

E-News

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 22 "Behind the Scenes" - *The Dancers Path to Artistic Realization*, deMille Theatre, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 27 Kenan Institute for the Arts/William R. Kenan, Jr. Fellowships at Penland School of the Arts Lecture and Reception, Visual Arts Department, 4th Floor Workplace Building, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 27 Mozart's Birthday Concert and Birthday Party, Watson Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25 Tribute to Gerald Freedman

Thursday, March 19 "Behind the Scenes" *The Making of West Side Story* collaboration with Giannini Society

Here's a quick update on the December 2008/January 2009 meetings of the board of The Associates.

Membership is currently at 132 members, 110 of whom are renewals and 22 are new members.

The Associates Present "Behind the Scenes" for January is a collaboration between The Associates and the School of Dance entitled "The Dancer's Path to Artistic Realization," and will take place as listed above. Since space is so limited in deMille, invitation text includes the notice that **reservations are required**. There will be a reception in the Flag Gallery following the program. The entire cast of the program, which includes all students and faculty in the School of Dance, has been invited to join us at the reception. We're hoping to get good coverage of this in the newspaper. It promises to be an exhilarating and informative event.

The next "Behind the Scenes" is a joint project with the Giannini Society based on the filming of "West Side Story" and will be opened up to the entire community. It is scheduled for March 19.

The last "Behind the Scenes" is a collaboration with the School of Filmmaking about the filming of the Nyanya project and will take place in May. Members of the committee are mightily excited about this after hearing some of the stories from participants in this project.

Mozart's Birthday Concert and Birthday Party will be held according to the calendar of events above. Michael Rothkopf, interim dean of the School of Music, is delighted with the idea of a birthday party following the ever-popular Mozart's birthday concert. This idea is not new to us; years back, The Associates gave Mozart birthday parties, which were some of their most popular parties. Invitations have been issued by e-mail to area music, chorus, band and orchestra teachers and to our usual invitation list.

The Hospitality Committee will have its plate full with this season's events because we think they'll prove so attractive to the community our previous attendance records will be broken.

Helpmates had 14 volunteers working all day addressing invitations to the Gerald Freedman Tribute February 25. Volunteers will again be needed January 15 to finish the mailing, so join us for one of our very popular "mailing parties."

Host Families are planning another dinner gathering, this time at the home of Ken and Vicki Davis. Also coming up is an information session for our members and the community to inform people of exactly what a Host Family does. We'll keep you posted on these events.

Kenan Institute for the Arts has invited our members to a lecture and reception celebrating the William R. Kenan, Jr. Fellowship at Penland. It will feature a visiting artist. The event is Tuesday, January 27, at 6 p.m., in the Visual Arts Department, 4th Floor Workplace Building. This is the same night as the Mozart Birthday concert but the venues are close to each other and if we scramble, we can make both.

Member at Large Sarah Turner reports that she'll be making a plea for cookies again for exam treats in March. Kay Lord is in the final stages of compiling the database of actors and locations for the School of Filmmaking. Everyone who has volunteered a site for this should send her both interior and exterior photos, as well as head sheets if interested in taking part in one of the films. If you prefer, she can come do the photographing. The School of Filmmaking is very excited that we're undertaking this project.

The Nutcracker Cast Feed on December 6 was a colossal success, as we all know from previous e-mails. We now have a detailed job description, complete with schematics, and are working on a timeline, so when next December rolls around, we'll be raring to go if asked again.

The next meeting of the board of The Associates is on February 3, 2009. Our guest speaker is Jane Kamiab from Admissions; she administers scholarships. As you know, any and all members are welcome to these meetings, as well as are interested guests. Please let us know if you wish to attend by using our new e-mail account: The.Associates@gmail.com.