



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

Ds-Down syndrome 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

Michael J. Anderson (LP) as Samson
"Carnivale" - HBO

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

Shoshannah Stern (D) as Holly Brodeen
"Threat Matrix" - ABC

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

"10-8"

Where: ABC TV

Date: Sunday, October 5, 2003.

Time: 8 PM, Pacific time.

M.A.O. member **Gene Feldman (MI/CP)** plays a homeless person in this episode of the new drama series.

"All My Children"

Where: ABC TV

Date: Beginning Sept. 19th.

Time: Check local listings.

M.A.O. member **Anita Hollander (AL)** returns to her recurring role of Shelley in the popular soap opera.

"Las Vegas"

Where: NBC TV

Date: Beginning Sept. 22.

Time: 10 pm, Pacific

M.A.O. member **Mitch Longley (WU)** plays the recurring role of a surveillance officer in several episodes.

THEATRE APPEARANCES

"No Time for Silence"

Where: Venue 9, 252 Ninth St. (at Folsom)
San Francisco

Performance: Oct. 16-18

Time: 7 PM on 16th & 17th, 2 PM on 18th

Tickets: \$10-\$20 sliding scale

Reservation & Info Line: 415-665-4109 (X1726)

M.A.O. Member **Maia Scott (B)** co-directs and performs in this original multimedia performance about disability rights activist Sandra Jensen. The 20-member cast is comprised of performers with developmental disabilities who are members of **Theatre Unlimited**, a San Francisco-based performance troupe.

"O, Figaro!"

Where: Performing Arts Center
CSU Northridge

Performance: Oct. 22 & 23

Time: 8 PM

Reservation & Info Line: 818/677-2488

Website: www.cvpa.csun.com

Where: James R. Armstrong Theatre
3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance, CA.

Performance: Oct. 24

Time: 8 PM

Reservation & Info Line: 310-781-7171

M.A.O. member **Fred Michael Beam (D)** is performing in this production of the touring company of the National Theatre of the Deaf. This modern day comedy takes its inspiration from the classic farce of Beaumarchais, *The Marriage of Figaro*.

"Banned and Burned in America"

Where: Greenway Court Theatre
544 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles

Performance: Now - Nov. 1

Time: Th, F, Sat. at 8 pm

Tickets: \$20 general, \$18 students/seniors

Reservation & Info Line: 323-655-7679, X100

M.A.O. member **Diana Elizabeth Jordan (MI/CP)** performs in this new play about book censorship.

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DVD/VIDEO APPEARANCE

"Daredevil"

Where: Your local DVD/VIDEO store.

Available: Now

M.A.O. member **Rick Boggs (B)** and his WESEETV company provided the audio description for the DVD and video of this blockbuster about a blind superhero. Member **Tom Sullivan (B)** is also featured in a short detailing how the film handled various aspects of the character's disability.

CD RELEASE

"Bozo and Friends"

Where: Your local CD store.

Available: Oct. 14th.

M.A.O. member **Dena Diamond (B)**, has a song she wrote featured on this new children's CD.



In Memoriam

The Media Access Office, along with the rest of the Hollywood community, would like to express our profound sorrow at the sudden loss of John Ritter, and extend its heartfelt sympathies to his family – especially his brother Tom, a longtime M.A.O. member. John was truly a unique talent and a staunch supporter of M.A.O., donating significantly to our Young Performer's Scholarship. He will be missed.



EVENING ACTING CLASS

Back by popular demand, **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.

CLASSES START AT M.A.O.:

Weds. Oct. 15, 2003

Continues every Wednesday for 6 weeks.

TIME: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

There is no fee for this class. Limited space. Call M.A.O. to reserve your space at 818/752-1196.

Congratulations!

The M.A.O. Staff regrets that M.A.O. member **Hillary Lebrecht (WU)** was inadvertently left out of last month's announcement about the Lifetime TV presentation of the made-for-tv movie 'Mockingbird Don't Sing'. Congrats to Hillary on her performance!



