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2018/2019

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## ANNUAL APPEAL TIME

**EVERY DONATION  
HELPS!**

Check your mailbox or visit our Facebook page for the link. Share with friends - every donation helps!

**SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS** Now playing  
**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE** RADIO PLAY Dec 1, 2, 7, 8, 9  
**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY** Dec 10



## Theatre West Holiday Party



**Monday December 10th - 7:00-11:00pm**

This is our traditional end of year bash! We would like to take time to celebrate US!! And another great year at Theatre West.

**It is a POT LUCK, please bring food or dessert or booze! And good cheer!**

This year there will be a donation basket in the lobby highlighting "Sisters on the Street," a charity Anne Leyden works with. Donations they are looking for are: Tampons, Pads, Underpads (for the seniors), Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Lotion, Chapstick, Cosmetics, Nail Polish (yes nail polish), Band-aids, Anti-Bacterial Gel, Combs, Razors, Shave Gel, gently used Bras, NEW Underwear (men and women).

*If you have a charity you work with and would like to submit it for next year, please let me know -- Jill Jones*

### PRODUCTION NEWS...



Storybook Theatre presents

## *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*

**Saturdays at 1PM thru March 2, 2019**

Adults \$15. Children \$12.



The brand new Theatre West "On The Air Players" are proud to present the beloved holiday classic IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE. This will be a radio drama recreation of the famed 1947 CBS Lux Radio Theater production. Directed by acclaimed radio drama director Matt Johnson.

**Two Weekends Only:**

**November 30, December 1, 2**

**December 7, 8 & 9**

**Fri & Sat @ 8pm, Sun @ 2pm**

Maria Kress	Announcer/Ensemble
Tatum Shank	George Bailey
Loida Navas	Mary Bailey
Sara Shearer	Clarence
Don Moore	Potter/Ensemble
Tammy Taylor	Ensemble
Bonnie Kalisher	Ensemble
James J. Cox	Ensemble
Bill Sehres	Ensemble
Philip Sokoloff	Ensemble
Jill Jones	Foley Master

More production news on page 4.

# WORKSHOP NEWS

## MONDAY NIGHT WORKSHOP:

*Moderators: Arden Lewis, Don Moore*

THE LYCANTHROPE Abbot Alexander  
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE rehearsal  
LOVE, MADNESS AND SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN James Cox  
TUNNEL LOVE Tai Joe

## TUESDAY NIGHT WRITERS WORKSHOP:

*Moderators: Chris DiGiovanni and Doug Haverty*

FULL LENGTH PLAY Chris DiGiovanni  
SOLO SHOW James Cox

## WEDNESDAY MUSICAL WORKSHOP:

*Moderator: Anthony Gruppuso Accompanist: Paul Cady*  
MCW NOW STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

## THURSDAY SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOP:

*Moderator: Nick McDow 7 PM*  
PLEASE NOTE THE NEW START TIME OF 7:00 P.M.

**Save the date: March 10, 2019! That's when the next "Invitation to Shakespeare Workshop Evening" is scheduled to happen.**

*If you're interested in participating, please come to Shakespeare Workshop on Thursday nights at 7:00. All are welcome.*

*In order to be included in the March 10 evening, members must attend 10 workshops, and perform off book in at least 5, before the evening. Work on a scene or monologue, it's your choice. Why not start by coming in this week? Need a scene/monologue suggestion? No problem! Never done Shakespeare before? No problem! Hope to see you some Thursday evening soon!*

# MEMBER NEWS

Lloyd J. Schwartz and Kathie Barnes were interviewed by Sheena Metal on 'The Sheena Metal Experience' on LA Talk Radio ([latalkradio.com/channel\\_2](http://latalkradio.com/channel_2)) They were interviewed about their shows INDEPENDENCE: THE TRUE STORY OF DR. MARY WALKER and AN EVENING WITH JOHN WILKES BOOTH. Both shows going up in January at Theatre West as part of the PORTRAITS OF HUMANITY 2 series.

Writers Workshop Co-Moderator, Doug Haverty, has written the book for a brand new musical called A CAROL CHRISTMAS. It has just opened at Group Rep. 17 new songs. 90 minutes (no intermission). Family Friendly. Cast of 20! This is a modern, feminized version of the short story "A

Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. It plays thru 12/30 on Fri/Sat @ 8 and Sun @ 2. Discounted tickets available at GoldStar and onstage.la AEA 50% discount too. The Group Rep • 10900 Burbank Blvd., NoHo CA 91601 818 763-5990 • <http://www.theGROUPrep.com>

Since its world premiere at Theatre West, Garry Kluger's play, A THORN IN THE FAMILY PAW just received its 10th award the Bronze Award from The WorldSeries of ScreenWriting - Play Competition. Congratulations Gary!

