

MEDIA ACCESS OFFICE



NEWS

Disability Resource to the Entertainment Industry

M.A.O. MEMBER APPEARANCES

Codes:

AL-Leg Amputee B-Blind
DD-Developmental Disability
HI-Hearing Impaired LP-Little Person
O-Other WU-Wheelchair User



M.A.O. MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY SERIES REGULARS

Josh Ryan Evans (LP) as Timmy
"Passions" - NBC

Robert David Hall (AL) as Coroner Dr. Robbins
"CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" - CBS

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

"Strong Medicine"

Episode: "Discharged"
Date: Sunday, August 25, 2002
Time: Check local listing.
Where: Lifetime Channel
M.A.O. member *Scott Johnson (AL/WU)* guest stars as a
"Child Advocate Attorney."

THEATRE APPEARANCES

"Secret Identity"

Where: THE BIZ "Oscar Theater"
1223 Olympic Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90404
(East of Lincoln Blvd.)
Performance Dates: Now thru August 25, 2002
Fridays & Saturdays @ 8 PM
Sunday Matinee @ 5 PM
Note: Due to limited seating RSVP is suggested.
Ticket Prices: \$20 with RSVP, \$25 at the door.
Reservations: 310/289-7413.
Or email: Secretid10@yahoo
M.A.O. member *Thomas Santiago (O)* is the writer/director
and lead in this production about a man with a multiple
personality disorder. *A MUST SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!*

"On Fatal Ground You Must Do Battle"

A play in one act by LaDonna Hayes

Where: Kings Road Park
1000 Kings Road
West Hollywood, CA
(One block south of Santa Monica Blvd.)
Performance Date: Saturday, August. 3, 2002 – 2PM.
Price: FREE Admission.
RSVP: 310/659-6744

This reading presented by the Firehouse Theater features
M.A.O. member *James Troesh (WU)*.

"2nd City Improv Show"

Where: 2nd City Stage @ The Improv
8156 Melrose Ave.
Hollywood, CA

Performance Dates: Aug. 04, 11 and 18, 2002

Time: 7:00PM

Admission: FREE

Join M.A.O. member *Larry Tupler (HI)* as he performs his
level 5-conservatory show with 2nd City Conservatory in the
art of improvisation.

"Portrait of a President"

Where: Theatre for The New City
"The New York Fringe Festival"

Performance Dates: Throughout August, 2002

M.A.O. member *Anita Hollander (AL)* will be performing in
this play written by Herman Farrell III.

"Blind Ambition"

Where: Stevie's Creole Café
16911 Venture Blvd.
Encino, CA
(Ventura Blvd. @ Balboa Blvd.)

Reservations Recommended: 818/528-3500

Performance Day: Sunday, August 18, 2002.

Time: 8:30PM.

Don't miss this jazz performance by young performer *Kody
Cullum (B)* along with his partners Greg Weins and Rick
Elliot.

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AUGUST, 2002

 **“One Flew Over the Cookoos’ Nest”**

Where: American Legion Theater
2035 N. Highland Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90068
(Near the Hollywood Bowl.)

Opening Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2002 –
(Runs every Tuesday for six weeks.)

Ticket Prices: \$20.

Info & Reservations: 310/927-8556 (w/Max)

Or email: maxkerstein@hotmail.com

M.A.O. member **Max Kerstein (O)** is cast in the role of “Cheswick.” **Note:** If you contact Max for your reservation, tickets will be half price!

 **“News at 10”**

Where: Bitter Truth Theatre
11050 Magnolia Blvd., North Hollywood, CA

Info/Reservations: 818/755-7900

Ticket Prices: \$7.00

*If you use a wheelchair, you need to make a reservation.

Performance Day: Every Saturday night at 10 PM.

M.A.O. member **Jim Troesh(WU)** performs with *Moving Targets*, a political satire group.

FILMS

 **“Experimental Me”**

Where: North Carolina International Film Festival.

Date: Friday, August 9, 2002.

Time: 4:45PM

This is a film by M.A.O. member **Dale Spencer (WU)**.

INTERNET APPEARANCES

 **“Kelly’s Short Film Party” – Live on the web.**

Where: www.ShortFilmParty.com

Date: Monday August 5, 2002

Time: 4PM to 5PM Pacific Time

See the more dramatic side the 2002 Norman G. Brooks Stand-up Scholarship Competition winner **Dawn Grabowski (MI)**. Log on to your computer and watch “Shattering Images”. This is Dawn’s 35mm 10-minute short film. You will also be able to chat live with Dawn & Kelly!

Congratulations to the following M.A.O. Members for their appearances during the month of July:

☺ **Anita Hollander (AL)** for playing the role of Emma Goldman in RAGTIME (the musical) at Gateway Playhouse in Bellport, NY.

