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MEMBERS EXTRA February 2013

DALY, LIGHT, MORE JOIN CELEBRATION FOR AUDRA MCDONALD

TREVOR TAMASHIRO, Program Director

Six-time Emmy award winner **Tyne Daly** ("Cagney and Lacey," *Gypsy*) and Tony Award winner **Judith Light** (*Other Desert Cities*, "Who's the Boss?") join **Phylicia Rashad**, **Taye Diggs**, **Victor Garber**, **Patti LuPone**, **Brian Stokes Mitchell**, **Norm Lewis**, **Zoe Caldwell**, **Phillip Boykin**, **Anthony Crivello**, **Mary Testa**, **Tony Sheldon**, **Seth Rudetsky**, **Michael Arden**, and **Senator Tom Duane** to honor five-time Tony Award winner **Audra McDonald**. The Drama League's Annual Benefit Gala takes place Monday, February 11th.

Also joining this celebration are Tony Award nominees **Jayne Houdyshell** (*Follies*) and **Bobby Steggert** (*Ragtime*), **Caissie Levy** (*Ghost: The Musical*, *Hair*), and **Rebecca Naomi Jones** (*American Idiot*). The show is directed and choreographed by Tony Award nominee **Marcia Milgrom Dodge** (*Ragtime*).

A Musical Celebration of Broadway Honoring Audra McDonald, on February 11th, 2013, will begin at 7pm with an elegant cocktail reception and silent auction. Dinner will follow at 8pm, and the Musical Celebration featuring songs highlighting Ms. McDonald's career including *Carousel*, *The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess*, *Ragtime*, *110 in the Shade*, *Dreamgirls*, *Annie*, and more will begin at 9:30pm.

Drama League members may reserve seats for the Benefit Gala Honoring Audra McDonald by calling 212-244-9494 ext 25. Tickets prices range from \$750-\$1,595.

Due to overwhelming demand, The Drama League is releasing show-only-tickets for *A Musical Celebration of Broadway Honoring Audra McDonald* at \$200 each. These tickets not only get you in to see the exciting musical tribute to Ms. McDonald, but include an opportunity to visit the silent auction before final bids are placed. Visit www.dramaleague.org for more information. ■



Tony Award winners Judith Light and Audra McDonald

DIRECTORWATCH Keeping up with the alumni of The Drama League Directors Project

CHANTAL PAVAGEAUX, Directors Project Administrator

Love is in the air, Drama League members! This February, take your Valentine on a date to see theater directed by a Drama League alum.

Lear deBessonet helms The Foundry Theatre's *The Good Person of Szechuan*, beginning 2/1 at La Mama. One of Brecht's most complex, comic plays asks, "Can we practice goodness and create a world to sustain it?" A good-hearted, penniless, cross-dressing prostitute disguises herself as a savvy businessman to master the ruthlessness needed to be a "good person" in a brutal world. Starring Taylor Mac and featuring indie rockers César Alvarez & The Lisps! (lamama.org)

The Dance and the Railroad, directed by **May Adrales** begins previews 2/5 at Signature Center. On a California mountaintop in 1867 near the Transcontinental Railroad, two Chinese workers struggle through poverty and hunger to reconnect with the traditions of their homeland. (signaturetheatre.org)

Joe Calarco brings back his amazing *Shakespeare's R&J* at Signature Theatre in Arlington, VA beginning 2/5. A repressive all-male Catholic boarding school bans *Romeo and Juliet* in favor of Latin conjugations and the Ten Commandments. Four students unearth a secret copy and steal into the night to recite the prohibited tale. Beginning as a lark, the story draws the boys into a discovery of universal truth that

parallels their own coming-of-age. (signature-theatre.org)

Matthew August directs *The Fourth Messenger*, a new musical premiering 2/6 at Ashby Stage. Loosely inspired by the life of Buddha, this captivating musical imagines a world-famous spiritual teacher known as Mama Sid, who has kept her past hidden for years, until a mysterious young woman shows up at her ashram and starts asking questions. (thefourthmessenger.com)

Sam Gold directs Annie Baker's *The Flick* at Playwrights Horizons starting 2/15. In a run-down movie theater in central Massachusetts, three underpaid employees mop floors and attend to one of the last 35mm film projectors. Their tiny battles and not-so-tiny heartbreaks play out in the empty aisles, becoming more gripping than the second-run movies on screen. (playwrightshorizons.org)

Beginning 2/20, Pam McKinnon directs the world premiere of Craig Lucas' *The Lying Lesson* at Atlantic Theater Company. In a seaside village in Maine, a woman who may or may not be a legendary movie star shows up to buy the home of an elderly couple. Escorted by a local woman who appears never to have heard of her, "Ruth" stakes a claim on her distant past in a relentless game of cat and mouse. (atlantictheater.org) ■

THIS MONTH...

TYNE DALY & JUDITH LIGHT JOIN
CELEBRATION TO HONOR AUDRA

MORE AUCTION PRIZES ADDED
FEBRUARY 1

NEW DRAMA LEAGUE NIGHTS OUT

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2013 BENEFIT AUCTION ADDS PRIZES, CLOSES SOON!

KARA WEISENSTEIN, Special Events Coordinator



Visit BiddingForGood.com/TheDramaLeague to explore the 2013 Benefit Gala Auction

so much more. Every bid counts: proceeds benefit the educational programs of **The Drama League Directors Project**.

