



Our 100th Season - March 2020

The Prompter

Players Guild of Leonia Monthly Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Last Wednesday, the Board met via teleconference to discuss what steps we should take to do our part to both comply with the state mandates that had been implemented as well as try to plan for both the immediate and long-term schedules for the Guild. While we all agreed that postponing the remainder of our productions was necessary and that canceling was also a possibility, we tried to weigh all options as best we could while considering the safety of our members and patrons first. The decision was made to postpone Follies to June for the time being and reconvene in the near future to revisit that decision. There is also the rescheduling of the Civil War program and Playwrights Showcase to consider as well. While many good ideas were presented and questions asked, what we lacked were answers and ideas for a time frame. We hoped that more time would provide more answers and while we know a little more now, a week later, there are still no clear answers as to when life may return to something closer to "normal" or when plans may start to be made for future performances. The Board will meet again, likely much sooner than the regular scheduled meeting in early April, to re-evaluate things. Until then we will wait and follow the guidelines provided to us by state and federal officials. Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this time of uncertainty and rest assured, we are monitoring the situation and exploring all options and ideas that are presented. Be safe and stay healthy!

- Daniel Giordano

UPCOMING DATES:

- April 7** PGL Board Meeting Virtual
- April 16** Membership Meeting Cancelled
- April 18** Lightboard Training by Niki - Postponed
- April 25** Lightboard Training by Niki - Postponed
- May 1** Follies - Postponed



AD JOURNAL GRAPHIC DESIGNER

The PGL is seeking an experienced Graphic Designer to lay out the pages of the most coveted book in PGL history! We would like to offer this opportunity to someone within the organization first. If interested, please contact (talk or text) Mark Watson at 201-220-8248.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Ad Journal** - Beth Parrillo Mark Watson
- Budget/Finance** - Ralph Martinez
- Building/ Facilities** - Dan Giordano
- Costumes** - Diane Arabella, Laurette Miller, Joanne Livelli
- Director/Play Selection** - Diane Arabella
- Historian** - Annette Lenge
- Hospitality** - Diane Arabella
- Membership** - Bunny Giordano, Laurette Miller, Chris Thorn Alison Miller
- Music/Sound/Video** - Chris Thorn
- The Prompter** - Ralph Martinez, Alison Miller, Nicole Parente
- Props** - Art Penque
- Publicity** - John Garbo, Mark Watson
- Set Construction** - Steve Moldt
- Tickets** - Lynne Vitale, Bobbi Weintraub
- Website** - Ralph Martinez
- Workshops** - Alison Miller, Chris Watson, Angela Cozzi

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Membership has discussed our Centennial season and the various ways in which we need to organize and execute a memorable, celebratory season. We now have 4 committees that are seeking help!

- 1) HISTORY** - Annette Lenge - a.enge@verizon.net.
- 2) AD JOURNAL** - Beth Parrillo (bethparrillo@yahoo.com) and Mark Watson (cwatson1093@gmail.com) - We need help scanning and organizing playbills, memorabilia and photos. Scanning can be done on premise or at home. If interested, please email: a.enge@verizon.net
- 3) OUTREACH** - Alison Miller - yoginiczucchi@gmail.com. Help is needed generating fundraising campaigns, drafting letters of sponsorship, and building morale with local businesses and dignitaries.
- 4) GALA** - Joanne & Steve Moldt - moldts@aol.com. End of the year celebration honoring the Guild's history.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONA VIRUS)

At the Players Guild of Leonia, the health and safety of our guests, members, and performers is our number one priority. We are closely monitoring the evolving corona virus situation through updates from local, state, and national officials. The Players Guild of Leonia is temporarily closed as we continue to work on assessing and implementing preventative measures in line with the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, the State of New Jersey, and the City of Leonia. **Because of this situation, the May 1st opening of our production of FOLLIES has been postponed to June 12-28th.** Please visit our website for updates and developing show details.

If you are a current **paid** ticket holder for Follies, or know of ticket holders, we are offering the following options:

- **DONATE THE VALUE OF YOUR TICKET(S):** During this challenging time for the performing arts, please consider donating your tickets. The value of your ticket(s) will be acknowledged as a charitable contribution and we will send you a tax receipt for your gift. Thank you for your consideration and support.
- **EXCHANGE/FUTURE PURCHASE:** Exchange your ticket(s) into a future performance OR apply your purchase to a future purchase.
- **REFUND:** Receive a full refund for your ticket(s). If you purchased ticket(s) for Follies please call us at: 201-947-9606 and leave a call back number, or email us at: players.guild@yahoo.com with your contact information. We will contact you back as soon as possible to further discuss your options.

As news develop, we will keep you informed as much as possible. We urge you to keep safe and do all that is necessary to protect yourself and your family. We look forward to seeing you at our theater as soon as we are able to reopen. **PGL Board Members**



CALL YOUR FELLOW PGL MEMBER

At this time of uncertainty, we would like to encourage our members to access their Directory and reach out to PGL members to connect. A simple phone call, an email,

or a text can have profound effects on one's emotional and mental health. If you have been wondering how someone is doing, please pick up the phone and foster a sense of camaraderie within our guild.

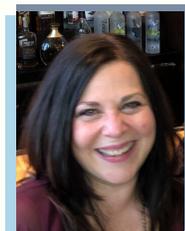
TIPS FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN 7 STEPS:

- 01 Wash your hand frequently
- 02 Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- 03 Cover you cough using the bend of your elbow or a tissue.
- 04 Avoid crowded places and close contact with anyone who has a fever or cough
- 05 Stay at home if you feel unwell
- 06 If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical early - but call first
- 07 Get information from trusted sources



Source: World Health Organization

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: STACI BETH BLOCK



Staci joined The Players Guild of Leonia in 2005 when cast as Cordelia (the Kosher caterer) in *Falsettos*. Other main productions in which she has performed here include *Starting Here*, *Starting Now*, *Lucy in You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, *Roz in Moon Over Buffalo*, and *The Vagina Monologues*. She has performed in the Playwrights Showcase, several workshops (including *Mary in Merrily We Roll Along* and *Shanka in The Circle of Compassion*), and can be counted on for comic entertainment at the Holiday Party. Behind the scenes, she co-produced *Guys and Dolls*, served on the Board for 3 years, chaired the Makeup /Hair Committee and taught a series of improvisation classes, which culminated in a workshop performance. You can always depend on Staci to help with ticket sales for each show. When not at the Guild, Staci performs in a variety of cabaret venues in NYC and is active at BCP. In her "other life" she is an LCSW and coordinates the Reflections and RISE teen improvisational theater programs, run by the county. She wrote a chapter in the book *Interactive & Improvisational Drama: Varieties of Applied Theater and Performance* and is an adjunct professor who teaches social work classes.

Want to be featured in an upcoming issue of the *Prompter*? Send your pic and bio via email to [Ralph Martinez](mailto:RalphMartinez@gmail.com) at: rm70art@gmail.com.