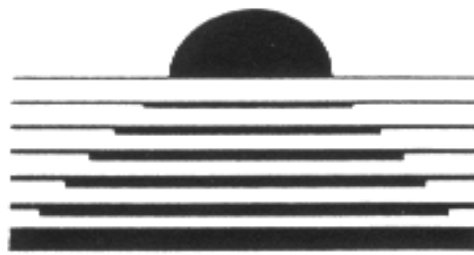


# MEDIA ACCESS OFFICE



# NEWS

## Disability Resource to the Entertainment Industry

### M.A.O. MEMBER APPEARANCES



**Codes:**

- AL-Leg Amputee      B-Blind
- CP-Cerebral Palsy    D-Deaf
- LP-Little Person    MI-Mobility Impaired
- O-Other
- WU-Wheelchair User

### M.A.O. MEMBERS AND OTHER KNOWN P.W.D.'S WHO ARE SERIES REGULARS

- Deanne Bray (D)* as Sue Thomas  
"Sue Thomas F.B. Eye" - PAX
- Robert David Hall (AL)* as Coroner Dr. Robbins  
"CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" - CBS
- Daryl Mitchell (WU)* as Eli  
"Ed" - NBC

### LIVE APPEARANCES

#### "San Gennaro's Comedy Night"

**Date:** Saturday, March 22, 2003.  
**Time:** 8PM  
**Where:** San Gennaro Pasta Cafe & Bar  
 9543 Culver Blvd.  
 Culver City, CA 90232  
**Reservations & Info:** 310-836-0400  
 M.A.O. member *Danny Woodburn (LP)* will be headlining.

### THEATRE APPEARANCES

#### "Cock Tales"

**Where:** The Elephant Theatre  
 6322 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, CA  
 (1 block West of Vine)  
**Dates & Times:** Playing every Tuesday starting March 18th  
 through April 29th @ 8PM.  
**Ticket Price & Information Line:** 323/769-5842  
*THEY'RE BACK!* *Lynn Manning (B)* and *Richard Redlin (WU)* are two of twelve monologue performers in this all male cast. This production features writings from men, 20 to 80-something, sharing their private parts, public personas and letting you into their world.  
*This show is for Mature Audiences Only.*

#### "The Lysistrata Project"

**Where:** The Wilshire Ebell Theatre  
 4401 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA  
 (Located in the heart of the Wilshire District and adjacent to Hancock Park)  
**Date:** Monday, March 3, 2003  
**Tickets:** To reserve seats in advance, you will need to make a \$20 donation for each seat. Pay-what-you-can tickets will be available at the door the night of the event if seats are still available.  
**To reserve seats:** email them at [lysistrataprojectla@yahoo.com](mailto:lysistrataprojectla@yahoo.com) or call 310.281.8385. **Website:** [www.peaceact.org](http://www.peaceact.org)  
 M.A.O. members *Joy Mincey Powell (WU)*, *Diana Jordan (MI/CP)* and *Ann Stocking (MI)* of "Crip Chick Productions", along with concerned theatre artists of the world unite to protest the impending US-led war on Iraq, using a most persuasive tactic: *Performing simultaneous readings of Aristophanes' classic anti-war comedy, Lysistrata, about those same Ancient Greek ladies.* The performances will be taking place not only at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre, but also in over 300 cities, in 36 countries and 50 American states. With 520 readings scheduled and more organizing every day, it's the first global act of theatrical dissent ever!

#### "Opening to You" – Based on Norman Fischer's Translations of the Psalms.

**Where:** A Traveling Jewish Theatre  
 470 Florida Street, San Francisco, CA  
**Performance Dates:** March 6 – April 6, 2003  
**Times:** Thursdays – Saturdays 8PM; Sundays at 2PM & 7PM  
**Tickets:** \$25 Adult; \$20 Senior; \$12.40 Student  
**Reservation Line:** 415/399-1809  
**Websites:** [atjt.com](http://atjt.com) or [ticketweb.com](http://ticketweb.com)  
 M.A.O. member *David Roche (O)* is part of a stunningly diverse ensemble interweaving personal story with the Psalms, bringing this ancient, passionate poetry into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

### RADIO & NET APPEARANCES

#### "The Chick in the Chair" Is On The Air!

**When:** Fridays.  
**Time:** 10AM to 2PM  
**Where:** KGFN  
GRIFFIN RADIO  
[www.Grossmont.net/KGFN](http://www.Grossmont.net/KGFN)

**MARCH, 2003**

Check out this radio show by M.A.O. member *Sheree Martin (WU)*.

