



Stage Whispers

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Hello Dolly, Wins Production of the Year

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Excitement was in the air Saturday evening (June 21st) when more than 150 members of the Guild gathered at the Vero Elks Lodge for the annual Genie Awards Night.

The evening culminated the Guild's highly successful 50th anniversary season of performing live theatre from 1958—2008.

Social Chairman Barbara Peck and her committee gave the partygoers an evening to remember starting with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a buffet dinner. The hall was decorated with twinkling gold stars and a party favor of a candle a lit votive with the Guild's logo. A big thank you goes to Barbara and her committee.

And the winners were!

Outstanding Actor in a Secondary Role, Derek Gesin for *Barefoot in the Park*; Outstanding Actress in a Secondary Role, Renee Renzi for *Never Too Late*; Outstanding Character in a

Comedy, Drama or Musical, Bob Niemyer for *Barefoot in the Park*; Outstanding Character Actress in a Comedy, Drama or Musical, Martha Kelly for *Enchanted April*; Cameo Actor in a Comedy, Drama or Musical, Peter Peck for *Never Too Late*; Cameo Actresses in a Comedy, Drama or Musical, Megan Dixon for *Oliver* and Nancy Malinos for *Hello Dolly*; Outstanding Male Newcomer, Derek Gesin for *Barefoot in the Park*; Outstanding Female Newcomer, Joy Stanilka for *Enchanted April*; Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy or Drama, Thomas Muniz for *Never Too Late*; Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical, Jamie Jones for *Hello Dolly*; Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy or Drama, Jo Giesecke for *Barefoot in the Park*; Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical, Tara Giovannone for *Oliver*; Outstanding Male Juvenile, Jamie Jones for *Hello Dolly*; Outstanding Female Juvenile, Tara Giovannone for *Oliver*; Outstanding

Male Vocalist, Gary Sayles for *Oliver*; Outstanding Female Vocalist, Dee Rose for *Hello Dolly*; Outstanding Rookie, Antonella Oliveri for *Enchanted April*; Outstanding Leading Actor in a Comedy or Drama, Stephen Cembrinsky for *Barefoot in the Park*; Outstanding Leading Actor in a Musical, Gary Sayles for *Oliver*; Outstanding Leading Actress in a Comedy or Drama, Nancy Stiefel for *Enchanted April*; Outstanding Leading Actress in a Musical, Dee Rose for *Hello Dolly*.

Back Stage and Off Stage and Special Genie's were also awarded to; Joe Paldi Award, Bob Stevenson; Jim Hindert Award, JoAnn Mattison; Special Appreciation Award, to The Box Office Staff; Lifetime Member Award, Sue Burkett; Special Recognition Award, Madelyn Rogers; Show Must Go On Award, Sue Franklin and Greg Harris; Backstage Genies, Marian Searfoss and Brent Schrelongost;

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Offstage Genies, Paul Amaru and Diane McDaniel; Presidents Award, to outgoing President John Toohey.

Best Set Design was awarded to Tony Della Rocca for Enchanted April and the Outstanding Production of the Year was awarded to Director Denise Lee for Hello Dolly.

A special thank you goes to Donna Roberts Grzesiak who took over the MC spot for the night.

Congratulations to all the winners of this 50th anniversary season.



A Special Thank You

Our 50th Anniversary Season is over, the last play has been seen, the Genies have been awarded, but one show and its director have not been recognized, that show is "Night & Day - Celebrating 50 Years of Music & Memories" directed by Mark Wygonik.

When the Board asked Mark to direct a special celebratory concert, they knew that this "renaissance man" had the creativity and talent to produce an outstanding show worthy of our 50th anniversary.

Mark chose to bring back

to Vero Beach a cast of exceptional performers from the Guild's past who have not been seen on our stage for a number of years.

To Mark and his cast and crew a very special job well done.



New BOD Elected for 2008—2009 Season

On Thursday June 26, 2008 the Annual Membership Meeting was held at the Guild to elect your new Officers for the year 2008—2009.

Your new Officers are, President, Carole Strauss; Vice President, Peter Peck; Treasure, Jim Daly; Secretary, Sara Dessureau; and Directors, Chuck Brooks, Bill Fish, Pauline Wilson, Gerry King and Jo-Ann Mattison.

It is with the utmost appreciation we bid farewell as Directors to John Toohey, Sandi Lardani and Dominic Lettiere. Thank you for a job well done.

This summer maintenance took priority over Readers Theatre as roof leaks had to be stopped, grounds needed to be spruced up and a updated sound system was installed for the upcoming season.

Your Stage Whispers is now on line verobeachtheatreguild.com and is also available via e-mail to those who request it. Just drop by the box office and leave your e-mail address.

Audition notices and other information will also be available on the web site as soon as the site is updated with the navigation buttons.

See you at the Theatre!

*At theatre, a literature,
and artistic expression
that does not speak for
its time has no relevance*

·Dario Fo

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Guild at a Glance



Board Meetings to be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 P.M.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

July	Auditions "The Cemetery Club"	July 13, 14 at 7pm
September	The Cemetery Club	Sept. 18—21 and 24—28
August	Auditions "Broadway Showstoppers"	Aug. 17, 24 and 25 at 7 pm
November	Broadway Showstoppers	Nov. 13—16, 19—23
	Auditions "The Perfect Wedding"	Nov. 9, 16, 17 at 7pm
	Auditions "My Fair Lady"	Nov. 24, 30 and Dec. 1 at 7pm
January	"The Perfect Wedding"	Jan. 15—18 and 21—25
March	My Fair Lady	Mar. 12—15, 18—22 and 26—29
	Auditions "Opal is a Diamond"	15, 16 and 23 at 7pm
May	Opal is a Diamond	Mar. 14- 17 and 20—24