**Hollywood
Networking Breakfast**

9th Anniversary Celebration

**THIS IS A MUST ATTEND EVENT!
LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES TO BE WON
BY ALL PARTICIPANTS.**

The special guest speaker for the **Changing Images in America** August breakfast will be Director/Executive Producer of *The West Wing*, **Thomas Schlamme**. With a long and varied career as a director of television and feature films, Schlamme was honored in 1998 with a DGA Award for his work on the pilot of “Sportsnight”, a show which he also helped to create and executive produced. He has also received an Emmy and a DGA nomination for his direction of the pilot “The West Wing.”

Date: Thurs., August 29, 2002 **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)

****No Jeans or T-shirts, Please!**

Price: \$21 (FULL breakfast, includes tax, tip and complimentary valet parking), \$26 **cash only** for “pre-confirmed late reservations” and \$30 **cash only** for “unexpected walk-ins”.

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

Or www.allfilmmarkets.com/hollywoodbreakfast

Payment: Paid reservation, **postmarked by August 22, 2002** 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.


ATTENTION WRITERS...

Are you trying to get your scripts read by agents or anyone else that will take the time to read them? Here is a suggestion. Submit your scripts to as many screenwriting competitions as possible. You can find a comprehensive list of all of the screenwriting competitions at www.moviebytes.com.

Happy Submitting!

**Mark Taper Forum’s Other Voices
Project Presents...**

AUGUST, 2002

Chautauqua 2002

The Theatrical Landscape of Disability & Deafness Past, Present & Future

A one-day gathering of artists, scholars, and activists from the disability and deaf theatre communities. Events include play readings, cultural conversations, and lots of good food.

When: Saturday, August 17, 2002

Where: El Portal Center
5269 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood, CA

Time: 11AM – 7PM with reception to follow.

Price: FREE and open to the public.
Reservations a must!

Info: 213/972-0790 TDD 213/680-4017

Note: All performances are sign language interpreted.
The El Portal Center is wheelchair accessible.



ATTENTION M.A.O. MEMBERS COMPETING FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS:

☞ *The Christopher Reeve Acting Scholarship (\$5,000)*

☞ *Ricardo Montalban/Nosotros Acting Scholarship (\$2,000)*

Both for an adult actor, 18 or over with a disability.

☞ *The Disney Young Performer's Scholarship (\$1,000)*

For a young performer under 18 with a disability.

This is a reminder to get your application, bio and letter of intent to the Media Access Office by August 31, 2002.

If you are interested in competing but haven't signed up yet, call Frances and ask for your application at 818/752-1196

**THE COMPETITIONS WILL BE TAKING PLACE
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2002.**



STAY INFORMED...

If you are interested in receiving information (such as last minute announcements) from M.A.O. via email, send Gloria Castañeda an email and ask to be put on the

Email List. Please mention if you are a member (specify if you live outside of Southern California) or a friend of the office. Send your email to:

GCastane@edd.ca.gov

**CALL M.A.O. AND REPORT ANY SIGHTINGS
OF CHARACTERS OR PERFORMERS WITH
DISABILITIES IN THE MEDIA,
OR IF YOU HAD AUDITIONS OR WORK!**

**REPORTING LINE
818/753-3425**

(Different from the MAO general number.)



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

Media Access Office – North

Doug Gordy, Ph.D.

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**Do you have information for the Newsletter?
Write, phone or fax us at:**

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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

Gail Williamson – GWilliam@edd.ca.gov

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M.A.O. MEMBERS & FRIENDS WEBSITES

Name	Website	Notes
Banister, Katie Rodriguez	www.access-4-all.com	Articles by Katie R. Banister, motivational speaker. Disability resources & products.
Davenport, Robert	www.MP3.com/Davino	First ever music CD written by a deaf songwriter.
Gil, Arturo	www.arturogil.com	Little Person - actor.
Hoppe, Bethany A.	www.bethanyproductions.com	Promoting the Disabled through writing and performance!
Longley, Mitch	www.geocities.com/~mitchlongley/	Site contains Mitch's professional life as a performer, writer, photographer, and activist for the disabled.
Malmskog, William Glenn	http://hometown.aol.com/stuntsefx/	Amputee, Stuntman, Firefighter.
Paige, Matthew	http://home.earthlink.net/~damn_nice/	A brief bio, several photos and Matthew's acting resume.
Storey, Linda	www.lindastorey.com	Singer-songwriter, Linda Storey and her, "Alleluia Blues Band". Making a difference in the music world and give a voice for the disability community.
Toussaint, Cynthia	www.forgrace.org	"For Grace" is a nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness of the chronic pain disease, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD).
Winter, Roz	www.rozwinter.com	Available to music supervise your film or TV project. Her CD – soulful acoustic music. Roz Winter & The Feminine Principle – "A View From the Moon".

***If you have a website that you would like listed in future M.A.O. Newsletter issues, please email: Gcastane@edd.ca.gov.**