



SLOC Spotlight

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City of Angels Flies into SLOC in May

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May 13

Director Barb Mahlmann and her cast and crew are working long and hard on our final production of the 2002-2003 season - *City of Angels*. With her Musical Directors (Kate Burns and Dave Cash), Producers (Mary Kalica and Jenny Depew), Choreographer (Donna Panzl), Costume Designer (Gary Carter) and Set Designer (Dale Conklin), Barb and the rest of the crew



Mark Slaver and Shawn Hahn
are looking for Mallory.

are working for their angel wings to make this show a night of joyful entertainment for all.

Written by Larry Gelbart with music by Cy Coleman and lyrics by David Zippel, *City of Angels* is clever and bright. It is a show about Hollywood in the 1940's. The hero of the show is a novelist named Stine (Thomas Warner) who is writing a screenplay for one of his books. He is adapting his thriller about a private investigator named Stone (Shawn Hahn), a Sam Spade-type character, for the screen. Stine's work is transformed into a detective movie with the help of movie director/producer Buddy Fidler (Joe Phillips). The cleverness of this show becomes evident when Stine's "real life" and his "reel life" comically intertwine on stage. The fun begins when the action flips back and forth from reality to fabrication and when the ingenious plot unfolds and everyone in Stine's real life plays a character in his movie.

With this double casting, many of our actors play dual roles. Elisa Verb, Joan Horgan, Michelle MacShane, and Heather D'Arcy play the wonderful women in Stine and Stone's life. Alan Stern portrays Munoz, the cop hot on the heels of Stone, as well as the actor playing Munoz. Other dual roles are acted by Peter Holmes, Adam Coons, Alan Angelo, Pat Brady, Andrea Valenti, Pat Leathem and Brian Avery.

The finger-snapping, solid quartet, the glue for "both" productions, are the Angel City Four (Meighan Carivan, Joanne Mensching, Andy Shelton and Mark Slaver). With their crooning leader, Jimmy Powers (Dave Dixon), you will be brought back to the 40's in style.

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Spotlight on...

City of Angels

May 2 - 4 and 8 - 11

For tickets call

Della Gilman at 280-8076.



President's Notes...by Tom Heckert



City of Angels Bound for Success

Barbara Mahlmann and her cast and crew have been hard at work bringing the characters to life on the stage in this sexy, sultry and sinful Coleman/Comden and Green musical. I know that the culmination of everyone's hard work and imagination will result in a spectacular evening of entertainment. I would suggest getting tickets now so you don't get left out!

Zombie Prom - A Force from the Fusion!

Congrats to everyone involved with making the production an atomic success. Word of mouth advertising carried us through an almost sold out second weekend! Again, we had a tie for the most ticket sales - Theresa Fitzmaurice and Julie Vitullo each received a gift certificate for dinner at the Van Dyck for their efforts. Kudos to Theresa, Heather, Ted, and the cast and crew for a swell time - for me and for the audiences.

Nominating Committee Presents Slate

The nominating Committee has presented and the Board has accepted a slate of candidates to run for the Board of Directors. Five positions are open for election. (Please see related article for more information.) I would like to thank this year's committee, Jodi Gilman, Dick Harte, Judi Merriam and Sue Rucinski for their hard work in putting together a great slate of candidates.

Spring Has Sprung?

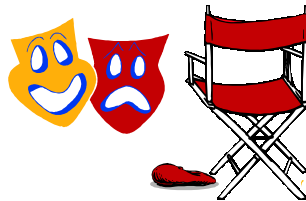
With the snowy weather we have had lately, it's hard to believe that spring is really almost here. We again are looking for people who may be interested in doing some gardening or flower planting around the Opera House. If you have a green thumb and want to extend it our way, let me know.

SLOC and The Mendelssohn Club Sing at Proctors

SLOC has been asked to perform as the guest artist at the Mendelssohn Club's Spring Concert at Proctor's on May 16th. Judy Merriam has been hard at work coordinating all of the details for the 11 SLOC performers singing that evening. I am sure it will be a wonderful evening of song and I encourage all of the membership to come out and support both fine organizations (see related article for more information).

