

MEDIA ACCESS OFFICE



NEWS

Disability Resource to the Entertainment Industry

M.A.O. MEMBER APPEARANCES

Codes:

AA-Arm Amputee AL-Leg Amputee
B-Blind LP-Little Person
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

THEATRE APPEARANCES

"the bettys bowling tour 2002" (all female sketch comedy)

Where: The Lion Star Theatre * (above Jerry's Deli)
12655 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA

Dates: Now playing every Saturday through June 22, 2002.

Time: 9:00PM

Ticket Price: \$8.00

Reservations Suggested: 818/771-8393 (limited seating)
M.A.O. member *Tracy Ashton (AL)* along with three other women, join their intellect, estrogen and wry sense of comedy to form "the bettys", an all-female sketch comedy escapade. Because these women were schooled in improvisation, they join that with their observations to create absurd vignettes.

**Not wheelchair accessible.*

"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.

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"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.

FEATURE FILMS

"Windtalkers" – Feature Film

Where: Theatre near you.

Date: Starts playing this month.

Watch for M.A.O. members *Steven DeRelian (AA)* and *Casey Pieretti (AL)* as soldiers in this film starring Nicolas Cage.



Attention Writers!

**The Walt Disney Studios
and ABC Entertainment Writing
Fellowship Program is seeking
diverse writing talent.**

Up to twelve paid positions will be available for writers who exhibit talent and a passion to work in the television and feature film profession. The Fellowship is open to all writers; there is no entry fee. Fellows will each be provided a one-year salary of \$50,000 scheduled to begin in January 2003.

Download an application packet from their website at www.abcnewtalent.disney.com
Or call 818/560-6894.

Please note that the submission period is
June 1st through July 6, 2002.
To be considered, material must be
postmarked no later than **July 6th.**

GOOD LUCK!

JUNE, 2002

Hollywood Networking Breakfast

The June 2002 **Changing Images in America** special guest speaker will be Emmy nominated casting director **April Webster**. As an independent casting director, April chooses an eclectic mix of film, television and theatre projects that challenge and inspire her. Some of April's casting work includes *Alias*, *C.S.I.*, *The Lone Gunmen* and *The Patriot*.

Date: Thurs., June 27, 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 (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 June 20, 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.



TO ALL READING THIS NEWSLETTER

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

2002 Norman G. Brooks Stand-Up Comedy Competition

It's that time of the year for M.A.O. members that are looking for a career in Stand-up Comedy. Get your **3 minute stand-up routine** together and sign-up to compete for the \$1,500 Scholarship:

When: Thursday, June 27, 2002

Where: Laugh Factory
8001 Sunset Blvd.
Hollywood, CA

Time: 6:30PM arrival - 7:00PM Show Time

What we need from you:

Call M.A.O. to reserve your space in the competition. You will need to provide a Bio, Headshot and Letter of Intent on how you would use the \$1,500 scholarship. These materials must be sent to the Office by Monday, June 17, 2002. Deliver by mail or email to Gcastane@edd.ca.gov.



MORE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

M.A.O. members, get ready for these up-coming scholarship competitions:

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

Ricardo Montalban/Nosotros Acting Scholarship (\$3,000)

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

Prepare a 3 to 5 minute scene.

The Saban Young Performer's Scholarship (\$3,000)

For a young performer under 18 with a disability.

Prepare a 1 to 3 minute scene.

**COMPETITIONS WILL BE TAKING
PLACE SEPTEMBER, 2002.**

**Watch for more details in next month's
newsletter.**

JUNE, 2002

Call for Submissions

The National Arts and Disability Center would like to announce a great opportunity for artists with developmental disabilities to promote their artwork. The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities is hosting its first ever poster contest entitled, "Hire Value." The aim of the contest is to celebrate and promote the employment of individuals with developmental disabilities. The artwork submitted for the contest must illustrate the valuable contribution individuals with developmental disabilities bring to the workforce. Prizes will be offered for the top four winners, as well as a reception and exhibit of the artists work.

**The deadline for submissions is
Friday, June 28, 2002.**

For additional details visit
http://www.scdd.ca.gov/Poster_Contest.htm

For additional information call or email the State Council directly at:
Phone (916) 322-8481, Fax (916) 443-4957
e-mail scdd@dss.ca.gov or visit the Council's website at <http://www.scdd.ca.gov>

Don't Miss... **ABILITIES EXPO** **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** **(Independent and Assisted Living Products and Services)**

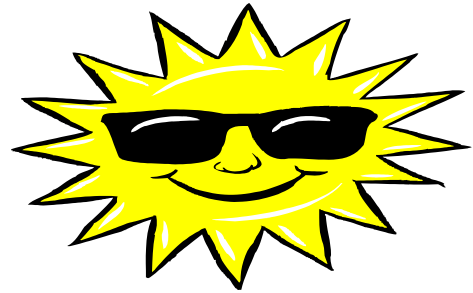
When: Friday, June 7 – Sunday, June 9, 2002

Where: Long Beach Convention Center
Long Beach, CA

Time: Friday and Saturday – 10AM – 5PM
Sunday – 11AM – 5PM

Info: 800/385-3085

Abilities Expo is the one show dedicated to educating and improving the lives of people with disabilities, senior citizens, their families and caregivers, as well as healthcare and education professionals.



**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

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JOIN THE FUN & CHEER FOR YOUR FAVORITE COMIC!

What: NORMAN G. BROOKS STAND-UP
COMEDY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

When: Thursday, June 27, 2002

Where: The Laugh Factory
8001 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, CA

Time: Doors Open: 6:30PM Show: 7:00PM

Open to the Public.

No cover charge. Two drink minimum.

