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## INTERMISSION

Notes on the brilliant start to the Dallas Theater Center Guild's 2013-14 Season

Winter 2013-14



## Upcoming Events

- March 31 Preston & Mary Sue Jones  
Readings: *Remember*, Kalita  
Humphreys Theater, 7:00
- April 24 Spring Luncheon  
General Meeting  
Nasher Sculpture Center
- June 2014 Guild Players  
General Meeting

*Look For Upcoming  
Information on ~*

*Guild Night at the Theater*



## President's Notes

I couldn't be more excited about the first months of the Dallas Theater Center Guild's 2013-14 Season. We've enjoyed a variety of sold-out events that featured speakers such as the Executive Director of the Dallas Arts District as well as the Director of Production for the Dallas Opera.

Organized by our Social Arrangement Chair, Judy Mathis, our general meetings have been hosted in gracious homes and lovely country clubs. I'm especially grateful to Diane and Hal Brierley for opening their home to over 100 Guild members for our September general meeting and to Kristie Leatherberry for sponsoring our second general meeting at the Bent Tree Country Club. My favorite guild event each year is the Guild's Salon Series ~ and this year's met every hope and expectation. This year's sold-out Salon was hosted by the wonderfully generous Sarah and Don Warnecke. We enjoyed a thought-provoking discussion led by Joel Ferrell, director of *Clybourne Park*, and Tre Garrett, director of *A Raisin in the Sun*. 2013 came to a close with 100 members celebrating at the Holiday Party held at the Dallas Country Club. We will continue to enjoy a variety of events that include a bit of DTC's past and its future. I've enjoyed seeing so many of you this season ~ I hope to see many more of you at the upcoming events.

*With tremendous gratitude, Madeline*

## HISTORY REVISITED

Announcing The Preston And Mary Sue Jones Readings:  
Revisiting DTC's 1979 hit show *Remember* by Preston Jones  
Monday, March 31, 7:00, Kalita Humphreys Theater



## A Record Setting Year

### Membership Chairs Vicki Newsom and Sarah Warnecke Break Records Membership Dues at an All Time High

We are pleased to announce that 300 terrific Guild members, either new or renewed, have contributed to a record-breaking \$31,665 in dues! A new level of membership, Patron Level (\$1000 and up) attracted 6 households. A warm thanks goes to each and every member for your generous support!

For the past four years, Vicki and Sarah have led the membership effort. While it's easiest for them when members simply renew on line or by snail mail, sometimes follow-up calls are necessary. Usually these calls are made together, while sharing

some pizza, just like a mini telemarketing campaign. It gives them a chance to catch up on well-being, interests and concerns of members. Often a lot of laughs are shared, especially when the member says, "I have the membership form right here on my desk, but was waiting for your call!"

When the 2014-15 membership campaign begins, please respond

immediately, lest your new membership Vice Presidents have to overindulge in pizza throughout the course of the campaign!

Again, a great big THANK YOU for making your membership in the DTC Guild a priority!



## Long-Range Planning

The Guild has launched a long-range planning process to assess our current activities, relationships, and membership interests, and to recommend a future direction for approval by the Guild Board of Directors. The 11 members of the Long-Range Planning Committee represent a wide range of DTC and Guild involvement, history, and demographics.

You all received a Member Survey to gather your input. The LRP Committee is reviewing the survey results, and in its February meeting will do a random drawing to select the winner of four tickets to *The Fortress of Solitude*.

The Committee is also gathering input from the DTC staff and from support groups for other Arts District and Dallas area theater venues.

# Mid-Season Highlights

The Guild is moving full-speed ahead with so much for members to be a part of this season. Let's take a quick look back at some memorable moments, so far, as told by some of our most hard working and devoted committee chairs.



## General Meeting and the Holiday Party

Our Vice-President of Social Arrangements, Judy Mathis, has this to share: "The general meetings for the year 2013 were busy indeed. In September we all enjoyed a delightful evening spent at the home of Diane and Hal Brierley with 108 in attendance. Bent Tree Country Club was the setting for the November meeting and we enjoyed hearing and seeing a visual presentation of the behind the scenes look at what it takes to put on an opera. We ended the year with an elegant evening at the Dallas Country Club. *Happy New Year!* Now get ready for loads of fun as we journey together in 2014."

