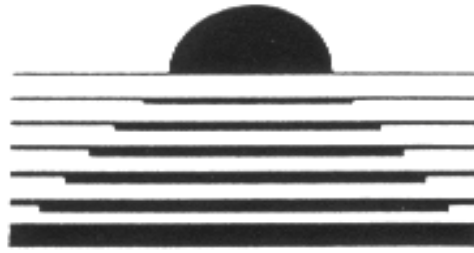


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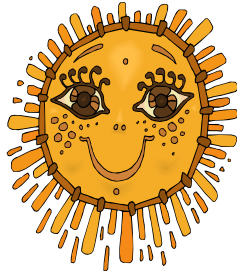
NEWS

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

Michael J. Anderson (LP) as Samson
"Carnivale" - HBO

Premieres Sun. Sept. 14th, 9:30PM (Eastern Time)

Deanne Bray (D) as Sue Thomas
"Sue Thomas F.B. Eye" - PAX

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

Daryl Mitchell (WU) as Eli
"Ed" - NBC

Shoshannah Stern (D) as Holly Brodeen
"Threat Matrix" - ABC

Premieres Thurs. Sept. 18th, 8/7CPM

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

"Mockingbird Don't Sing"

Where: Lifetime Television

Date: Monday, September 22, 2003.

Time: 2PM et/pt.

This movie-for-television is based on a true story about a young girl that endured years of isolated silence until when her plight was discovered in 1970. Watch for M.A.O. young performers *Jasmine Banayan (Ds)*, *Chantel Leak (Ds)*, *Bahareh Savis (Ds)*, *Anna Soria (Ds)*, *Maggie Theisen (DD)*, *Allison Gray (WU/CP)*, *ME Powell (Ds)*, *Alecia Lewis (O)*, *Jimmy English (Ds)*, *Carlos Sierra (Ds)*, *Joseph & Michael Huniu (O)*, *Joe & Javier Silcock (WU)*.

FILM APPEARANCES

"Drop Dead Roses"

Where: Laemmle Fairfax, Screen 3.
7907 Beverly Blvd. (corner of Fairfax)
West Hollywood, CA

Screening Date: September 23, 2003

Website: www.darkfeatures.com

M.A.O. member *Eddie McGee (AL)*, is a supporting actor in this dark comedy about two friends (Shawn & Jason) that own and run a service called Drop Dead Roses. For a fee, they'll deliver any message with dead roses or slightly abused chocolates for you. Things get really tough when Shawn has to make a delivery to Kayla, the girl he wants to date.

DVD/VIDEO APPEARANCE

"Time Cop 2"

Where: Your local DVD/VIDEO store.

Available: September 30, 2003

Watch for M.A.O. member *Pete Antico (O)*, in this new movie as the bad guy "Frank Knight".

THEATRE APPEARANCES

"Samuel Beckett's:

Waiting for Godot"

Where: American Renegade Theatre
11136 Magnolia Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91601

Final Performance: Sun., September 7, 2003

Time: 3PM & 7PM

Tickets: \$25 General
\$20 SAG, AFTRA, Seniors & Students
(mention code 007)

Reservation & Info Line: 818/255-3354

Website: www.plays411.com/godot

M.A.O. member *Danny Murphy (WU)* will be performing in the 3PM show as the *Boy*.



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SEPTEMBER, 2003

(M.A.O. Member Appearances – continued)

👉 “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor...”

Where: Maplewood Community Center Theatre
2100 Whitebear Avenue, Maplewood, MN

Performance Dates: Sept. 19, 21 & 27, 2003
October dates to be announced.

Tickets: \$14.50 adults - \$13.50 children

Reservations & Info Line: 651/274-8020.

Young Performer *Hannah Kritzeck (LP)* will be performing in this popular production. There are many child characters and Hannah is the tiniest!

LIVE APPEARANCES

👉 **MC at Hallenbeck's General Store**

Address: 5510 Cahuenga Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91601
(Between Burbank Blvd. & Chandler Blvd.)

Dates: Fri., September 12 & 26, 2003

Time: 8PM – 11PM

Cover Charge: \$5.00

Info Line: 818/985-5916

Dawn Grabowski (MI) winner of the 2002 Norman G. Brooks Stand-up Comedy Competition, will be the MC at this small, cozy family-owned coffeehouse. Dawn will be doing her stand-up comedy in-between the set-up of four independent bands.



Congratulations!

