

MEDIA ACCESS OFFICE



NEWS

Disability Resource to the Entertainment Industry



M.A.O. MEMBER APPEARANCES

Codes: AL-Leg Amputee B-Blind

CP-Cerebral Palsy 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

"Callboy"

Where: Artistic Company
6448 Santa Monica Blvd.
Hollywood, CA 90038

Performance Dates:

Jan 4th - 6th, 11th - 13th, 18th - 20th & 25th - 27th, 2002

Fridays & Saturdays @ 8 PM

Sunday Matinee @ 4 PM

Ticket Prices: \$20 reserved, \$25 at the door.

Due to limited seating reservations are recommended.

Reservations: 310/289-7413.

M.A.O. member *Thomas Santiago (O)* is the writer and a performer in this production about deception, greed and exploitation. *(Show contains nudity and adult content.)*

"Boston Public"

Where: FOX Date: Monday, January 14, 2002

Time: Check local listings.

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

"The Guardian"

Where: CBS Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Time: Check local listings.

M.A.O. member *Grant Albrecht (WU)* guest-stars as an INS attorney.

"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 his first gig as a member of 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 Dilbeck (MI/CP)* 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.

"American Public Transportation Association" National Commercial

Date: Airing presently.

Watch for M.A.O. member *Ed Jupp (WU)* getting on a bus.

JANUARY, 2002

MAO Member Appearances – continues...

Congratulations to the following M.A.O. members for their appearances during the month of December:

* **Christopher Thornton (WU)** on “Alias.”

* **Robert David Hall (AL)** for his interview on “Entertainment Tonight.”



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PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TAKEN BY THE HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS AT THIS TIME, THE LOCATION FOR THE JANUARY 2002 NETWORKING BREAKFAST HAS CHANGED. (See below.)

The January Hollywood Networking Breakfast Guest Speaker will be *Emmy Award winning director/writer/producer, Paris Barclay*. Paris Barclay stands as not just a premier award-winning director, but as one of the most diversely talented forces in the entertainment industry. His two Emmys are for *Outstanding Directing in a Drama Series: NYPD Blue*. Paris has won many other awards as well. Mr. Barclay is so well liked in the industry, he was selected as *One of the 10 Coolest People in Hollywood* by an independent survey of 1000 producers, agents, writers and directors.

Date: Thurs., Jan. 31, 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)

Price (change as of Jan. 02): \$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 Jan. 24, 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:

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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.**

Scene Study Class

Christina Kokubo will begin another session of **FREE** acting 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, continuous training is **essential** for an actor.

WHAT: SCENE STUDY CLASS

STARTS: Wed. January 21, 2002

TIME: 1PM – 4PM

WHERE: Media Access Office

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



SUBSCRIBE TO “OPENING STAGES”

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts has started to publish a quarterly newsletter for people with disabilities pursuing careers in the performing arts called **OPENING STAGES**. This month you can check-out an article about M.A.O. member Rick Boggs and one about the Media Access Office written by Gail Williamson.

To subscribe to Opening Stages: go to

[http://artsedge.kennedy-](http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/user_guide/commcent/artsedge.html)

[center.org/user_guide/commcent/artsedge.html](http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/user_guide/commcent/artsedge.html),

check off the box next to Careers in the Arts for People with Disabilities (ARTSFORUM), enter your name and e-mail address and then submit the document.

For more information contact: The Accessibility Program at (202) 416-8727 (voice) or (202) 416-8728 (TTY), or via e-mail at access@kennedy-center.org.

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International Guild of Disabled Artists & Performers

Check them out online & join to receive their newsletter.

www.diversitynz.com/igodap

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Attention Writers!

FOX Diversity is accepting submissions from writers from January to April. If you can write a script like Ally McBeal, X-Files, Boston Public, or any other network show, they would like you to submit it on spec.

They have a Writer's Assistant Program where you have to know how to type, use a computer, and show up on time. Also a Writer's Bootcamp where you learn how to write a spec. script and have a mentor.

For more information call Yvonne at Wenda Fong's office: 310/369-4110.

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.)

ANNOUNCING THE VIDEO RELEASE OF READY WILLING AND ABLE!



The Gold Mine E-store is now open for business at WWW.goldpictures.com and you are invited to get in on the Action! Log on and purchase the feature film READY WILLING & ABLE. Each tape includes a bonus – a music video by Van Gogh.

In a thrill ride that features exciting and never-before-seen stunts, Christopher Templeton (Young and the Restless, Hill Street Blues, M.A.O. Member) stars as Samantha "Sam" Martin, a CIA special agent who is determined to continue her career after she is injured in the line of duty. This fast-paced independently produced action thriller, by award-winning director Jenni Gold, has enjoyed sold-out screenings and has been honored at film festivals across the United States and Europe.

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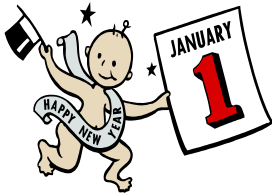
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Your M.A.O. is a non-profit organization run by volunteers and in-kind donations. Supported and staffed by the Employment Development Department and the Friends of the California Governor's Committee for Employment of Disabled Persons. ♦

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M.A.O. MEMBERS
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS
FOR 2002!

- *GET MORE TRAINING.*
- *UPDATE HEADSHOTS AND RESUMES AS NEEDED.*
- *LET THE M.A.O. KNOW IF ANY OF YOUR CONTACT INFO CHANGES.*
 - *PARENTS OF YOUNG PERFORMERS:*
KEEP THAT WORK PERMIT CURRENT.
- *AND MOST IMPORTANT*
• *ALWAYS, ALWAYS READ YOUR M.A.O. NEWSLETTER FROM COVER TO COVER!*
(or you might miss important information)