



September 2021

Latest TRC News

Explore! Engage! Enjoy!

New and Improved TRC Website – Click: www.rehearsalclubnyc.com

If you are an Alum, click the Contact Us link for password-protected entry.

**New Fitness Class available to TRC Members Only
Beginning on September 29 at 6:30 pm EST for 30 minutes.**



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. Once understanding the movements, one would be able to continue practicing the form, or may want to explore other styles and teachers.

Dolores Gordon, a resident of Mascoutah and a native of Cahokia, Illinois, is a certified Tai Chi instructor. After many years as a Ballet, Tap and Jazz instructor, Ms. Gordon discovered the benefits of Tai Chi. In 2002 she started her certifications with Dr. Paul Lam. In addition to SHIBASHI, Dolores also has been certified in Tai Chi for Arthritis, the Yang Ten Form, Tai Chi for Wellness and other forms. She holds classes in Belleville, Mascoutah, PSOP, and for the Cancer Treatment Center.

All Members are welcome.

Watch for a note in your inbox with a link to the class very soon!



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, October 17th 2021

1 pm – 5pm

Annual General Meeting

&

Members Wine and Cheese Celebration

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

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Annual General Meeting with Nationwide Access via Zoom

3:00 – 5:30 pm:

Wine & Cheese Schmooze Reception

Featuring Music from TRC Alum Amanda Trees,

Sing-Along for General Members, Spouses and Special Guests

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)

Alums & Members News



TRC Sister and Vice President **Francine Mancini** was invited by Tony Gale to appear on his SONY podcast after he saw her profile on SONY's alphauniverse.com website. Francine says she was very happy and honored to be interviewed by Tony, and to get to talk about her passion for photography. See some of Francine's stunning photos at the link below.

[Francine's Photos](#)

The Legacy of *A Chorus Line*

Broadway: Beyond the Golden Age aired on New York's Channel 13 the week of August 16. TRC Alum, **Denise Pence** and her husband, the prototypes for "Kristine" and "Al" on the line in *A Chorus Line*, were briefly featured, and the list of names – repeated several times – came from Denise's Diary. Even if you missed the PBS presentation, another, more extensive video about the legacy of *A Chorus Line* was posted on YouTube by the documentarian Rick McKay, prior to his untimely death. See it by clicking the button below.

Rick had planned on making a whole other movie devoted just to ACL. A video produced in 2020 alludes to another revival in 2025: *ACL History: Behind the Line*. See it at the link below.

The picture below was created by Rick as a gift to Denise.



OFF THE / LANE

Reinking Scholarship Program

Grateful thanks to Honorary Board Member Bebe Neuwirth for spearheading introductions to Off The Lane, our newest Affiliate organization!

Springing forth in 2019, Off The Lane has rapidly become an important voice in performing arts mentorship, scholarship support and creative empowerment for aspiring young performing artists with a special emphasis on dance through their Ann Reinking Scholarship Program. With similar aspirations, goals and sensibilities, The Rehearsal Club is delighted to welcome Off The Lane as an Affiliate of TRC to bring an added level of simpatico to the New York performing arts scene.



Ann Reinking

Enhanced Photo: Original Photo Martha Swope © NYPL



Shirley McLaine's "Gypsy In My Soul", featuring Lucille Ball and a gaggle of Broadway dancers, including TRC Alum, **Denise Pence**, was also recently released on YouTube. See it at the link below.

[Gypsy In My Soul](#)



From Maria Mallman, TRC Historian

Our amazing women have gone forth into a great many areas of the world, including Kabul, Afghanistan. During the early to mid-1960's, one of my housemates was ballet dancer Marion Kaplan, pictured at left. Some of her ballet friends from class came to The Rehearsal Club (especially during dinnertime, when we hid them in our rooms and snuck them food from our plates).

Marion's dream of a career as a classical ballerina was not to be, but she never gave up her goal of a place in the ballet world. She saved her money and diligently pursued a visa to England.

Regarding Kabul. Marion eventually obtained employment at the State Department. She was placed at the American Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. She even mailed me a gift of Afghan slippers lined with goat hair. Unfortunately, they had to be discarded when opened, as the goat hair was loaded with "residents."

We all came to The Rehearsal Club with ambition to succeed in entertainment; but during our growth many blossomed into so much more...even internationally.

Melanie Mayron's *Snapshots* airing on Amazon Prime

TRC Alum **Melanie Mayron**'s third film, *Snapshots*, is now available on Amazon Prime. Shot three years ago in fifteen fast, glorious days in Southern California, it is a very special and unique love story. According to Melanie, "My heart is in this one." The film stars Piper Laurie, Brooke Adams, Emily Baldoni, Shannon Collis, Emily Goss, Brett Dier and Mad Adler, and was produced by Jan Corran and LeeAnne Matussek from a script by Jan Corran and Katherine Cortez. Click the link below to see *Snapshots* on Amazon Prime.

[Snapshots](#)

Shakespeare Alive!

Thank you to Gale Patron for coining the above title for History Alive!'s Shakespeare reading series. *Antony & Cleopatra*, which begins reading September 7, is fully-cast; however, if you're interested in being added to their company, contact **Denise Pence** at www.denisepence.com. This is an actor-driven company. No audience, no pressure, no fee - although the bar has been raised due to the fabulous actors joining in to test their mettle with the bard's language. All levels are welcome.

Merry Wives of Windsor wrapped in April 2021. See it at the link below.

[Merry Wives of Windsor](#)

Latest TRC Happenings

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.

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

Meeting ID: 835 2826 7687
Passcode: 105849

[September Zoom Link](#)



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