Harris Shore had a first staged reading of his play, KILLING KLAUS, in November at the Zephyr Theatre in Hollywood.

Writers Workshop Co-Moderator, Doug Haverty, and TW member, Adryan Russ, wrote a musical in the late 80s called INSIDE OUT (about six smart women who support each other). It started out at Group Rep and wound up Off Broadway at The Cherry Lane Theatre. Since then it's been published, recorded and produced around the country. It's even had productions in Canada and Switzerland. This month, it opened in Belgrade!

## ANNUAL APPEAL - EVERY DONATION HELPS!

The end of the year annual appeal is going out in the mail. Please give what you can and pass the word on to your family and friends who have come to see you in your shows.

**Here is the latest on charitable deductions for taxes this year in case anyone asks you if there is a tax advantage to giving to Theatre West:**

The law hasn't changed with regards to charity deductions, the same rules apply. You either take your itemized deductions, which included charitable donations or you take the standard deduction that the IRS allows for 2018.

The issue with the "new" tax laws are that for a married couple the standard deduction for 2018 and beyond is \$24,000. Single people get half of that, \$12,000.

So, if you don't have enough itemized deductions, which many people don't, they will take the higher amount which of course makes sense.

For individuals who won't be taking more than \$12,000 in deductions this year, they may not be incentivized to give to TW as a tax write off so they'll need to be inspired to give for YOU!!!! It is Annual Appeal time for us. This is the link to our Website appeal page. We need to update our booth ASAP and would like to upgrade the large bathroom to make it handicap accessible.

Please pass it on to fans of the company. Every nickel and dime will help.



# NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Another great month at Theatre West! Dina Morrone's solo show did really well and the second night of TURKEY TALES set the tone for the holiday season for the company!

A special thank you goes out to Dina Morrone for producing the *Portraits of Humanity 2* solo show series. It's been a lot of work, on top of putting up her own show. We're seeing lots of new faces as a result! Shout out to Linda Rand, too, for putting on the Sundays at 7 monologues again this year. She too has put in a lot of time and hard work so members can perform and get us all in the holiday spirit.

The annual appeal letter is officially launched. You should all get a hard copy in the mail. Please give what you can and help us upgrade the booth. If you'd rather give online, here is the link: <http://theatrewest.org/2018-annual-appeal/>

Please pass this link on to your friends, family and colleagues. If you'd rather mail the appeal, send me your list of names and addresses or let me know how many hard copies and envelopes you need and you can hand address them yourself. Thanks!

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Cash flow has been a little better this month thanks to a lot of hard work put into fundraisers and rentals for the past 2 months. Linda Rand produced, TO DAD WITH LOVE, George Tovar and Jeanine Anderson produced MILLENNIUM MAGIC XIX, Dina Morrone is producing the PORTRAITS OF HUMANITY 2 solo series, and Tom Mendola did a concert for us. We have to fundraise constantly in order to meet our high overhead every month. Rent is \$4,100 a month, utilities average \$1,000 a month, insurance is over \$2,000 a month, and Payroll is about \$6,000 a month. We couldn't have made it this year without people pitching in to fundraise, donating their time and talents to make sure that the lights stay on. In addition to the members who stepped up recently to produce, I'd like to thank the following who volunteered to keep Theatre West going throughout the year (apologies to anyone I am leaving out by accident):

- Volunteer coordinator:** Anne Leyden
- Office help:** Judith Allen, Anna Simone Scott, Paula Long, Tom Walla, Ann Gibbs
- Weekly & monthly newsletters:** Paula Long, Diane Berendes
- Box office:** Bonnie Kalisher, Maria Kress, Michael Van Duzer, Bill Sehres, Jeanine Anderson, Anne Leyden
- Moderators:** Don Moore, Chris DiGiovanni, Doug Haverty, Anthony Gruppuso, Nick McDow
- Storybook:** Lloyd Schwartz, Barbara Mallory Schwartz, Paula Long, Ben Scuglia
- Building and striking sets, load in:** Ben Scuglia, Tatum Shank, Ernie McDaniel, David Mingrino, Clara Rodriguez, Jeff Rack, Roger Cruz, Paul Gunning, Samantha Gregory, Garry Kluger, Jim Cox
- Elections committee:** David Mingrino, Maria Kress, Ben Scuglia
- Membership committee:** Harris Shore, Michael Van Duzer, Tammy Taylor
- Graphic design:** Doug Haverty
- Producers:** Linda Rand, Jill Jones, Garry Kluger, Ernie McDaniel
- In depth cleaning:** Paul Gunning, Ben Scuglia, Ernie McDaniel, Ivy Jones, Clara Rodriguez, Jill Jones, Dan Keough
- Community service volunteers coordinators:** Michael Van Duzer, Anne Leyden, Dina Morrone
- Membership auditions:** Bruce Liberty, Deanna Gandy, Tammy Taylor, Heide Appe, Don Moore, Garry Kluger, Jim Cox, Linda Rand, Anne Leyden, Arden Lewis
- IT:** Tony Battelle
- Saturday workshops:** Jill Jones, Ben Scuglia, Mark Travis