CELEBRITIES: Dine with A-listers at Manhattan’s finest restaurants! We’re auctioning meals with **Liza Minnelli**, **Christine Lahti**, and **Whoopi Goldberg**. One winner will go backstage at the Broadway production of *Lucky Guy* to meet Academy Award winner **Tom Hanks**! Grammy Award winning violinist **Joshua Bell** will greet an auction winner at the New York Philharmonic. And **Cherry Jones**, **Zachary Quinto** and **Celia Keenan-Bolger** will chat with a winner after *The Glass Menagerie* at A.R.T. in Boston. You could even take home a velvet gown worn by **Kristin Chenoweth** at The Met!

GETAWAYS: A royal vacation awaits in exotic **Marrakech, Morocco**!

The **2013 Benefit Gala Auction** is online now! On February 1, a second wave of incredible prizes will be unveiled, so check out BiddingforGood.com/TheDramaLeague on February 1 for the latest auction updates.

The 2013 Benefit Gala Auction features once-in-a-lifetime adventures, A-list celebrities, luxurious getaways, beautiful jewelry, incredible theater, and

Stay in a private three story home at The Royal Mansour built by The King of Morocco, and enjoy a desert excursion courtesy of Boutique Souk. One lucky winner will jet off to **London** to see **Kim Cattrall** in *Sweet Bird of Youth* and meet her backstage. The trip includes luxury accommodations at The Montague on the Gardens and an exclusive tour of The Royal Opera House with Ballet Star Philip Mosley.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME: Want to throw the world’s greatest dinner party? Celebrity Chef **Rocco DiSpirito** will cook for one winner and 15 guests...in their home! It’s a party for the history books. Dream of running a magazine? Visit the NYC offices of **Us Weekly**, attend a celebrity luncheon, and meet the Editor-in-Chief and Publisher.

IT’S SHOWTIME: Attended by dozens of celebrities and the press, Broadway Opening Nights are exciting affairs! Two lucky winners will attend the Opening Night Performances and VIP Cast Parties of *Jekyll and Hyde* and *The Trip to Bountiful*. If you’ve dreamt of stardom, you’ll relish a Walk On Role in the Broadway production of *Rock of Ages*! Four friends will watch your Broadway debut from prime Orchestra seats.

LUXURIES: Enjoy a round of golf at **Plainfield Country Club**, one of the top 100 courses in the country! Take home a case of fine wine from Napa or Tuscany. There’s jewelry galore, fine china, cooking classes, and dozens more indulgences to discover.

To view the entire auction, visit BiddingForGood.com/TheDramaLeague. Only select prizes will be included in the Live Silent Auction at The Drama League’s *Musical Celebration of Broadway* on February 11. The rest close online on **Sunday, February 10 at 5pm** sharp. Don’t miss out! ■

NEW! DRAMA LEAGUE MEMBER EVENTS

dramaleague.org/memberevents
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PIPPIN NEW!

MUSIC BOX THEATRE | 239 WEST 45TH ST

Directors Project alum and Tony Award nominee **Diane Paulus** (*The Gershwins’ Porgy and Bess*) directs the first Broadway revival of this 1972 hit, featuring music and lyrics by Tony Award winner **Stephen Schwartz** (*Wicked*).

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 | 8 PM ____ x ~~\$138.00~~ **\$85.00** = ____
5/16 perf. followed by a talkback with artists from the show
SATURDAY, APRIL 20 | 2 PM ____ x ~~\$138.00~~ **\$85.00** = ____

THE NANCE NEW!

LYCEUM THEATRE | 149 WEST 45TH ST

Multiple Tony Award winner **Nathan Lane** (*The Producers*) stars in Douglas Carter Beane’s (*The Little Dog Laughed*) new play about a gay Vaudeville star in 1930’s New York. Directed by Tony Award winner **Jack O’Brien** (*Hairspray*). Excellent Front Orchestra seats!

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 | 8 PM ____ x ~~\$122.00~~ **\$98.00** = ____
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 | 2 PM ____ x ~~\$122.00~~ **\$98.00** = ____

THE MOUND BUILDERS NEW!

SIGNATURE THEATRE CENTER | 480 WEST 42ND ST

From Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright **Lanford Wilson** (*Burn This*), this 1975 drama centers on archeologists in small town Illinois excavating the ruins of an ancient Native American civilization.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 | 8 PM ____ x **\$25.00** = ____

ORPHANS NEW!

SCHOENFELD THEATRE | 236 WEST 45TH ST

Emmy winner and Tony Award nominee **Alec Baldwin** (“30 Rock”) stars alongside **Shia LeBeouf** (*Transformers*) in this 1983 drama by Lyle Kessler (*The Watering Place*) helmed by Tony Award winner **Daniel Sullivan** (*Proof*).

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 | 2 PM ____ x ~~\$132.00~~ **\$99.00** = ____
THURSDAY, APRIL 25 | 8 PM ____ x ~~\$127.00~~ **\$90.00** = ____

AN EVENING WITH BETH LEAVEL

MTC STUDIOS | 311 WEST 43RD ST, 8TH FL

Space still available! It’s a Drowsy Chaperone reunion!
Tony Award winning actress **Beth Leavel** (*Elf*) joins Tony Award winning writer/actor **Bob Martin** (“Man In Chair”) for a Q&A. Wine will be sold, making this a true “drowsy” event.

FREE! Call 212-244-9494 x25!

ON SALE NOW AT DRAMALEAGUE.ORG
LIMITED GALA SHOW-ONLY TICKETS!

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Show-only patrons should arrive at the Pierre no earlier than 9:15 PM. The musical tribute runs from 9:30-10:30 PM.

\$200 Each. Order at dramaleague.org or call 212-244-9494 x25. Only 25 tickets available, so grab them quick!

Members Area Password: WINTER2013

For the full list or to order tickets, call (212) 244-9494 or visit www.dramaleague.org/memberevents

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