HOLLYWOOD NETWORKING BREAKFAST

The guest speaker for the *October Changing Images in America* breakfast is **Moctesuma Esparsa**. Moctesuma is well known for his commitment to providing access and opportunities for others in Hollywood. A partner in the highly successful Esparza-Katz Productions, his credits include *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge*; *Gettysburg*; *Selena* and *The Milagro Beanfield War*. He has received over 100 honors including an Academy Award nomination, an Emmy, a Clio Award, and Cine Golden Eagle Award.

Date: Thurs., Oct. 30 **Time:** 8 AM-10:30 AM

Place: Wyndham Bel Age Hotel
1020 N. San Vicente Blvd., Salon Room II
W. Hollywood, CA (1/2 block south of Sunset)

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

Price: \$25 (**FULL** breakfast, includes tax and tip.)

Please note: valet parking charges a \$3 service fee.)
\$30 **cash only** for "pre-confirmed late reservations" and
\$35 **cash only** for "unexpected walk-ins".

Information: Contact **Sandra Lord** at **(310) 477-0996**
ext. 3. **For more information, check out their website**
at: www.changingimagesinamerica.org.

Payment: Paid reservation, **postmarked by**
October 23, 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 and valid ID
required.

Make checks payable to:

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



Accommodations: If you will be requiring the services
of an ASL interpreter, please include a note with your
check **as well as calling the Media Access Office at**
818/752-1196. IMPORTANT: Request the interpreter at
least three business days before the networking breakfast.

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21st Media Access Awards!

This year's event, honoring those companies and individuals who have made significant contributions in the hiring and portrayal of PWDs in the media, will be held Sun., Nov. 2 at the St. Regis Hotel, 2055 Ave. of the Stars, in Century City. This year's honorees include Peter & Bobby Farrelly, Melissa Gilbert, jazz singer Diane Schuur, Verne (Mini-Me) Troyer and the series CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Festivities begin at 6 pm, and a 50% off coupon for MAO members is below. For more info, call the LA office at 818-752-1196.



21st Annual Media Access Awards
Sunday, November 2, 2003
50% OFF COUPON

This coupon entitles M.A.O. Members to one (1) ticket at 50% off the regular price for the **Media Access Awards**. Any minor MAO member (under 18) accompanied by parent or legal guardian, or any member who has a full time personal care assistant, may purchase one (1) additional ticket at the discounted price (**NOT** valid for other friends or guests).



MAO Member (Name): _____

Parent/Attendant: _____

1 Ticket for MAO Member @ 50% off: \$50.00 \$ _____

1 Ticket for Parent/Attendant @ 50% off: \$50.00 \$ _____

Tickets at regular price: ____ X \$100.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Friends of CGCEPD, Inc**

Mail to: 21ST Media Access Awards
Media Access Office
4640 Lankershim Blvd., Suite 305
N. Hollywood, CA 91602

M.A.O. Members – The office is compiling statistics and tracking results of auditions and work that Performers with Disabilities have done. It is VERY important that you please be sure to call the Reporting Line when you have an audition or work.

REPORTING LINE
818/753-3425 (N. Hollywood)
925/602-1542 (M.A.O. North)



Looking for information about us?

Get more info about the work of the *Friends of the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities* and the Media Access Office at:
www.disabilityemployment.org



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The Media Access Office is staffed by the Employment Development Department and the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Volunteers and in-kind donations through the Friends of the CGCEPD support the office. ❖

VERY Important Announcement
About the MAO Newsletter
Action Required

Did you know that the MAO Monthly Newsletter is online? You can either read or download a copy of the latest one for yourself at: www.mediaaccessoffice.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the state's ongoing budget crisis and the high cost of postage, we will in future ONLY be mailing copies to those members who specifically respond to this notice and request hard copies. We can also email you a copy of the newsletter each month if you prefer.

Please bear with us during these difficult times, and write or call the LA office at 818/752-1196 to be placed on the mailing list for future newsletters. Thank you.

THE MEDIA ACCESS OFFICE STAFF