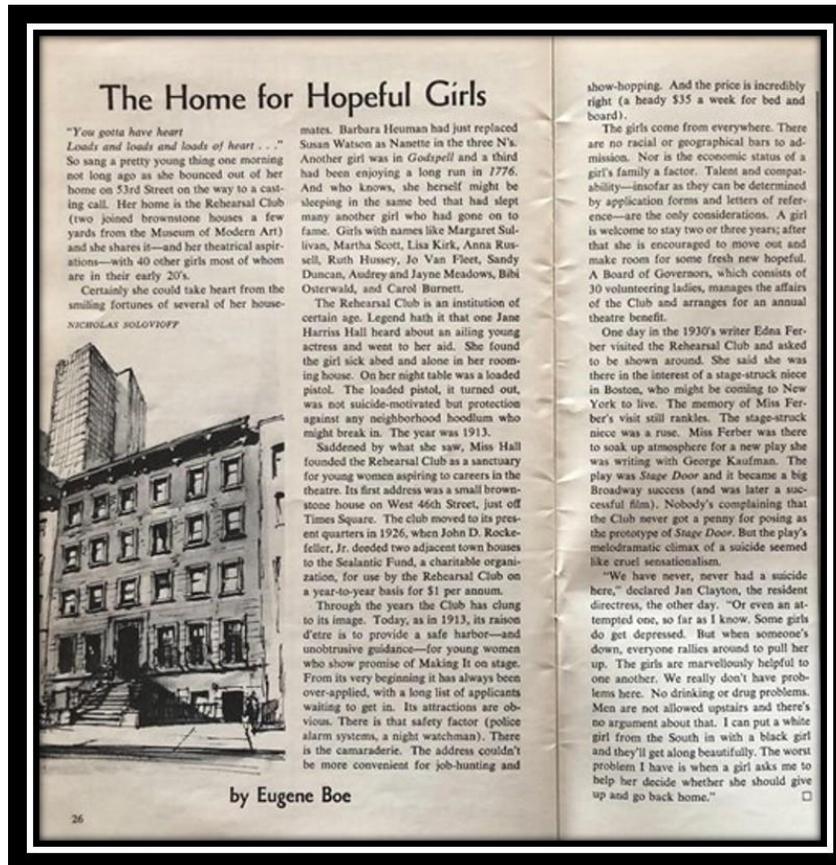
Anyone with stories or photos to be shared can email Denise Pence at [deboooks@aol.com](mailto:deboooks@aol.com). Denise will make sure letters are read and photos shared. Donations in Bella's name can be made to **Ballet Tech** by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/BellaMalinka>. Ballet Tech was formed by Bella's student, Elliott Field, and she served on their Board of Directors for many years.

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# NEW! VINTAGE TRC

Notes and memorabilia each month. Your TRC publicity team will be contributing a legacy publicity piece or memorabilia item each month culled from our huge historical archives. Much of the information is provided by our excellent publicist, Charlie Siedenburg. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Charlie at [charlie\\_siedenburg@yahoo.com](mailto:charlie_siedenburg@yahoo.com)

From Playbill, August 1972



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## TRC Workshops

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New Tai Chi Fitness Series available to TRC Members  
Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm EST for 30 minutes.



**New TRC Tai Chi Workshop Series  
Continues every Wednesday Through October**

Our very own Alum **Dolores Gordon** is a certified Tai Chi instructor in the first Tai Chi form: SHIBASHI. It consists of 18 movements and focuses on deep breathing and shifting of the weight, both very important components needed to advance to Tai Chi forms that incorporate more movements across the floor. Classes run for 8 weeks, insuring Tai Chi attendees can memorize the movements of the SHIBASHI.

**All Members are welcome.**

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## **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: 898 7114 6889

Passcode: 922159

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

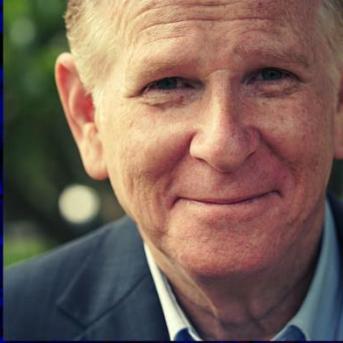
October Zoom Link

## From Our Affiliate Off The Lane

**OFF THE / LANE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

# FREE WORKSHOP

## "LET'S GET BACK TO WORK"



**WORKSHOP TOPICS**

- Auditioning for the modern actor
- Self-taping
- The table read
- Breaking down the script
- Patience
- Perseverance
- Professionalism
- Tapping into your rhythms
- Finding your method!
- Making pretend real
- Working in all media
- ...and a detailed Q & A!

**BOB GOODMAN**  
The Actors Ensemble

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2  
11AM-2PM  
MEAUX SPACE IN NYC  
305 7TH AVE 17TH FL

➤➤ **SIGN UP TODAY!** ⚡⚡

Questions? [education@offthelane.org](mailto:education@offthelane.org)

**Explore! Engage! Enjoy!**

Visit the New TRC Website – Click: [www.rehearsalclubnyc.com](http://www.rehearsalclubnyc.com)

If you are an Alum or General Member, click Login for Members-only access.

## We Honor Every Alumna and We Welcome TRC General Members!

Ivy Barnes Sarah Burke Mame Burkett Julie Cudmore Linda Gula Dressler  
Glenn and Diane Ekey Patty Katz Terry Lawler Katrina Morris Glenn Patron  
Patricia Schwadron Sherrie L. Seff Susan Serrell Leslie Shreve Deborah White

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## Shakespeare Alive!

Produced by Denise Pence

The next installment of History Alive!'s Reading Series, *The Tempest*, begins casting in October. For more information, contact **Denise Pence** at [www.denisepence.com](http://www.denisepence.com).

Our "Rising Star" Miranda Jones will be playing her dream role, "Miranda." Her mother, Melia Jones, is doing Antony & Cleopatra now.

As always, this is an actor-driven company. No audience, no pressure, no fee. All levels are welcome.