- Data entry:** Bonnie Kalisher
- Publicity:** Phil Sokoloff
- Mural unveiling:** Anthony Gruppuso, Cathy Cygan, Anne Leyden, Arden Lewis, David Johnson, Robert Laur, Clara Rodriguez, Lee Meriwether, Leesa Freed
- Love Letters to Lee:** Linda Rand, Leesa Freed, Amy Simon, Anne Leyden, Paul Gunning, David Johnson, Yancey Dunham, Kathie Barnes, Jeff Rack
- Marquee:** Garry Kluger
- Sound:** Darryl Harrelson, David Johnson
- Parking coordinator:** Dina Morrone
- Repair and maintenance:** Garry Kluger, Ernie McDaniel, Paul Gunning, Tammy Taylor
- Lights:** Ernie McDaniel, Yancey Dunham, David Johnson
- Photographer:** Garry Kluger
- Video editor:** David Johnson, Ernie McDaniel
- Annual appeal:** Jill Jones
- Fundraisers:** David Johnson, Amy Simon, Arden Lewis

Thank you to the many members who work front of house, concessions, usher and donate supplies, and thank you to our board members who dedicate several hours every week and spend money out of pocket to keep us going: Garry Kluger, Michael Van Duzer, Jill Jones, George Tovar, Dina Morrone, Linda Rand, Jim Cox and Arden Lewis. It takes a village!

Thanks!  
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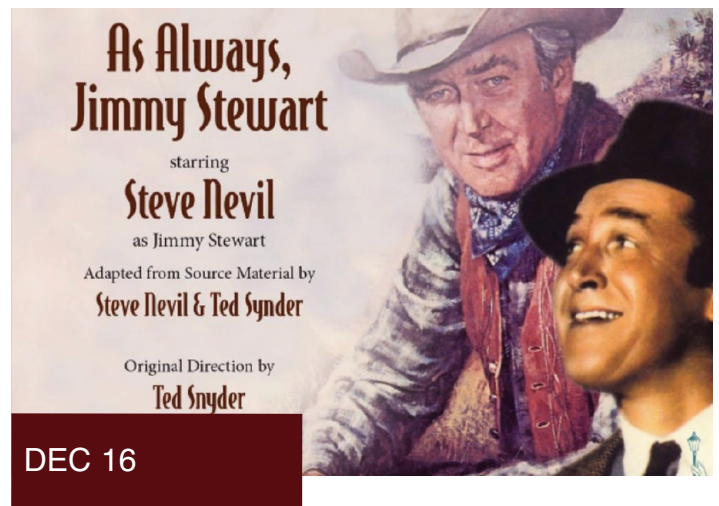


# UPCOMING EVENTS...

We have a full calendar of exciting events to finish out 2018. Mark your calendars!

## DECEMBER

- Dec 1** Company Auditions 10 am
- Dec 1** "It's a Wonderful Life" Radio Show 8 pm
- Dec 2** "It's a Wonderful Life" Radio Show 2 pm
- Dec 7** "It's a Wonderful Life" Radio Show 8 pm
- Dec 8** "It's a Wonderful Life" Radio Show 8 pm
- Dec 9** "It's a Wonderful Life" Radio Show 2 pm
- Dec 10** Holiday Party 7 pm
- Dec 15** "Here's Johnny" by Johnny Ferretti 8 pm
- Dec 16** "As Always, Jimmy Stewart" by Steve Nevil 2 pm



## THANK YOU!

### MILLENNIUM MAGIC XIX

Thank you to all the wonderful magicians and crew who gave their time and talents to help out Theatre West! And a special shout out to George Tovar & Jeanine Anderson!