

## From the Desk of the Editor

Trying to figure out the articles and solicit help for writing in The Encore can be a rather difficult task. As alumni we are spread out all over the world, at varying ages, and with different interests.

Yes, we all have some connection to Penn State Thespians, but as I am reminded every time I get a response from one of you, we all have very diverse experiences and memories of

Thespians. Does being a Thespian to you mean being a part of

THON? MasquerAIDS? What happened to the years of writing our own shows- music and all- and then taking them on the road?



We've decided to dedicate this newsletter to what's going on in the club. The club was given the opportunity to write whatever they wanted the alumni to know about being a Thespian today. If you are interested in what you read, be sure to see *Jesus Christ Superstar* in April and go to the TAIG reception to talk with some actives.

And let me know what you want to read about in the newsletter. Chances are if you are interested in something, so is someone else and I'd love to take the newsletter where you want it to go, so send me an e-mail at [taig.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:taig.newsletter@gmail.com). Remember the next issue will also have The Callboard, so if you have any exciting news that you'd like to share with your fellow alumni send that my way too!

YFIT,

*Andrea Schwander ('10)*

Communications Chair

[taig.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:taig.newsletter@gmail.com)

## Club News



### *Mainstage*

Thanks to all the alumni that came out to see *My Favorite Year* this fall. We had a great time performing on the Schwab stage again, and we hope you come out to see our spring show, *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Rehearsals are in full swing and the club is gearing up to start building the set, finish the props and costumes, and start selling

tickets. *Jesus Christ Superstar* will be performed in Schwab Auditorium at 7:30 on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>, with a 2 pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets go on sale Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, and can be purchased through the Center for the Performing Arts.

### *Children's Show*

Children's Show is having a fantastic year! *Curious George* filled Schlow Library for all three shows with almost 400 people in attendance! We also performed *Curious George* in the "No Grown Ups Allowed" room at THON, which was an amazing opportunity. Additionally, we will be performing *Curious George* at two elementary schools – making this the most performed Children's Show in recent memory! Currently, we're working on writing a rhyming script for our spring show, based off of the books "Horton Hears a Who" and "Horton Hatches the Egg."

### *THON*

THON 2011 raised \$9,563,016.09, of which the Thespians contributed \$11,491.04! Our dancers Stephanie Bernard and Carey Humes were absolute champs – smiling the entire weekend and always staying positive. FTK!

### *MasquerAIDS*

Our eleventh annual MasquerAIDS performance went exceptionally well. Created around the theme of Cult Musicals, our cast strayed from the beaten path of traditional musicals and performed songs from shows such as *A Very Potter Musical*, *Legally Blonde: the Musical*, *Frankenstein*, and [title of show] – just to name a few. Donations from local businesses were raffled off along with



the most popular raffle item: a quilt made from old Thespian show shirts. This year we had approximately 200 people in attendance and were able to raise over \$1,100 for the Center County AIDS Project, breaking the previous year's record for the third year in a row.

In keeping with tradition, we have another great group of pledges that have stepped up when needed to fill production staff positions such as Costume Designer and Assistant Stage Manager. There is truly a lot of talent in this pledge group and we know they will continue to learn our traditions and step up as great leaders of the club. In between main stage shows, MasquerAIDS, Children's show, and THON, we've also found time for numerous food challenges, big/little bonding nights, and laser tag, to keep the feeling of family alive in Thespians. Thus far this year we have had a lot of success and we hope this continues this year and beyond.

*Thanks to Eliza Altenderfer, Sarah Bricker, Maggie Eder, Sean Meadows, Evan Smith, and Ravender Virk for their contributions to this article.*

### **A Call for Alumni Stories**

Have any good stories from your time as a Thespian? Of course you do! The current Historian/Alumni Liaison is working on an oral history project and looking for stories - anything and everything applies. If you happen to know of how certain traditions started (such as energy, the robe, the banner, etc.), she'd be particularly interested in talking to you about those. You can contact her at [ema5077@psu.edu](mailto:ema5077@psu.edu).

## TAIG Calendar

- *Jesus Christ Superstar* April 7th - 9th
  - The 70's Thespians Reunion will also be happening this weekend.
  - For a full list of activities: <http://theolearys.com/thespians11.htm>
  - All are welcome!
- TAIG Finance Meeting- April 9th, 9am
  - Topics to be addressed include TAIG Gift Fund and endowments.
  - Location: TBD
  - Please RSVP to Finance and Fundraising Committee Chair, Vince Roscioli, at [vince@vroscioli.com](mailto:vince@vroscioli.com) if you plan to attend.
- TAIG Summer Meeting- July 16th

## Other Penn State Events

The Penn State Alumni Blue Band will be performing on the field before the Phillies game on April 18th. A percentage of every ticket bought online at: [www.phillies.com/pennstate](http://www.phillies.com/pennstate) by **March 18th** will go towards THON.

---

[Click to view this email in a browser](#)

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line or simply click on the following link: [Unsubscribe](#)

---

Thespians Alumni Interest Group

Hintz Family Alumni Center

State College, Pennsylvania 16802

US

[Read](#) the VerticalResponse marketing policy.

