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The Rehearsal Club Reopens At Webster Apartments



Back, left to right:
TRC Residency Chair, Cynthia Darlow; Kelsey Lepesko;
Hannah Breshears and Riley McGregor
Front, left to right:
Maria Elena De la Noval, TRC Residency Coordinator;

and Francine Mancini, TRC Vice President

Photo courtesy of Francine Mancini

The New Miracle on 34th Street is OPEN!

By Cynthia Darlow, Residency Program Chair

Through a lot of faith, hard work, and a number of serendipitous events, the Rehearsal Club Residency Wing at the Webster Apartments opened on January 1, 2022!

This dream has been a long time in the making, but things got kicked into high gear in 2020 with an incredible \$100,000 challenge from an anonymous donor, to raise \$100,000 between December 1, 2020 and June 1, 2021. We raised it and surpassed it, the donor matched the funds, and we were able to start with \$200,000 dedicated to our Residency Program.

With additional funds from generous donors, wonderful cooperation from The Webster Apartments, and against all odds, Covid restrictions, and growing pains, we have admitted eight new residents, plus our fabulous on-site Residency Coordinator, Maria Elena de la Noval. We even have a waiting list! Our new residents are diverse, with a wide range of backgrounds, ages, talent, and skills. We could not be more excited!

All of this was achieved by the talents, hard work, and incredible dedication of so many people, but most especially Tara Scott and Siobhan Mc Manus, from The Webster Apartments; Evadne Giannini, Margaret Darlow, Susan Serrell, Ivy Barnes, and the Residency Committee: Cynthia Darlow, Andrea Frierson, Francine Mancini, Gale Patron, Sara Louise Lazarus, and Donna Inglima. We thank them all for moving us closer to fulfilling our mission. Our gratitude is boundless!

Help us welcome and support our gifted new residents, by lending your time and expertise to our workshops, mentorship program, and committees. Our investment in the future of these performing artists is more important than ever. And your continued support is more valued than ever!

INTRODUCING THE FIRST TRC RESIDENTS



Top: Kelsey Lapesko, Lenny Mendez, Megan McCarthy
Middle: Left - Oksana Veres, Right - Renea Brown
Bottom: Riley McGregor, Shawnee Angelica, Hannah Breshears

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Latest TRC News

**Meet TRC Alum Andrea Frierson,
Residency Program Mentoring Coordinator**



ANDREA FRIERSON is a two-time Helen Hayes Award nominee and the author and star of *Me & Ella*, which ran at the York Theatre in New York City, as part of their New2NY series in 2017. Andrea has performed leading roles in numerous Broadway productions, including *The Lion King* (Rafiki); *Once on This Island* (Erzulie, Goddess of Love, original Broadway cast); *Marie Christine* at Lincoln Center Theatre (Prisoner #2); George Wolfe's *Bring in 'Da Noise/Funk* ('Da Singer); Julie Taymor's *Juan Darien: A Carnival Mass* (The Mother) at Lincoln Center Theater and at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland; *For Colored Girls...* (original Broadway production), and *A Christmas Carol* at Madison Square Garden (Ghost of Christmas Present, original cast).

Andrea can be seen in the role of "Cece" on the currently streaming NBC/Amazon series, *Harlem* (Amy Poehler and Pharrell Williams, Producers). Andrea appears in Episode #4, as a Harlem beauty shop owner with questionable talent.

For three seasons, Andrea played the role of Ms. Melody on the Nickelodeon series, *Allegra's Window*. Other television appearances include an Emmy Award-winning episode of the FX comedy series *Louie*; an episode of the Amazon series *Red Oaks* (Season 2); and the popular 1980's series *Star Search* (5-time winner and semi-finalist).

Andrea is a Dramatists Guild Fellow, a NYSCA grant recipient, and a Library of Congress Award-winner (Ethnographic Research, American Folklife). She had an essay published in *The Dramatist* magazine, and her musical, *Soon of a Mornin'*, was an invited show in the NY Musical Theatre Festival in 2005.

Andrea has been an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Theatre Arts at Marymount Manhattan College, and is a graduate of the Academy for Classical Acting's MFA program in conjunction with the Shakespeare Theatre Company and George Washington University.

Andrea is currently in Denver in rehearsals for the world-premiere of a new musical at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts that opens in early February. *Rattlesnake Kate* is the story of a legendary Colorado figure, with music by one of the Lumineers. Andrea plays Kate in her later life.

