

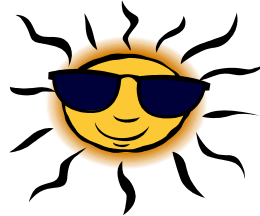
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NEWS

Disability Resource to the Entertainment Industry

M.A.O. MEMBER APPEARANCES



Codes:

B-Blind

D-Deaf

O-Other

WU-Wheelchair User

THEATRE APPEARANCES

"One Flew Over the Cookees' Nest"

Where: American Legion Theater
2035 N. Highland Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90068
(Near the Hollywood Bowl.)

Dates: Every Tuesday through Sept. 24, 2002

Ticket Prices: \$20.

Info & Reservations: 310/927-8556 (w/Max)

Or email: maxkerstein@hotmail.com

M.A.O. member **Max Kerstein (O)** is cast in the role of "Cheswick." **Note:** If you contact Max for your reservation, tickets will be half price!

"Changing Perceptions" –

Theater by the Blind and Physically Disabled.

Where: St. John of God Retirement Residence
2468 S. St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles, CA 90018

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002 **Time:** 1:00 PM

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

Reservations required. Call Trilby: 323/731-0641.

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.

"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.

LIVE PERFORMANCES

M.A.O. Member **Linda Storey (WU)** and the "Alleluia Blues Band" will be performing at the follow events:

"Nat. M.S. Society, Women's Wellness Conference"

Where: Omni Resort Hotel

500 Interlocken Boulevard, Broomfield, CO

Date: Friday, September 20th at 7 PM.

"Colorado Performing Arts Festival"

Where: Colorado Performing Arts Complex

Boettcher Concert Hall Lobby

14th and Curtis, Denver, CO

Date: Sunday, September 29th at 11:30 AM.

"Deaf Celebration 2002 - Texas"

Where: Arlington Convention Center

1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, Texas

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2002

Time: Entertainment – 7PM to 1:30AM

For questions: info@deafcelebration.com.

M.A.O. member "**Pinky**" **Aiello (D)** will be

performing her One-Woman Unicycle

Juggling Show at the 10th Annual Deaf

Celebration. This is an exciting event that

brings deaf and hearing communities together. Over 50

exhibitors will have booths consisting of: hobbies, arts and

crafts, home businesses, deaf culture info and much more!



Congratulations to the following M.A.O.

Members:

© **Michelle Banks (D)** for her August 7th appearance on SOUL FOOD in the role of *Delores*.

© **Heather Bandy (B)** for her August 16th appearance on the CBS EARLY SHOW as the recipient of the "Great Tony the Tiger Award".

SEPTEMBER, 2002

Hollywood Networking Breakfast

The special guest speaker for the **Changing Images in America** September breakfast will be **Frederick Levy**: Vice President of Development and Production at Marty Katz Productions. The company is currently producing *The Great Raid* for Miramax Films, directed by John Dahl and starring Benjamin Bratt. Mr. Levy is the author of three books about the entertainment industry one being *Hollywood 101: The Film Industry*. Levy currently teaches film classes at UCLA Extension and the USC School of Cinema-Television.

Date: Thurs., Sept. 26, 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)

****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.

Or www.allfilmmarkets.com/hollywoodbreakfast

Payment: Paid reservation, postmarked by September 19, 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.



ATTENTION ALL PWD SAG/AFTRA/AEA MEMBERS!

The **PERFORMERS WITH DISABILITIES** Caucus will be meeting on:

When: Monday, September 9, 2002

Where: SAG-James Cagney Board Room
5757 Wilshire Blvd., L.A., CA 90036

Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Info: 323/549-6038

All PWD's are encouraged to attend.



WANT TO SCARE PEOPLE THIS HALLOWEEN?

Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia, California will be auditioning people of all physical types to work during the month of October at their annual

FRIGHT FEST

Auditions will be held at Six Flags on Sept. 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18 at 7PM.

Interested? Call 661/255-4886 for more information and directions.



NEW (GREAT) SHOWS TO WATCH FOR:



"MONK"

USA Network

Friday's - Check Local Times

Adrian Monk (Tony Shalhoub) was once a rising star with the San Francisco Police Department, legendary for using unconventional means to solve the department's most baffling cases. But after the tragic (and still unsolved) murder of his wife, the devastated Monk became obsessive-compulsive. His psychological disorder has caused him to develop an abnormal fear of virtually everything: germs, heights, crowds... even milk. His condition eventually cost him his job, and continues to pose unique challenges in his daily life.

"SUE THOMAS: F.B. EYE"

PAX Network

Premier's Sunday, October 13th

8PM to 10PM

This show is inspired by a true story. Deanne Bray portrays Sue Thomas, a young woman who is deaf, whose amazing lip reading abilities land her a job with the F.B.I. The real Sue Thomas, deaf from the age of 18 months, overcame significant obstacles to work for the F.B.I. She has since gone on to seminary and a career as a motivational speaker and author. Deanne Bray is an actress who is deaf and like Sue Thomas, was encouraged by her parents to read lips, speak and sign.

ATTENTION WRITERS!

Frank Lindsey, an MAO board member and a grad student at UCLA Film & Theatre School, is seeking original screenplays, television scripts and/or television treatments. Mr. Lindsey's area of study is producing. If you would like to submit, please send materials to:

Frank Lindsey
1335 N. La Brea Avenue, Suite 2116
Hollywood, CA 90028
Tel: 310/854-2014

*Note: Submissions will not be returned unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided.



In
Memory
Of...

***On August 5th**:- Josh Ryan Evans, M.A.O. member who played the living doll *Timmy* on the NBC soap "Passions", passed away during a medical procedure. He was 20. Evans, who was 3-foot-2-inches tall had a rare growth disorder and a heart condition. In a coincidence, Evans' character, *Timmy*, had just died on the show. The plan was for Timmy to return as a spirit. Josh had shot a number of episodes as the spirit. NBC initially said it was deleting all of Evans' future scenes. The network later changed their mind and aired two shows, as originally scripted. NBC said it and the shows producers "believed these additional scenes featuring Evans – would provide a sense of closure for his fans."

***On August 17th**:- Lisa (Lovett) Mann, M.A.O. member, died at the age of 32 from melanoma. Lisa, a beautiful actress who was very involved with M.A.O., worked diligently for the positive portrayal of people with disabilities in the media and for the hiring of performers with disabilities in all areas of the entertainment industry.



**JOSH AND LISA,
YOU WILL BOTH
BE MISSED!**

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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(Send Gloria an email if you would like to receive last minute M.A.O. information or announcements via email.)

Gail Williamson – GWilliam@edd.ca.gov

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. ❖

SAVE THE DATE!



THE 20TH MEDIA ACCESS AWARDS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2002

TICKET PRICES: TBA

**SHERATON UNIVERSAL
UNIVERSAL CITY, CA**

Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.