

# MEDIA ACCESS OFFICE



# NEWS

## Disability Resource to the Entertainment Industry

### M.A.O. MEMBER



### APPEARANCES

**Codes:** AL -Amputee/Leg, B-Blind, CP-Cerebral Palsy, D-Deaf, DD-Developmental Disability, LP-Little Person MI-Mobility Impaired, WU-Wheelchair User

PWD - Performer with a Disability

#### 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

### TELEVISION APPEARANCES

#### "San Diego Tribune Newspaper" - Commercial

**Date:** Running throughout the month of December.  
**Where:** Local Stations in the San Diego area.  
M.A.O. member *Charles "Gil" Guillebeaux (WU)* is featured in this subscription promotion commercial.

#### "Passions"

**Dates:** December 2, 3, 4, 16, 23, 24 and 25 (or 26), 2002  
**Time:** Check local listing. **Where:** NBC  
*Arturo Gil (LP)* will be in the recurring role of *Cecil*, a new doll in the town of "Harmony" on this daytime soap.

#### "MDs"

**Date:** Wednesday, December 4, 2002  
**Time:** Check local listing. **Where:** ABC  
M.A.O. member *Nancy Becker Kennedy (WU)* guest stars as the Psychiatrist *Dr. Darla King*.

#### "Strong Medicine"

**Episode:** "Philadelphia Chromosome"  
**Date:** Sunday, December 08, 2002  
**Time:** Check local listing. **Where:** Lifetime  
*Michelle Banks (D)* will be guest starring in this episode.

#### "The District"

**Episode:** "Small Packages"  
**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2002  
**Time:** Check local listing. **Where:** CBS  
*Danny Woodburn (LP)* will be guest starring in this episode.

#### "JAG"

**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2002  
**Time:** Check local listing. **Where:** CBS  
Watch for M.A.O. member *Johnny Cox (WU/AL)* in this Christmas episode.

#### "Salvation Army Youth Center PSA"

**Date:** Now running through January 2003.  
**Where:** Local Networks  
M.A.O. young performer *Justin Silcock (MI/CP)* is featured in this public service announcement starring Peter Falk. This PSA was produced and directed by M.A.O. member *Lawrence Kaldor (AL)*.  
 This PSA will also be running at your local **Laemmle Theatres** throughout the month of December.

### THEATRE APPEARANCES

#### Mark Taper Forum Presents -

**Deaf West Theatre Production of**  
**"Big River - The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"**  
**Where:** Mark Taper Forum at the Music Center  
135 North Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012  
**Dates:** Now through Dec. 29, 2002  
**Performance Times:** Tues. through Fri. 8pm, Wed. at 2:30PM, Sat. at 2:30pm & 8pm, Sun. at 2:30pm & 7:30pm  
**Ticket Prices:** Previews: \$40/\$35, Tue-Fri eves, Wed mats: \$45/\$35, Sat eves, Sat & Sun mats: \$50/\$40  
**For Info Call:** 213.628.2772.  
**Deaf/Hard of Hearing Patrons:** You may purchase \$35 tickets all performances. Call TTY:213-680-4017  
M.A.O. members *Michelle Banks (D)* and *Troy Kotsur(D)* will be among the talented cast performing in this brilliantly theatrical journey to freedom, where the beauty of sign language and the splendor of sound make for fresh and new musical theatre! **A MUST SEE PRODUCTION!**

*(M.A.O. Member Appearances – continues...)*

 **“Waiting”**

**Where:** Tamarind Theatre  
5919 Franklin Ave., Hollywood, CA  
**Dates:** Now through Dec. 8, 2002  
**Time:** Sun. 2PM, Thurs. 8 PM, Fri. 8 PM, Sat. 8 PM  
**Ticket Prices:** \$15.00  
**Information:** 818-955-5313  
*Joe McClain (WU)* is “Steve” in this new romantic comedy presented by The Florida Project and written by Lisa Soland.

 **CIR and VSA arts present:**  
**“A Dance Celebration”**

**Where:** John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts  
2700 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20566  
**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2002  
**Time:** 7:30 PM **Ticket Prices:** \$150.00  
**Reservations & Info:** 800-444-1324 or 202-467-4600  
Dance performance and celebration of the International Day of the Disabled featuring Mikhail Baryshnikov with M.A.O. North member *Nadia Adame (MI)* and Jaques Pouli-Denis of AXIS Dance Company in an original piece choreographed by Davis Robertson of the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago. *Performances will be sign-interpreted and audio described.*

 **“The Valiant”**

**Where:** The Company of Angels Theatre  
2106 Hyperion Avenue, Silver Lake, CA  
**Dates:** Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 & 18, 2002  
**Time:** 8:00 PM  
**Ticket Prices:** \$12.00 (Group rates available.)  
**Info. & Reservations:** 323/883-1717  
**Website:** [www.coangels.org](http://www.coangels.org)  
*Danny Murphy (WU)* is “James Dyke” in this post WWI drama about a man about to be executed for murder. He encounters his long lost sister in his final hour.


