

MEDIA ACCESS OFFICE



NEWS

Disability Resource to the Entertainment Industry



M.A.O. MEMBER APPEARANCES

Codes: AL-Leg Amputee B-Blind
D-Deaf DD-Devel. Disability
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

Meredith Eaton (LP) as Attorney Emily Resnick,
"Family Law" - CBS

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

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

Danny Woodburn (LP) as Carl the Gnome
"Special Unit 2" - UPN

☞ "Mirrors of the Past, Shadows on the Wall"

Where: Black Rep. Group Theatre
3201 Adeline St.
Berkeley, CA

Performance Date: Saturday, February 2, 2002

Time: 7:00PM

Ticket Prices: \$15 general, \$5 Seniors/Students.

Info: 510/652-2120

M.A.O. North member *Mary Ann Tidwell-Broussard (MI)* wrote, produced and stars in this one-woman show

☞ "California Energy Commission PSA"

Where: Telemundo and Univision Networks

Date: Now Playing.

Watch for Young Performer *Zaydrian Moncayo (Ds)* in a therapeutic swimming pool scene. This Spanish spot is about conserving energy.

☞ "Doritos Extreme" Commercial

Where: Television

Date: Now Playing.

Watch for M.A.O. member *Casey Pieretti (AL)* playing basketball and blocking a shot with his prosthetic leg.

☞ "Life and Limb"

Where: Discovery Channel

Dates: Feb 4 & 9, 2002 (Episodes 1 - 3 airing back-to-back.)

Time: Check local listings.

In episode 3 of the 3 one hour episodes, M.A.O. member *John Siciliano (AL)* will have his story told as well as feature parts of his stage play.

☞ "In The Now"

Where: The Other Space at Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

Performance Dates:

Now through February 17, 2002

Friday & Saturday @ 8:00PM

Saturday & Sunday @ 3:30PM

Ticket Prices: \$23 general, \$18 Seniors/Students.

\$18 Entertainment Industry Union Members

Reservations: 310/394-9779 Ext. 1

Or Online at www.deafbuy.com.

This one-woman play written and performed by M.A.O. member *Terrylene (D)* is the irrepressible story of how a young woman's personal odyssey of confusion, guilt, and enlightenment catapults her from victim to survivor to "I am."

☞ "Weights"

Where: Los Angeles Theater Center

514 S. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA

Date: February 08 through March 17, 2002

Time: Fridays & Saturdays @ 8:00PM

Sunday @ 3:00PM

Ticket Prices: \$20 General Admission, \$15 Students/Seniors

For reservations & further info: 213/485-1681.

In recognition of African-American History Month, the Watts Village Theater Company is proud to present *Lynn Manning(B)* in his award-winning one-man show.

☞ "Boston Public"

Where: FOX **Date:** A Monday in February.

Time: Check local listings.

Young performer *Hunter Silcock (WU)* will guest-star once again in the role of "Hunter." Also watch for young performers *Javier Silcock (WU)*, *Melissa Esquievel (WU)*, *Hillary Lebrecht(WU)* and *Jeffery Benjamin(WU)* in a swimming pool scene.

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MAO Member Appearances – continues...

“ER”

Episode: “In Your Head”

Where: NBC **Date:** A Thursday in February.

Time: Check local listings.

M.A.O. member **John Siciliano (AL)** guest-stars as “Tobias”, a schizophrenic man trying to scam a prosthetic leg off the hospital.

“Frasier”

Episode: “Wheels of Fortune”

Where: NBC **Date:** Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Time: Check local listings.

M.A.O. member **Richard Redlin (WU)** will guest-star as an audience member. Also watch for **Ron Troutman (WU)**, **Gretchen Schaper (WU)** and **Joe Staconis (WU)**.

“Blues On Arrival - Band”

Where: Martini Blues Supper Club

5874 Edinger Ave., (corner of Edinger & Springdale)
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Info: 714/840-2129

Performance Day: Every Monday night at 8 PM.

Check out Young Performer **Kody Cullum (B)** in this Blues group.

“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.

“I Am Sam” – Feature Film

Where: Theatre near you.

Date: Now Playing.

