

From the Desk of the Editor

I think my favorite part of organizing the newsletter is getting alumni feedback. Whether it's a story from the days of yester-year, a comment on the new layout, or a way to improve the newsletter, the times that I get to hear from you remind me of why I loved being an active Thespian. There is something about theatre that brings good, quality people to the stage. Now, I think it's even more exciting to me to see those people continue to want to share their love of Thespians.



We are coming up on a pretty exciting time in Thespians history. In the spring we will celebrate our 115th Anniversary AND 200th show. That's a lot of theatre! I have been awestruck by the response from the alumni to be involved with the reunion and, simultaneously, the financial committee. We are reaching a very interesting crossroads in Thespians history; where we go next is up to people like us.

So whether you are getting involved with a committee or just sending a "checking-in" message, I appreciate everything you have done for both the Penn State Thespians and the Thespians Alumni Interest Group. Keep the messages coming!

Your Friend in Thespiis,
Andrea Schwander ('10)
Communications Chair
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ArtsFest Weekend

You are cordially invited to join TAIG during ArtsFest Weekend! We will be having a board meeting at 10am in 106 HUB-Robeson Center. We are discussing the reunion, finances, and will be holding elections for officers and board spots.

In addition, the Finance Committee will be having a meeting at 2pm to discuss the plans for an endowment. This meeting is also in 106 HUB.

115th Anniversary/200th Show- Spring 2012

In an effort to be able to plan appropriately for the reunion, please help us out and take this quick survey about attendance and spirit wear <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z89NLZW>

*From TAIG Reunion Chairs,
Kate Proulx ('10) and Andrea Schwander ('10)*

Fellow TAIG members,

Spring 2012 is an exciting time in Thespians history. Thespians will be producing its 200th show in Schwab and the club is celebrating its 115th anniversary. The reunion will take place during the spring show of the Penn State Thespians, April 13-15th. The reunion will allow us all to celebrate these important milestones in our history and bring all members of our organization together.

Planning for the reunion is already underway, but we are looking for anyone interested in helping us plan. We have a lot of work to do in order to have a successful reunion, including a kick off for an endowment drive to support the club's continued operations.

Please email taig.reunion@gmail.com if you have any interest in helping plan this historic event.

Thanks,

Kate Proulx ('10) and Andrea Schwander ('10)

*From the Actives/2011-2012 Fundraising Chair,
George Inglis ('14)*

Thespians is compiling photos and fun facts about its 115 year history for the upcoming reunion! If you have any photos of a show you were involved in, please send them in! These can be photos of the performance, set pieces, props, news articles, etc.; anything during that show's production or something you may have kept about it over the years. Also, now is the time to submit any reflections on the shows or what Thespians meant to you during your time at Penn State.



Please email any photos (labeled with the show and a description in the email) or quotes to gsi5003@psu.edu by October 10th. Or, if you prefer, mail it to:

George Inglis
472 East College Ave.
Apt. G14
State College, PA 16801
Feel free to email if you have any questions!

Club News

TAIG would like to thank the 2010 - 2011 executive board (President Bram McGinnis, Vice President Meg McNamara, Treasurer Ravender Virk, Secretary Christina Sharkey, and Historian Alumni Liaison Eliza Altenderfer) for all their hard work this year. Along with all the chairs, members, and pledges, Thespians had quite the year!

- *My Favorite Year* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* brought in over 1,500 people
- Children's Shows *Curious George* and *The Tales of Horton the Elephant* reached over

600 children (of all ages!)

- Thespians THON raised \$11,491.04
- MasquerAIDS raised over \$1,100
- Harmonies, a fundraiser in which you get to perform the song you've always wanted, was Thespians biggest fundraiser this year of \$120
- Thespians welcomed 44 new members this year



We would also like to congratulate the 2011 - 2012 executive board:

President Pat Kelly

Vice President Kristin McLaughlin

Treasurer Ravender Virk

Secretary Jennie Ciborowski

Historian Alumni Liaison Amanda Lippert

From left to right: Ravender Virk, Kristin McLaughlin, Pat Kelly, Amanda Lippert, Jennie Ciborowski

In Memory

It is with great sadness we recognize the passing of alumna, Karin (Kysilka) Kincaid. Karin was involved with the Penn State Thespians from fall 1991 – spring 1995. While involved with Thespians she took on many roles behind the scenes including set construction for *Jesus Christ Superstar* (1991), Assistant Stage Manager for *The Wiz* (1992), and Production Manager and Publicity Coordinator for *Little Shop of Horrors* (1993). Karin helped with the 100th anniversary of Thespians.

Karin passed away June 2nd due to complications from childbirth. She leaves behind her husband (and fellow Thespian alumnus) Mark Kincaid, a 4-year old son, Alex, and a Brycen, a newborn, as well as many friends in Thespi.

TAIG Calendar

- ArtsFest Weekend/July 16th
 - TAIG Summer Board Meeting- 10am, 106 HUB
 - TAIG Finance Committee Meeting- 2pm, 106 HUB
- *Urinetown* October 20-22nd, Schwab Auditorium
- *AIDA*/Reunion Weekend- April 13-15th

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