The M.A.O. Staff is proud to announce that **Michael D'Amore** was chosen as one of 10 winners (out of 150 submissions) of the 2003 – 2004 ABC Talent Development \$20,000 Scholarship Grant. This grant will allow him to complete his script “Laws of Nature” during the next 9 months. A mentor will be working with Michael helping him finish his project. This is the second year that an M.A.O. member won this grant. Last year's winner was Gabriel Cordell.

M.A.O. writers interested in competing next year, watch future newsletters for the announcement.



M.A.O. MEMBERS NEW TO THE BUSINESS, CHECK OUT...

**Showfax Actors101 Weblog
A Free Resource for New Actors**
www.actors101.com

M.A.O. MEMBERS ADULT & YOUNG PERFORMERS

**GET READY FOR THE
UPCOMING ACTING**



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

You can still sign up to compete this year, call M.A.O. and ask for an application.

What: You will need to prepare a scene (with a partner of your choice) no longer than 3 minutes. You will also need to provide a 250 word Bio and 250 word Letter of Intent on what you would do with the scholarship if you won. (Scholarship amounts vary from \$1,000 to \$5,000.)

Competitions held: Saturday, October 4, 2003

Where: Media Access Office, N. Hollywood, CA

Call: Frances @ 818/752-1196 and ask for your application. It needs to be turned in to M.A.O. along with your Bio and Letter of Intent by Friday, September 12, 2003.



Specialized Classes

The Media Access Office along with WESEETV.COM will once again be offering an eight-week course in the very specialized field of **video description and audio engineering.**

Video Description Writing & Quality Control

Starts Tuesday, September 16th – lasting 8 weeks.

1PM to 4PM at the Media Access Office.

This course will teach M.A.O. members the basics in video description for the blind. This is a wonderful opportunity for screenwriters.

Audio Engineering – Beginning

Starts Wednesday, September 17th – lasting 8 weeks.

1PM to 4PM at the Media Access Office.

This course is for M.A.O. members interested in learning the “technical” side of video description for the blind.

If you are interested in exploring these opportunities, call M.A.O. at 818/752-1196 to reserve your space.

SEPTEMBER, 2003

Hollywood Networking Breakfast

THIS IS A MUST ATTEND EVENT!

The guest speaker for the *September Changing Images in America* breakfast is **PAM VEASEY**, Executive Producer, Writer and Director on CBS' *The District*. Ms. Veasey's sixteen-year career in television has included work in comedy, variety, and drama. She is one of the few African-American women directing prime-time dramatic television. Prior to her "cross" from comedy to drama, Pam served as Executive Producer and Writer on Fox's Emmy-winning sketch comedy show, *In Living Color*. She then continued as a Producer on Showtime's *Rude Awakening*, CBS' *Gregory Hines Show*, and *Nash Bridges*.

Date: Thurs., Sept. 25, 2003 **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)

Attire: Business casual. **No Jeans or T-shirts, please!**

Price: \$25 (FULL breakfast, includes tax and tip. Please note: valet parking charges a \$3 service fee.)

\$30 cash only for "pre-confirmed late reservations" and \$35 cash only for "unexpected walk-ins".

Information: Contact Sandra Lord at (310) 477-0996 ext. 3. For more information, check out their website at:

www.changingimagesinamerica.org.

Payment: Paid reservation, postmarked by **September 18, 2003** 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: If you will be requiring the services of an ASL interpreter, please include a note with your check as well as calling the Media Access Office at 818/752-1196.

IMPORTANT: Request the interpreter at least three business days before the networking breakfast.

M.A.O. Members – The office is compiling statistics and tracking results of auditions and work that Performers with Disabilities have been on. It is important that you please be sure to call the Reporting Line when you have an audition or work.

REPORTING LINE

818/753-3425 (N. Hollywood)

925/602-1542 (M.A.O. North)



Looking for information about us?

Get more info about the work of the *Friends of the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities* and the Media Access Office at:

www.disabilityemployment.org



Media Access Office – North

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818/753-3427 (TTY)

REACH US VIA E-MAIL

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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

Tom Lease/Media Relations - TLease@edd.ca.gov

The Media Access Office is staffed by the Employment Development Department and the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Volunteers and in-kind donations through the Friends of the CGCEPD support the office. ❖

Parents of MAO Young Performers Did you know...

- Minors have a limited workday based on age?
- California Law requires minors to carry a current and valid entertainment work permit before accepting employment in the Entertainment Industry?
- The Coogan Law requires producers to make payments directly to a blocked trust account in a timely fashion?
- Emancipation does not mean your child can work as an adult?

Want to learn more? Check out www.childreninfilm.com. It's FREE to join!

***Important: Is your child's work permit current?
If it isn't, renew or obtain one ASAP. You never
know when MAO will be calling your child for
work!***