 **“Termitary”**

**Part of a weekend of play readings.**  
**Where:** The Los Angeles Theatre Center  
514 S. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA  
(Near the Perishing Square stop on the Red Line.)  
**Dates:** Sunday, December 8, 2002  
**Time:** 11:00 AM  
**Box Office Info:** 213/473-0640  
*Joy Mincey Powell (WU)* performs in this reading as *Magda*, who was a woman imprisoned in a man’s body. Now she’s just a woman in prison-an INS detention center, to be exact. This reading is presented by Playwright’s Arena. A discussion will follow the reading.



 **“A Christmas Carol”**

**Where:** L.A. Valley College – “Horseshoe Theatre”  
5800 Fulton Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401  
**Performance Dates:**  
Dec. 5, 6, 7, 8; 12, 13, 14, 15; 19, 20, 21 and 22  
**Time:** Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 8 PM, Sun. 7:30PM,  
**Ticket Price:** \$15 gen. \$12 Students & Seniors  
**Reservations & Info:** 818/947-2791  
M.A.O. members *Craig Jaffe (DD)*, *Casey Powell (Ds)*, *Marcia Landeros (Ds)*, *Kristine Johnson (Ds)* and *Blair Williamson (Ds)* will be performing in this all time Christmas favorite along with other members of Shoreditch Theatrical Productions.

 **“The Time of Your Life”**

**Where:** The Next Stage  
1620 Gough, San Francisco, CA  
**Dates & Ticket Prices:**  
**Thurs.:** Dec. 5, 12 & 19, 2002 \$15  
**Fri. :** Dec. 6, 13 & 20, 2002 \$20  
**Sat.:** Dec. 7 & 21, 2002 \$20  
**Time:** 8:00 PM  
**Sat. 2PM Matinee:** Dec. 14, 2002 \$10  
**Info. & Reservations:** 415/333-6389  
**Website:** [www.wehavemet.org](http://www.wehavemet.org)  
M.A.O. North members *Stephanie Miyashiro (WU)* and *Afi-Tiombe Kambon (AL)* are part of the cast in this timeless American comedy-drama set in a San Francisco waterfront hangout, where a boozing corporate dropout and an entourage of incredible characters strive to rescue an improbable pair of struggling young lovers.

**INTERNET APPEARANCES**

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

**Where:** [www.ShortFilmParty.com](http://www.ShortFilmParty.com)  
**Date:** Mon. Dec. 2, 2002 **Time:** 4PM to 5PM Pac. Time  
Here is another opportunity to catch M.A.O. member *Dawn Grabowski (MI)* and her 35mm 10-minute short film “Shattering Images” on the web. Log on to your computer and watch. You will also be able to chat live with Dawn & Kelly!

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

☺ *Grant Albrecht (WU)* for his November appearance on *The Guardian* and in a *J.C. Penney* commercial.

☺ *Mitch Longley (WU)* for his November 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> reoccurring appearance on *Judging Amy*.

☺ *Blair Williamson (Ds)* for his November 21<sup>st</sup> guest star appearance on *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* as *Randy Trashel*.

DECEMBER, 2002

# Hollywood Networking Breakfast

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE  
TO THE HOLIDAYS THE DECEMBER  
BREAKFAST IS TWO WEEKS EARLY.**

The special guest speaker scheduled for the **Changing Images in America December Breakfast** is **Jill Goldsmith**: Writer/Producer of *LAW & ORDER*, the critically acclaimed NBC hit television series. Previously, **Jill** worked on the "cream of the crop" of television drama series: She spent three years on the writing staff of "The Practice," and also wrote for "Ally McBeal" and "NYPD Blue." As a producer on *Law & Order*, Jill is involved in many aspects of production.

**Date:** Thurs., Dec. 12, 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)

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

**Price:** \$21 (FULL breakfast, includes tax and tip. **Please note: valet parking will now be charging a \$3 service fee.**)

\$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.

For more information, check out their website at:

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

**Payment:** Paid reservation, postmarked by **December 05, 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.

**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.)*

# Seasons Greetings

**The Media Access Office Staff  
wishes you and your loved  
ones a blessed  
and joyous  
Holiday Season!**



**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:

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*Your M.A.O. is a non-profit organization run by volunteers and in-kind donations. Supported and staffed by the Employment Development Department and the Friends of the California Governor's Committee for Employment of Disabled Persons. ❖*



***A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION  
FOR M.A.O. MEMBERS AND FRIENDS***

**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE  
Friday, December 13, 2002  
4PM to 8PM  
Media Access Office  
4640 Lankershim Blvd., Suite 305  
North Hollywood, CA 91602**

*This is a wonderful opportunity to network and mingle with other M.A.O. members and friends. Also, (members) it's a great time to make sure your file is complete. We will be accepting updated headshots and resumes.*

**If attending, please R.S.V.P. on the  
M.A.O. Reporting Line: 818/753-3425.**

