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Kate West, Editor

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

The Rehearsal Club launches into NOVEMBER with gratitude for all you do to build our future. Celebrations this month include:

- **A TRC Revue at the Laurie Beekman Theatre** November 20th! Order tickets below for a fabulous night of glorious entertainment. Hosted by Diane Findlay and Mary Lou Barber
- Lunch for Members followed by a **Theater Party** to see *Suffs*, the hit musical (TRC Resident Alyssa Payne is Assistant to the Musical Director), November 23rd
- Debut of a gorgeous **TRC Keepsake Calendar for 2025** – a perfect holiday gift!
- **Renewal for Membership**, offering new benefits, including discounted theater tickets and hotels through our new alliances.

As 2024 draws to a close, we celebrate each of YOU with enormous gratitude for supporting twenty-seven immensely talented women in our Residency Program with your love for the arts and your contributions to our future!

With my unending gratitude and appreciation for you!

Affectionately,
Gale



Gale Patton

Members In The News



Recently on *Entertainment Tonight*, TRC Founding benefactor **Carol Burnett** talked about her new project with Apple TV for a potential series based on her experiences in New York City in the '50's living at The Rehearsal Club! Check it out at the link below.

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Diane Findlay Film Wins NY Emmy Award

TRC Alum Diane J. Findlay's film *BALL AND VASE*, starring Austin Pendleton and Diane J. Findlay, won Best Film at the 67th New York Emmy Awards on Oct. 26, 2024.

Diane said she is honored, and she and all of us are “over the moon.”

Environmental Activist, TRC Alum Robina Suwol

After years of performing, our own **Robina Suwol** was walking her son into school when he became ill from the pesticides on the grounds of the school. She threw herself into finding a way to protect our children by forming the group “California for Safe Schools” twenty six years ago.

This October, one of the highlights of her annual “Your Life is Now” Forum was the presentation of the prestigious “Champion for Change” Award to **Ed Begley Jr.**, honoring his decades-long commitment to environmental sustainability and his role as a pioneering advocate for green living. Click the link for more about the event and other heroes honored.

Your Life Is Now


Tickets On Sale Now! Don't Miss It.

The highlight of TRC's “Days of Gratitude” (Nov. 20-23) will be a cabaret performance titled “What a Wonderful World” and featuring a stellar selection of performers who are largely past or present residents of the club. The show takes place Wednesday, Nov. 20th at the Laurie Beechman Theatre, 407 W. 42nd Street in New York. Doors open at 6 PM, and the show begins at 7 PM sharp.

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, the show features a lineup of well-loved songs about gratitude and friendship, performed by stars of the stage and screen like Diane Findlay (*Fish In The Dark* by Larry David, *Hello Dolly*, Mary Lou Barber, *42nd Street*, *Sophisticated Ladies*, and Denise Pence *A Chorus Line*, *The Guiding*

Light. It also puts the spotlight on gifted up-and-comers like Alyssa Payne, a current TRC Resident who is a TikTok sensation and Assistant to Shaina Taub, the writer, composer, and lyricist of *Suffs*.

The show is cohosted by Findlay and Barber and co-directed by Barber and the award-winning choreographer Patrice Soriero. Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids is sponsoring the cabaret.



TRC Celebrates Days of Gratitude
with an Original Revue

What A WONDERFUL World

Photo: The Rehearsal Club, 1952. Courtesy of the City of New York

Enjoy an elegant evening in a cabaret setting of fun, food, and friendship. Featuring performances by a selection of TRC's gifted members, past and present. It is a tribute to our cherished mission to support women in the arts.

November 20, Doors Open 6 PM
Show Starts at 7 PM

**THE Laurie
BEECHMAN
THEATRE**

407 West 42nd Street, New York 10036

Hosted by Diane Findlay | Directed by Mary Lou Barber
& Mary Lou Barber & Patrice Soriero

Food & Beverage Minimum: \$25 per Person
Cover Charge: \$40 General Admission
\$25 Members-Only Special
(Use Promo Code 25JJ)

Reserve Your Tickets NOW
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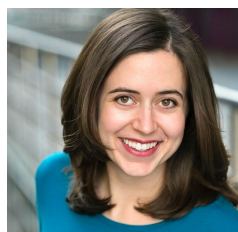
For further information: info@rehearsalclubnyc.com
with subject line "What A Wonderful World"

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TRC RESIDENT PROFILE

Kate Willard



One of our newest Rehearsal Club Residents is Kate Willard. She has moved to NYC from Vermont and has many plans for developing her professional work in the theatre arts. Kate is a director and in her (very!) first weekend in New York was assistant director for Isaac Butler in *The 24 Hours Plays on Broadway*. She is presently applying for various directing fellowships and is looking for assistant director work. One of Kate's important goals is to connect with mid-career women directors who have a physical approach to theatre-making. The Rehearsal Club wishes Kate all success in her theatre endeavors. We are so happy to have her as a valued part of TRC!

Sardi's Luncheon, October 25, 2024



TRC members turned out with other industry leaders to support fellow member Alexis Rocker (standing center) at her 5th annual Betsey Kay Finch Foundation luncheon at Sardi's. Betsey Kay was an alum of The Rehearsal Club and Alexis' mother. Current TRC Resident Kaylan Bradford (to Alexis' left) spoke on being a resident today, and Charter Alum Kathy Conry (standing third from left) gave a rousing history of TRC.