**Congratulations to the following  
M.A.O. Member:**

© *Anita Hollander (AL)* for her February appearance on "OZ" (HBO) in the episode titled "Junkyard Dawgs".



## Evening Acting Class

**David Zimmerman**, a past instructor for M.A.O., will be teaching an evening Scene Study Class. Students will choose a scene with the approval of the instructor and learn to present it as a cold reading, a theatrical presentation and for the camera. The scene would be appropriate for the scholarship competitions coming later this year.

### **CLASSES START AT M.A.O.:**

Thursday, March 20, 2003

*Continues every Thursday for 6 weeks.*

**TIME:** 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Call M.A.O. to reserve your space at 818/752-1196.



## **FOR UNION MEMBERS ONLY**

### **ATTENTION ALL PWD SAG/AFTRA/AEA MEMBERS!**

The PERFORMERS WITH DISABILITIES Caucus will be meeting on:

**When:** Monday, March 3, 2003

**Where:** AFTRA Board Room  
5757 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90036

**Time:** 5:00pm to 7:00pm

**Info:** 323/549-6038

**Invited Guest:** ANDY HENRY – casting assistant at *Ulrich/Dawson/Kritzer Casting*.

All Union PWD's are encouraged to attend.

**Don't forget your headshot and resume!**

## Hollywood Networking Breakfast

### **RETURNS TO PARAMOUNT STUDIOS**

***THIS IS A MUST ATTEND EVENT!***

The special guest speaker scheduled for the **Changing Images in America March** breakfast is award winning Executive Producer, Writer & Creator, **PETER ENGEL**. Mr. Engel serves as Chairman of Peter Engel Productions, NBC Television's largest supplier of teen oriented shows. Engel, highly respected by his peers, is known as the "guru of teen television programming," and was personally selected by the late head of NBC Television, Brandon Tartikoff, to be Executive Producer of NBC Productions. He is best known as creator and executive producer of such NBC hit shows as: "Saved by The Bell"; "Malibu, CA"; "City Guys"; "Hang Time"; and "All About Us."

**Date:** Thursday, March 27, 2003 **Time:** 8 AM-10:30 AM

**Place:** Paramount Studios

5555 Melrose Avenue, Executive Dining Room  
Hollywood, CA 90038

**Please note: For security purposes,  
you must show photo I.D. to get on the lot.**

**Attire:** Business casual. **No Jeans or T-shirts, please!**

**Price:** \$25 (FULL breakfast, tip and parking on lot.) \$30 **cash only** for "pre-confirmed late reservations. (Due to security reasons, unexpected walk-ins will no longer be accepted.)

**Information:** Contact **Sandra Lord** at (310) 477-0996 ext. 3.

**For more information, check out their website at:**

[www.changingimagesinamerica.org](http://www.changingimagesinamerica.org).

**Payment:** Paid reservation, **postmarked by March 20, 2003** serves as confirmed reservation. You **MUST** list your contact phone number and the names of all guests who are included on your check.

**Third party or out of state checks will not be accepted from first time attendees.**

**Make checks payable to:**

**Changing Images In America  
PO Box 2688, Hollywood, CA 90078**

**Accommodations:** Please include a note along with your check requesting an **ASL interpreter if needed**. \*The Interpreter will be cancelled three days before the breakfast if there are no requests.



## **Entertainment Industry Employment & Disability Assistance Websites**

Following is a list of websites that **MAY** be useful in your search for employment in the entertainment industry in front of or behind the camera. Be aware that there are now hundreds of such services, many of which charge a fee.

**<http://actornews.com>**: LA based resource for actors, posting free audition info.

**[www.artistwebsite.com](http://www.artistwebsite.com)**: For both SAG and non-union performers. Charges \$25/yr. currently for resume posting.

**[www.backstage.com](http://www.backstage.com)**: Affiliated with the theatrical industry trade-paper, has an extensive database divided by region; charges \$9.95/month for posting resume (or \$119.40/yr. pre-paid), but also sends out free (limited) casting notices online.