Watch for M.A.O. member **Brian Bialick (DD)** in this film starring Sean Penn.

“A Beautiful Mind” – Feature Film

Where: Theatre near you.

Date: Now Playing.

M.A.O. member **Ed Jupp (WU)** plays a college professor named “Ed” in this film starring Russell Crowe.

Congratulations to:

♥ **Joy Mincey Powell (WU)** – for her participation in the Seventh Annual Hollywood Performance Marathon on Jan 19, 2002.

♥ **J.B. Abajian (MI)** – for being featured in “*The Deluge*” part of the “Going Forth by Day” exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum in Berlin, Germany.
Dates: Feb. 9 through May 5, 2002.

Hollywood Networking Breakfast

Changing Images in America is honored and pleased to present their February 2002 Guest Speaker, the highly esteemed **MIKE MEDAVOY, Chairman & CEO, Phoenix Pictures** and former Chairman of Tri-Star Pictures. With over 30 years experience in the business, Mr. Medavoy has become one of the most highly regarded “powers that be” in Hollywood. Along the way he has enjoyed critically acclaimed box office successes such as *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*, *Rocky*, *Amadeus*, *Platoon*, *Silence of the Lambs* and many more.

Date: Thurs., Feb. 28, 2002 **Time:** 8 AM-10:30 AM

Place: 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: \$21.00 (FULL breakfast, includes tax, tip and complimentary valet parking)

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

Or www.allfilmmarkets.com/hollywoodbreakfast

Payment: Paid reservation, **postmarked by Feb. 21, 2002** serves as confirmed reservation. You **MUST** list your contact phone number and the names of all guests who are included on your check.

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.**

ACADEMY PLAYERS DIRECTORY

Mark your calendar for the 2002 filing periods.

If you used to renew in **January**, Actors **now** renew: **March 4 – 15.**

If you used to renew in **May or September**, Actors **now** renew: **September 3 – 13.**

FYI: Beginning mid-January, the Academy will have a new address:

Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences
1313 North Vine Street
Hollywood, CA 90032-8107

Phone number stays the same: **310/247-3058**

www.playersdirectory.com

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Polish Your Acting Skills

Christina Kokubo has started another session of **FREE Scene Study and Empowerment for Actors** classes for M.A.O. members. Students must be prepared with scenes and monologues for class participation.

The M.A.O. Staff advises that members take advantage of this generous opportunity provided by Ms. Kokubo. Remember that continuous training is **essential** for an actor.

WHAT: SCENE STUDY CLASS
WHEN: Every Wednesday
TIME: 1PM – 4PM

WHAT: EMPOWERMENT FOR ACTORS
WHEN: **LAST** Wednesday of every month.
TIME: 4PM – 8PM

WHERE: Media Access Office

Space is limited. RSVP at 818/752-1196.



SAG & AFTRA MEMBERS

Career Day is February 9, 2002 at the LA Theatre Center Downtown. There will be various workshops as well as the opportunity to set up appointments with Casting Directors and Agents.

You must be a paid up member to attend these workshops. For more information call your Guild.

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.)

UNDERSTUDIES NEEDED

M.A.O. member Patricia Lee Willson will be directing "Twelfth Night or Shakespeare in Tinseltown" with performances beginning in March 2002. Pat is currently looking for understudies, each of which will get a full weekend of performance with the cast.

**Interested in understudying?
Call Pat ASAP at 818/783-016**



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



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2002-2003 M.A.O. I.D.

**Watch for information on the new 2002-2003
Media Access Office Industry Directory.**

This year's directory will include sections for: Individual Talent, Groups and Ensembles (new), Crew, above and below the line (new), as well as ads for service organizations and companies providing accommodation services.

The 2001-2002 book has been very well accepted. Over 3,000 have been distributed to industry professionals including casting directors, television producers, show runners and production companies.

Please note: Individual talent and groups will need to provide a professional photograph. This year **NO** lithographs will be accepted in order to publish a quality publication. If you were thinking about getting a new headshot before we begin accepting submissions for the directory, now is the time to get them taken.

*Next month's newsletter will include the
2002-2003 M.A.O. I.D. registration form*