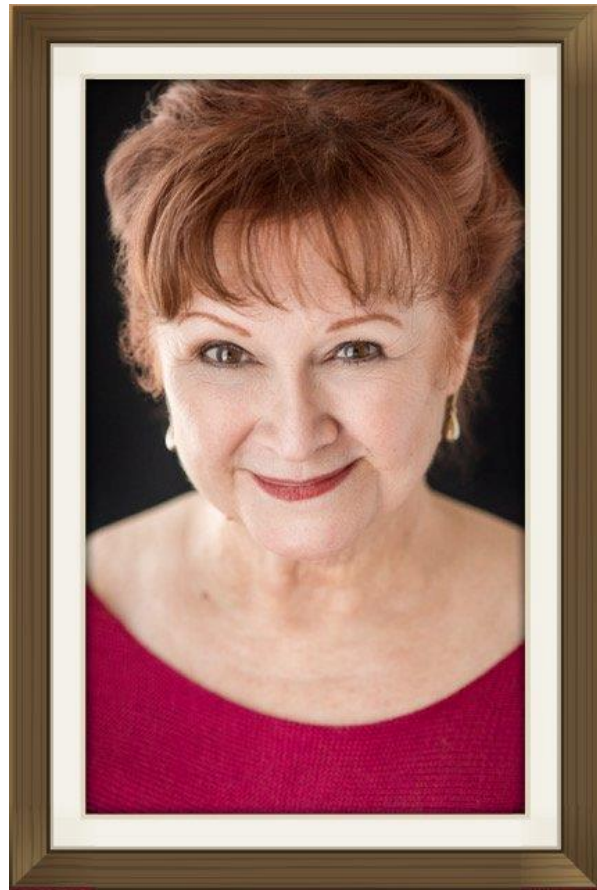
WORLD PREMIERE MUSICAL
RATTLESNAKE KATE
CAST LIST

 Leana Rae Concepcion Kate/Annie Oakley/Company	 Alyse Alan Louis Kate/Company	 Andrea Frierson Katherine/Company	 Neyla Pekarek Browniet/Company
 Michael Genet Colonel Buckskin Bill/Company	 Steven Grant Douglas Jack/Company	 Esteban Suero Emie/Company	 Keith White Pa/Judge/Company
 Matthew Bryan Feld Quincey Cullen/Company	 Gina Naomi Baez Celia/Company	 Jada Simone Clark Fantasy Kate/Company	 Isaac Huerta Fantasy Buckskin Bill/Company
 Marco Robinson Claude Hampton/Company	 Lily Talevski Lady Reporter/Company	 Erin Willis Swing	 Jordan Goodsell Swing

Cynthia Darlow - TRC Shining Star

TRC's own **Cynthia Darlow** will appear in episode #401 of *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, in the recurring role of Mrs. Moskowitz. It airs on Amazon Prime February 18, 2022, and she will be returning in Season 5.

Additionally, Cynthia has a recurring role as Diane in the upcoming new Netflix series *Uncoupled*, starring Neil Patrick Harris, along with an amazing cast, including Marcia Gay Harden, Tisha Campbell, Andre De Shields, and David Pittu, among others. The series was created by Jeffrey Richman and Darren Starr. An air date has yet to be announced. Cynthia is a TRC Board member and Chair of the Residency Committee.



Spotlight on Dance

Don't miss The New Florida Follies, choreographed by TRC Sister Cheryl Steinthal!

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Countess de Hoernle Theatre
 at Spanish River Community High School
 5100 Jog Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33496

DAY	DATE	TIME
Sunday	January 23	2:00 PM
Sunday	January 30	2:00 PM
Sunday	March 20	2:00 PM
Sunday	March 27	2:00 PM

Tickets for Spanish River and Olympic Heights:
<https://newfloridafollies.yapsody.com> | (305) 596-7394

Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater
 at Olympic Heights Community High School
 20101 Lyons Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33434

DAY	DATE	TIME
Saturday	February 19	2:00 PM
Saturday	February 26	2:00 PM

Tickets for Spanish River and Olympic Heights:
<https://newfloridafollies.yapsody.com> | (305) 596-7394

Lillian S. Wells Hall at The Parker
 (the reimagined Parker Playhouse)
 707 NE 6th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304

DAY	DATE	TIME
Sunday	March 13	2:00 PM

Tickets: www.parkerplayhouse.com | (954) 462-0222

Tickets \$35 each. Proceeds go to local children's charities.

Picture This...

TRC Vice President Francine Mancini is a photographer and is working on a project centering around TRC, titled *Then and Now*. She is taking a series of photographs of alumnae in and around New York, at places that are meaningful to the subject. Francine will also be taking photos of the Webster Residents, who are the new generation of TRC.

Any Alum that wants to be a part of this can contact Francine at rclub.francine@gmail.com. After all, we all came to TRC to be New Yorkers!

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: 830 6670 1635
Passcode: 462903

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](#)

Explore! Engage! Enjoy!

Visit the New TRC Website – Click: www.rehearsalclubnyc.com

If you are an Alum or Member, click Login for Members-only access.
(Password is foxy ladies)

Welcome Returning Alumnae
and
Welcome New TRC Members!

Roberta Brooks ♥ Linda Cool ♥ Sunny Keyser
Linda Past Pehrson ♥ Blythe Randolph ♥ Joyce Rheeling

Lorraine Sarek ♥ Maybin Hewes Sherman ♥ Cheryl Steintal

If you haven't already done so, please plan to pay your
2022 TRC Dues ASAP by clicking the button below.

[TRC Dues](#)

Shakespeare Alive!

Produced by Denise Pence



We're casting now for Othello and plan to start with Page's Overview on January 11th at 3:00pm. We record all our sessions. If you want to join the company – whether you participate in this play or another later in the year – you will receive the latest casting notices prior to each play.

The Tempest Brush-Up Video

<https://youtu.be/NjfHsipYTA0>

Happy holidays to all our Sisters, new Members and Friends of TRC!

If interested in participating in Shakespeare Alive! in the new year, contact: denise@denisepence.com



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