## The Salon Series

Marty Rubin, who oversees Special Events this year, shares: "The 2013 *Raisin in the Sun/Clybourne Park* Salon held this year in the beautiful home of our gracious hosts Sarah and Don Warnecke was a 2013 Guild highlight. I had so much fun assisting with this event. It was definitely a change from my treasurer responsibilities that I handed off to Don Warnecke after two years. The event was informative with the conversation between directors Joe Ferrell and Tre Garrett. As usual we enjoyed the wine, food and visiting with our friends at this event."

## Meet & Greet

President-Elect Jean Stoner says, "At the Meet-and-Greet for *Christmas Carol*, Kevin did a fantastic job of exploring his vision of the show. He wanted to show the real conditions of England in Dickens' time. The stage manager mentioned that children died and were thrown down a hole. I thought he was kidding!!! Then we were teased with the idea of one of the ghosts bursting out of a pipe, and, again, it really happened! I love being a bit on the inside and getting ready to enjoy the new production. Thanks to all who make it a success."

## Preston & Mary Sue Jones Readings

President-Elect Trey Birkhead has announced a change in plans for the next of The Preston and Mary Sue Jones Readings still to be moderated by Artistic Director Kevin Moriarty at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 31, 2014, at the Kalita Humphreys Theater. *The Lion in Winter* has been postponed indefinitely due to Tom and Carole needing to pull out of the project because of the high cost of airline tickets, etc. They loved acting in *The Gin Game* last spring and are broken-hearted about not being able to join us again in March. Instead, the

committee has selected another past DTC hit show: 1979's *Remember* by the theater center's most acclaimed playwright, the late Preston Jones. The reading of the playwright's final and still unpublished play will be directed by longtime DTC company



member Kenneth Latimer and will include original 1979 cast members acting alongside DTC Associate Artistic Director Joel Ferrell (yes, Joel will be acting this time!) and two from the Brierley Resident Acting Company, Sally Nystuen Vahle and Kieran Michael Connolly. Lawson Taitte, recently retired theater critic at *The Dallas Morning News*, has said that *Remember* is probably his favorite of Preston Jones's plays. Please save the date: March 31.

## Mid-Season Highlights Continued

### **First Sundays**

Susan Gregory, who hosts First Sundays and who is the creator of the Guild's Facebook page has this to say: "The DTC Guild Facebook page is out for all to see, read, *Like* and/or *Join*. I encourage everyone to take a look at least to see the photo albums and comments, or to tag those you know and/or to post your own photos and comments relative to Guild activities. If you don't wish to post yourself, feel free to send me your photo with a caption. The purpose of the page is two-fold: to share the fun we are having within the Guild and with our friends and to maintain an easy compact historical record of our activities throughout the years. The DTC Guild Historian can periodically download and update. Find our Facebook page by searching *Welcome to the Dallas Theater Center Guild*. Please feel free to exchange your feelings, ideas, etc. for any additions or deletions. See you at the theater!"

### **Presidents' Council**

Dorothy Davis and Joan Flatt are Co-Chairs of the Presidents' Council and Past-Presidents of the Guild. Dorothy

says, "A thing most Guild members agree on is that we have formed, over the years, lasting friendships. As Co-Chairs of the Presidents' Council, Joan and I organize four meetings each year for Guild presidents, present, past and future, to gather to discuss ideas, goals and projects to keep the organization interesting and viable to the membership. Combined, we have a wealth of knowledge of things that have worked and not worked for us, things we would like to try, and sage advice to those coming after us. Along with a lovely lunch and compelling speakers we are a group of friends who would like to see the Guild continue as a group of good friends who love live theatre and the Dallas Theater Center specifically." Co-Chair of the Presidents' Council Joan Flatt says, "At the Presidents' Council meeting in December, Dallas columnist turned author Nancy Smith did a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Kalita Humphreys Theater drawn from her book *Dallas International* with J.R. Ewing. She also covered the life of NANCY HAMON, philanthropist. What was fun about the presentation was the fact that more 'hot-stuff' was going on in Dallas than was shown on *Dallas* the

show. Nancy was the society editor of *The Dallas Morning News* during the golden age of Dallas during the '80s. She got the scoop on lots of goings-on."