**[www.breakdownservices.com/access/awindex.htm](http://www.breakdownservices.com/access/awindex.htm)**: Has free listings of LA area projects with sides being used at auditions.

**[www.CastQuest.com](http://www.CastQuest.com)**: Resume posting for \$6.95/month; also has free casting notices service for members.

**[www2.castingworkbook.com](http://www2.castingworkbook.com)**: Online talent directory of over 30,000, which fills 2,000 jobs monthly. Includes link to casting notice information. Monthly fee currently \$6 for a photo portfolio, \$16 for video.

**[www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com)**: Has databases by region of free postings by people advertising for various gigs; the 'artists' section usually has quite a few opportunities for largely non-paying student films and theatre auditions.

**[www.crew-net.com](http://www.crew-net.com)**: For below line crew talent jobs only. Current fee is \$19.95 per month.

**[www.eej.com](http://www.eej.com)**: [Entertainment Employment Journal] Posts (mainly non-performance) job ads online; you may also subscribe to print version. Current fee is \$109/yr.

**[www.employnow.com](http://www.employnow.com)**: Fee-based online talent directory of the Film, TV and Commercial Employment Network. Also contains free job notice search and link for stand-up comedians.

**[www.film-connection.com](http://www.film-connection.com)**: Training program that places non-performers in film, recording and radio crew positions in their local area. Fee-based.

**[www.futurecasting2000.com](http://www.futurecasting2000.com)**: Job listings for non-performers in the Internet Audio/Video field.

**[www.HollywoodReporter.com](http://www.HollywoodReporter.com)**: Website for industry trade journal contains links to many types of industry jobs. Low cost fee (free for 1<sup>st</sup> 10 inquiries, 10 cents for each additional).

**[www.inhollywood.com](http://www.inhollywood.com)**: Provides production (pre/current/post) info on films for \$49.95/yr.

**[www.laughingsquid.org/tentacle](http://www.laughingsquid.org/tentacle)**: Free mailing list that sends out postings via email.

**[www.members.tripod.com/cdtsuperfest](http://www.members.tripod.com/cdtsuperfest)**: [Corporation on Disabilities and Telecommunications] Referrals for art/media employment to members; co-sponsors annual SF benefit for performers with disabilities and also an annual film festival.

**<http://nadc.ucla.edu>**: Site for National Arts & Disabilities Center, which has a wealth of information, including applications for grants of up to \$500 and a great links page to other resources.

**[www.natpe.org](http://www.natpe.org)**: National alliance for media content professionals, primarily TV and PSA work. Contains a job database for such.

### ***Looking for information about us?***

**Get more info about the work of the *Friends of the California Governor's Committee for Employment of Disabled Persons* and the Media Access Office at:**

**[www.disabilityemployment.org](http://www.disabilityemployment.org)**

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***Doug Gordy, Ph.D.***

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***363 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523***

***925-602-1542***

***[dgordy@edd.ca.gov](mailto:dgordy@edd.ca.gov)***

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***Do you have information for the Newsletter?***

***Write, phone or fax us at:***

***The Media Access Office***

***4640 Lankershim Blvd., Suite 305, N. Hollywood, CA 91602  
818/752-1196 (voice) 818/753-3426 (fax) 818/753-3427 (TTY)***

***REACH US VIA E-MAIL***

***Gloria Castañeda – [GCastane@edd.ca.gov](mailto:GCastane@edd.ca.gov)***

***Gail Williamson – [GWilliam@edd.ca.gov](mailto:GWilliam@edd.ca.gov)***

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# ***REPRESENTATION ON THE EAST COAST***



**If you are looking for representation on the East Coast, here are two management companies you can contact:**

## ***BEAUTIFUL KIDS***

**This management company is looking to represent children under 18 years of age with disabilities.**

**Contact: Elaine Gordon @ Beautiful Kids, 2942 Harbor Road, Merrick, NY 11566  
Phone #: 516/623-7736**

## ***MODEL TECH***

**This management company is looking to represent talent with disabilities.**

**Contact: Anne Harvey @ Model Tech, 72 Cascade Drive, Rochester, NY 14614  
Phone #: 585/399-7810      Website: [www.modeltechinc.com](http://www.modeltechinc.com)**