Producers/Directors Meeting Set

The annual Producers/Directors Meeting has been set for Thursday, May 22st at the Opera House, starting at 7:00 PM. Producers and directors from the upcoming season should plan to attend. All others who may be interested in learning about operations of the Opera House are wel-



City of Angels continued

The curtain goes up on this production on May 2nd and runs over two weekends. Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 (\$9 for children under 13) and can be reserved by calling Della Gilman at 280-8076.

City of Angels has all the ingredients for a spicy, fast paced, intriguing, and funny show - a humorous private eye murder/mystery with a jazzy musical score. Don't miss this steamy, sexy smash hit. Call for tickets today!

SLOC Spotlight

SLOC Spotlight is a newsletter of the Schenectady Light Opera Company, P. O. Box 1006, Schenectady, NY 12301. SLOC is a community volunteer musical and theatre arts incorporated, nonprofit organization. Governed by a Board of Directors elected by the membership, SLOC's purpose is to foster light opera and related arts for the people in and around Schenectady County, NY.

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DEADLINE for submissions to **Vol. 36 Issue No. 7** of the SLOC SPOTLIGHT is **Tuesday, May 13, 2003**. Issue No. 7 will be mailed by May 27.

Please submit your articles to Jill Coloney at jac12661@aol.com or 92 Cooks Court, Waterford, NY 12188.

Mendelssohn Concert Highlights SLOC Performers

On Friday, May 16, 2003, The Mendelssohn Club of Albany will be performing music from the stage and screen at Proctor's Theatre. Eleven SLOC members will be joining them as special guest artists. The performance begins at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$16 and are available



by calling Proctor's Box Office at 382-1086 extension 20. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this memorable evening.

Right this Way!!!

Would you like to be an usher at SLOC shows? New volunteers are always welcome. Each season SLOC needs 8 ushers for each of our 28 performances—224 ushers in all!

Ushers report to the Opera House one hour before curtain. One person is head usher and three ushers are assigned seats by the theatre doors to assist patrons during the show. Ushers may sit in unsold seats for the performance. Black and/or white attire is preferable.

About 2-3 weeks prior to opening, the 3-person telephone committee starts phoning to secure ushers for the show. Longtime members of the telephone committee are: Chris Pedersen, Eunice Chouffi, Nina Rindenello and Thelma Zeh.

Ushering is an easy and enjoyable way to become involved in our community theater. To add your name to the usher list, call Chris at 377-1580.

Attention Board Candidates

Candidates for the Board of Directors are reminded that their biographies needs to be submitted the newsletter editor (Jill Coloney at jac12661@aol.com) by the next newsletter deadline (May 13).

SLOC ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, June 6, 2003,
7:00 PM
at the Opera House

Come hear the financial summary and accomplishments of our 2002-2003 season and vote for the candidates of your choice to fill the Board vacancies. Biographies for the Board candidates will appear in the next newsletter. Refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Board Positions for the 2002-2003 Season

The SLOC Nominating Committee has presented their list of recommended candidates to fill five open slots on the Board of Directors. The new board members will be elected during the annual meeting on June 6th. The members running for the board are: Alan Angelo, Sally Farrell, Mary Kozlowski, Richard Lenehan, Connie Rowe, Deb Weiskopf, and Ken Zarnoch.

The following people are leaving the board: Peter Codella, Jodi Gilman, Dick Harte, Tom Heckert and Judi Merriam. Those remaining on the Board are: Brett Putnam, Michelle Sausa-Gatta, Bonnie Williams and Ted Vickery.

If there are any company members who wish to be added to the ballot, a petition with the signatures of five eligible voting company members must be submitted to the SLOC Secretary (Melinda Zarnoch) 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Information about the candidates will be published in the next issue of *Spotlight*.