### **Endowment Fund**

Jane Gardner, who watches over the Endowment Fund, reports: "It has been such an eye-opening experience to see the generosity of our members and their thoughtfulness when donating to the DTC Endowment Fund. Some donations are for members of the Guild from long ago or those who have been important to the Dallas Theater Center. Other donations are for our active members, who have been especially helpful in the Guild activities. Whether the donations are IN HONOR of, IN MEMORY of, Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary or Congratulations, our Guild members seem to be always thinking of others."

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and on Facebook!**

## ••• GET INVOLVED •••

There are so many activities to participate in and meet new friends.

**Please get involved!**

**Meet-and-Greet:** Guild volunteers hear the Artistic Director's concepts and dynamic overview

of each play and meet the prominent design artists, the stars in the cast, and the production crew. Contact Jean Stoner: 214-926-3604

**Tech Dinners:** After long hours of technical adjustments for each play, cast and crew are rewarded with a dinner provided by Guild members. Contact Rosemarie Marshall: 214-770-6165 or David Rodriguez: 214-499-8432

**Subscription Bar:** Greet theatergoers, encourage DTC season ticket subscriptions and Guild memberships at the Dallas Theater Center performances. Contact Pat Hastings: 214-275-7219

**Adopt-an-Artist:** This program provides a genuine Texas welcome for out-of-town cast members. Contact Gwen Lawe: 214-309-9253

### Get Involved Continued



*The DTC's Associate Artistic Director, Joel Ferrell, is welcomed by enthusiastic Guild members to the always-exciting Salon Series.*

**The Preston and Mary Sue Jones Readings:** Get involved for one spectacular evening at Dallas Theater Center's historical Kalita Humphreys Theater to witness a reunited cast read a hit play from the theater's illustrious history, followed by a discussion led by DTC Artistic Director Kevin Moriarty. Contact Trey Birkhead: 469-855-8739

**General Meetings:** Guild members gather for social and educational meetings where current projects are emphasized, new projects are visualized, and friendships are forged through mutual endeavors. Contact Judy Mathis: 972-231-1756

**Staff Appreciation Luncheon:** Join in this fun event to celebrate the untiring work of the Dallas Theater Center staff. Contact Madeline Freberg: 214-234-7699

**First Sundays:** For each production, join Guild friends for pre-show dinner out and Sunday preview night at the theater before Opening Night. Contact Susan Gregory Drechler: 214-824-2448

### **STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON WELL ATTENED BY A GRATEFUL DTC STAFF**

Ginger Snider chaired the luncheon, which was held in the Wyly Potter Rose Performance Hall. The hall was transformed into a bistro to welcome 65 staff members. Fedora Italian Restaurant catered our "Italian Affair." It was a well-deserved chance for the staff to relax. We could not have done this without help from our enthusiastic Guild Members.

Guild Members join the DTC Staff for a group photo taken by Jason Snider, Ginger Snider's son.



*Kristie Leatherberry, pictured here with Chef Ruben, set up the Guild for a wonderful November General Meeting.*





## Looking for Leaders Presidents-Elect Recruit New Officers & Committee Chairs

Presidents-Elect Trey Birkhead and Jean Stoner are asking all members to think about how to get involved in the Guild next season, starting this summer. “We are on the look-out for those members who are ready to offer up their leadership skills and individual talents to forge a triumphant year with us in serving the Dallas Theater Center out of love and appreciation for its outstanding work.”

*“Unless someone like you cares an awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” –Dr. Seuss*

Please contact Trey, 469-855-8739, or Jean, 214-926-3604, to discuss how you might contribute next season.

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