OTHER NEWS



Our next wondrous PJ Party is scheduled on Thursday, November 7, from 6 pm to 7 pm EST. This is such a great opportunity for former residents of The Rehearsal Club to meet and explore that special time together. Old friends can reconnect and there are many new discoveries about the Club past and present. Please know all are welcome. A very fun time!

Meeting ID: 826 4846 4413

Passcode: 036123

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

TRC Workshops



Meditation & Mindfulness

Hosted by TRC Charter Member Michele Mason

2:00 – 3:00 pm EDT

November 8, 14, 21 and 27

Highly recommended to reduce stress and help to bring you into a state of true Zen.

Meeting ID: 867 6181 0567

Passcode: 865649

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

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Self Defense Workshop Is A Big Hit!



TRC Member and 2nd degree black belt **Deborah White** held a Self Defense Workshop for TRC Residents on October 27th at Studio 353. Charter Alum Kathy Conry offered the following recap of the workshop.

"This SELF DEFENSE Workshop was an informative and very helpful event supporting all ages of women experiencing vulnerability in city streets everywhere. Thank you, Deborah White, for coming to NYC and bringing your knowledge and expertise to us in such an effective and inclusive way.

From a fellow Clevelander, Kathy Conry
Charter Alum, TRC

The Rehearsal Club

Truth



Or
Fiction

In the 60's, a Neighborhood Playhouse student named Diane Hall lived at The Rehearsal Club. Within a very few years Diane became a movie star, internationally known. Truth or Fiction?

Truth! Diane changed her name to Diane Keaton. Among her first successes: Broadway's *Hair*, and Woody Allen's *Play It Again Sam* and later the Academy Award winning film *Annie Hall*, the title of which used Diane's true name - Hall.

In Memoriam

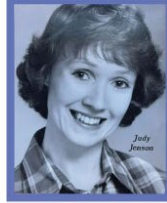


SAVE THE DATE!

November 22, 2024

(Judy's Birthday!)

New York City - 6:00 - 9:00 pm



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*Judy Jenson Memorial Fund and
official details to follow in October*

*We're Celebrating
The Life & Times of our
Sister, Judy Jenson*



TRC Alum Charla Hayden, is now taking orders for two holiday personalized greeting cards JOY (5" by 7") and CHRISTMAS (5 1/2" by 8 1/2"). Charla will hand-design in pen and ink your family name into her illustration. CHRISTMAS incorporates the many aspects of Christmas. Charla will design your family name as well as place individual members' names onto the packages underneath the tree. JOY is a celebration of the New Year with 2025 featured as well as your family name. Each card is also highlighted in colored pencil and signed by Charla. The cards come with a mailing envelope and are suitable for framing. The cost is \$25 which includes sales tax and shipping cost. Charla will take orders until December 15.

Contact Charla directly at charla1219@aol.com or via text to 540-535-0515.

Reserve Now!
**The 2025 Rehearsal Club
Commemorative Calendar**

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Celebrating the rebirth of The Rehearsal Club

Created by members as a glorious tribute to our unique community, this Commemorative Calendar is a delightful keepsake and a perfect small gift for 2025. Full color, hundreds of images, and thoughtfully sized at 6 X 6 inches, \$10 each

Place your order with Kathy Conry, who will answer all questions:

natashalamocha1947@gmail.com

Or call (917) 428-0323 or (212) 279-6444

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Join **One Hope Wine** on their mission to give back to local and global organizations with 10% of every purchase donated directly to a cause of your choice. With over \$9 million donated to date, they continue to change the world one glass at a time.

Check out One Hope at the link below. You can designate TRC as the recipient of 10% of your purchase by clicking the link at the top of the home page.

TRC MISSION STATEMENT

Dedicated to telling the story of The Rehearsal Club, preserving its legacy, inspiring and supporting future generations of young artists.

A huge Thank You to longtime TRC supporter **Robert Rosenthal** for his generous donation in support of our mission. Robert is the Creator of The Spirit Of America Tour. Read more about the tour here: <https://spiritofamericatour.org/>

Become a TRC Member!

For those working or retired from the performing or fine arts, a \$50 annual fee to this historic organization supports young artists and sustains our nationally recognized legacy.

Benefits of TRC Membership:

Monthly & Members-only Newsletters
Invitations to Members' occasions & public events
Extraordinary networking amongst like-minded spirits
Workshops and seminars

Through TRC Alliances:

Discount tickets to performances in NYC and other major cities.
Special prices on hotels, airfares, rental cars.
Special invitations to events

For arts lovers and believers in our mission, a \$100 annual fee as a TRC **SUSTAINER** provides most benefits of General Membership and supports our 110-year history of excellence.

For further information, please write to: info@rehearsalclubnyc.com

Go to: www.rehearsalclubnyc.com.

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Goings On Is Now Bi-Monthly

Text submissions should be Microsoft Word documents,
150 words or fewer, and include photos, links and pertinent information.
The deadline for the January issue is December 10, 2024.

Please note the new address for newsletter
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