If you are unable to attend the meeting on June 6th, you may still vote in the election for the Board of Directors. An absentee ballot may be obtained after May 6th by calling Melinda Zarnoch at 382-8497. All absentee ballots must be received by the Secretary prior to the beginning of the annual meeting.

City of Angels F actoids

*Larry Gelbart, who won a Tony Award for writing the book, was also the head scriptwriter for a little known television show called M*A*S*H!

*Gregg Edelman originated the role of Stine on Broadway. Gregg is married to Albany native Carolee Carmello.

*James Naughton originated the role of Stone on Broadway and received a Tony Award for his efforts. Mr. Naughton went on to win another Tony for *Chicago* and is now one of New York's leading cabaret performers.

*Other Tony Awards for *City of Angels* include: Best Musical (1990), Best Featured Actress (Randy Graff), Best Score (Cy Coleman and David Zippel), and Scenic Design (Robin Wagner).



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City of Angels

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Sunday at 2:00 PM



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Barbara	Rita Croteau	Charlotte		Murtagh	Michelle Sausa-
Aldershoff		Gerstenberger	Melisa Lacijan	Pat Murtagh	Gatta
Alan Angelo	Aileen Decker	Della Gilman	Peter Lacijan		Argie Serras
	Tom Della Sala	Ira Gilman	Pat LaFleur	Marty O'Connor	Jane Stewart
Barbara Baehr	Bill Depew	Jodi Gilman	Marcia Lenihan	Gioia Ottaviano	Peter Stewart
Thomas D.	Jenny Depew	Thom Gonyeau	Richard Lenihan		Joan Sticher
Bambury	Jean Dillenbeck	Bill Gray	Larry Lessner	Chris Pedersen	
Frank Blum	Dave Dixon		Flora Lovell	Larry Pedersen	Peter Tyger*
Vince Bonafede	DebraAnn Draper	Bob Harrison	Jim Lovell	Joe Phillips	
Pat Brady	Bob Farquharson	Dick Harte		Margot Phillips	Elisa Verb
Eileen Bush	Paula Farquharson	Tom Heckert	Debbie May*	Frank Pickus*	Ted Vickery
	Sally Farrell	Charlie Hepburn	Bill McColl	Eleanor Pigliavento	
Gary Carter*	Linda Fetherston	Grace Hepburn	Lucky	Michelle	Debra Weiskopf
Angelo Cerniglia	Ron Fish*	Alicia Hermance	McDermott*	Pigliavento	Eric Weiskopf
Caren Chanley	MaryAnn	Myron Hermance	Michael	Orlando Pigliavento	Joanne
Eunice Chouffi	Flansburg*	Bill Hickman	McDermott*	Bill Poppino*	Westervelt
Jean Clarke	Allan Foster	Maxine Hilderley	Joanne	Brett Putnam	Don White
Varro Clarke	Marion Foster	Mimi Hilderley	Mensching*		David Wilkinson
Madeline Codella	Dolores Fragomeni	Pat Hoffman	Michael	Walter Raab	Bonnie Williams
Peter Codella	Ron Fragomeni	Paul Hooker	Mensching*	Jeff Rauhauser*	Nancy Wozny
Jill Coloney	Lisa Franklin	Joan Horgan*	Jo-Ann Menzer	Nina Rindenello	
Joe Concra	Paul Franklin		Judi Merriam	Connie Rowe	Ken Zarnoch
MaryAnn Concra	Gwen Fraser	Janet Johnson	Drew Mills	Greg Rucinski	Melinda Zarnoch
Dale Conklin	Barbara Fuller	Kenneth Johnson	Ginny Mills	Sue Rucinski	Thelma Zeh
Don Countermine			Jackie Mosher	Ted Rucinski	Lil Zola
Marlene	Richard Gatta	Bill Kornrumpf	Debra Moyer	John W. Ryan	
Countermine*	Art Gauvreau	Gina Kornrumpf	Howard Moyer		