

MEDIA ACCESS OFFICE



NEWS

Disability Resource to the Entertainment Industry



M.A.O. MEMBER APPEARANCES

Codes: AL-Leg Amputee

Ds-Down syndrome LP-Little Person

MI-Mobility Impaired O-Other

VI-Visually Impaired 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

"ER"

Episode: "The Letter"

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2002

Where: NBC

In this important season finale, M.A.O. members *Chris Burke (Ds)* guest stars as "George" a restaurant worker and *John Siciliano (AL)* in the reoccurring role as "Toby".

"Law & Order: Special Victims Unit"

Episode: "Competence"

Date: Friday, May 10, 2002

Where: NBC

M.A.O. member *Andrea Friedman (Ds)* Guest Stars as "Katie Tolliver". Also watch for young performers *Christine Paletta (Ds)* *Chava Goldhirsch-Gruen (Ds)* and *Lauren Hoffmire (Ds)*.

(Please note: This episode contains mature subject matter.)

"Malcolm in the Middle"

Episode: "Monkey Business"

Date: Sunday, May 12, 2002

Where: Fox

Grant Albrecht (WU) Guest stars as the "tough guy."

THEATRE APPEARANCES

"Metrano's Accidental Comedy"

Where: Hollywood Playhouse

2540 Washington Street, Hollywood, Florida

Dates: May 2 through May 26, 2002

Time: Wed. through Sat. @ 8:00PM

Sundays @ 7:00PM

Wed., Sat. & Sun. @ 2:00PM

For Ticket Prices Call: 954/922-0404 or visit their website at hollywoodplayhouse.com.

Art Metrano (WU) will be performing his hilarious and moving play chronicling his life as an actor and comedian.

"Love's Labour's Lost"

Where: A Noise Within Repertory Theater

234 S. Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA

Dates: May 1, 10 & 11

Time: Wed. - Fri. 8PM, Sat. 2PM -& 8PM, Sun. 2PM & 7PM

Ticket Prices:

Fri. & Sat. \$32 Adult, \$28 Student/Seniors

Wed., Thurs., Sun & Sat. Matinee,

\$28 Adult \$24 Student/Seniors

For reservations & further info: 818/240-0910.

M.A.O. member *Rod Simmons (O)*, an intern with the repertory theater, will be debuting as Constable Anthony Dull in Shakespeare's play.

"All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten"

Where: Vibe Performing Arts Studio

24460 Lyons Ave., Santa Clarita, CA

Dates: May 17 & 18 **Time:** 7:30PM

Date: May 19 **Time:** 4:00PM

For Ticket Prices Call: 661/255-7464

M.A.O. member *Pamela Jansen (MI)* will be performing several monologues in this play written by Robert Fulgham and directed by Diane Christiansen.

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MAO Member Appearances – continues...



**“Changing Perceptions” –
Theater by the Blind and Physically Disabled.
A Project of Community Partners**

Where: Lankershim Arts Center
5108 Lankershim
North Hollywood, CA

Date: Saturday, May. 18, 2002 **Time:** 5:00 PM

Ticket Price: FREE of charge – Open to the public.

For further information: 323/660-4607.

Instructor and Director Christina Kokubo, encourages everyone that can, to attend this performance by MAO members and drama students from the Los Angeles Braille Institute. *This is the first public performance in a theatrical venue for this group.* There will also be a Visual Arts Exhibit by students from the Braille Institute. These events will be taking place during the NOHO Festival.

Congratulations to:

WESEETV.COM and the following M.A.O. members for their Video Description work broadcast on Network Television during the month of April in the following movies:

- ☺ **Rick Boggs (B)** - *Small Soldiers*
- ☺ **Nicole Parsons (WU)** - *Sixth Sense*
- ☺ **Jack Patterson (MI)** - *October Sky*
- ☺ **Lucy Hagan (WU)** - *Stuart Little (Airs 5/05/02)*



Check this out!

**Interested in finding out about careers in
VIDEO DESCRIPTION?**

WESEETV.COM will be offering opportunities in the following areas of Video Description:

- SCRIPT WRITING
- VOICE OVER
- AUDIO ENGINEERING

If you are interested in exploring these opportunities as a career, call M.A.O. to set up a time for an interview at 818/752-1196.

**Hollywood
Networking Breakfast**

The May 2002 **Changing Images in America** guest speaker will be Director/Writer/Producer **Roy Campanella, II**. As a highly acclaimed award-winning director, writer and producer, Mr. Campanella's work consistently transcends the traditional fare offered in mainstream television and film today. His long list of television directing credits include the celebrated 1992 PBS Television movie, **Brother Future**, which earned him awards from the prestigious Directors Guild of America. Other directing credits include series such as **Philly, Boston Public, Baywatch, Dr. Quinn-Medicine Women** and **Life Goes On**.

Date: Thurs., May 30, 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 May 23, 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.



COLD READING WORKSHOP

M.A.O. members, brush-up on your cold reading skills at this up-coming workshop with **Laura Gardner**.

When: Thursday, May 16, 2002

Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Media Access Office
4640 Lankershim Blvd., Suite 305
North Hollywood, CA 91602

Space is limited. Call the office at **818/752-1196** to reserve your space.

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**Do you live in
Southern California?
Are you looking for
agent representation?**

Agent **Riley Day** from **Kazarian, Spencer and Associates** is looking to add a few more to his talent pool. This includes all ages, children through adults.

If you have a headshot, resume and a scene partner that you could perform with for an audition, please call Frances at M.A.O. and she will submit your headshot and resume to Riley for consideration.

Auditions will be held at the end of the month.



**MAO Members and Friends
This is an opportunity for all of you!**

There are two programs in the works that are very similar, please read each one carefully so that you respond appropriately. If you have a story and would like to be considered for either project, send a one-paragraph pitch for consideration. **Long correspondence will not be read.** (If you do not have access to the Internet at home, you can go to your local library to contact these producers.)

“IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE”

Producer: Carlana Stone

This proposed reality-based talk show is looking for stories about people who “never say never.” They are looking for men and women of any age who have faced a challenge and come through victoriously. Think “Oprah” meets “Survivor” meets “That’s Incredible.” Email your one paragraph to cstone1027@aol.com.

“LIFE MOMENTS”

Segment Producer: Fia Karim

A new one-hour daytime syndicated television show beginning September 2002 by Pie Town Production (the producers of “Baby Story”). They are looking to recognize ordinary women who have overcome extraordinary circumstances and are now about to experience the moment or event that marks a turning point in their journey. **Remember that the event must be up coming.** Email your one paragraph to fkarim@pietownprods.com.

SEARCHING FOR A TEAM PLAYER

An M.A.O. member is looking to team-up with another M.A.O. member to create a Sitcom script that includes characters with disabilities. This is all on spec. If this is of interest to you and have writing experience, contact the Media Access Office.

**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

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