

On Cue!

President's Note ~ Vicki Newsom and Sherry Peel

As A CHRISTMAS CAROL winds down, and as 2012 ramps up let's begin this note by saying,. From Charles Dickens
.A merry Christmas to everybody! A happy New Year to the world!

In collecting our thoughts for this writing we can't help but reflect on the year's happenings...

* **Guild Membership** ~ stellar results thanks to Sarah Warnecke and Vicki Newsom! Membership continues to be on the move... UP... WAY up!!!

* **The "season opener" Guild General Meeting** ~ "An Evening with Heather Kitchen" ~ DTC Managing Director. What a great way to kick off the year! We all enjoyed our up close and personal moment with Heather!

We fell in love all over again...

* **"Lunch With Kevin"** ~ what a surprise we gave him... KEVIN LOOK-A-LIKES!! Kevin captivated our attention with his presentation of Theater and Democracy: From Ancient Greece to Modern Dallas. Just fabulous...

We fell in love all over again...

* **"An Evening with Harper"** ~ **The HEY, BOO Screening** at the Magnolia Theater was an interesting backdrop for our "To Kill a Mockingbird" production. The panel discussion was compelling and thought provoking. Two Thumbs up!

* **"To Kill a Mockingbird" Salon** ~ extended the discussion of this stimulating material by engaging in a unique presentation of local, award-winning attorney, Talmage Boston. Donna Wilhelm and John Gunn's lovely home added a wonderful backdrop for this event.

* Finally, our fabulous **"HOLIDAY MERRYMAKING"** in the beautiful home of Michael and Madeline Freberg was a warm and wonderful way to close 2011. This was THE Guild social event of the season! Kudos to Judy Mathis, Fran Burke and Madeline Freberg for orchestrating such a magnificent Guild holiday moment!

Riding the wave into 2012 ~ we still have MUCH to look forward to! The New Year will begin with our General Meeting on January 23rd. We revisit the Magnolia Theater for a barbecue dinner and the screening "Return to Giant". See the article about this "not to be missed" event in the current newsletter. February 20th will be a unique workshop ~ courtesy of our friends at SECOND THOUGHT THEATRE and will engage the "actor" in all of us. (For more information ~ also see the Newsletter article on this fabulous event!)

FYI, featured in future newsletters will be articles on SO many other great upcoming Guild opportunities:

* **APRIL** ~ The Spring Luncheon at Aldredge House (compliments of Guild member, Ginger Snider's creativity) and the Reading at the Kalita Humphreys of "Ladybug, Ladybug, Fly Away Home" (organized by our own, Trey Birkhead).

* **MAY** ~ we wind down our year with our rousing STAFF APPRECIATION event ~ ...a fiesta theme ~ created under the leadership and guidance of Ruda Anderson. This is a great way to honor the theater staff and have tons of fun.

All of the above said ~ we want to make big mention of the core of our Guild efforts ~ THEATER SERVICES. This is lead by Rosemarie Marshall and Trey Birkhead. Our heavy duty list of Tech Dinners (Rosemarie and DROD); Meet and Greets (Jean Stoner); Adopt-an-Artist efforts (Dorothy Davis); and First Sundays (Kevin Westbrook) are long time achievements of which the Guild can be very proud.

We have much to be grateful for and to look forward to! It's still not too late to "GET IN THE SCENE"!

In closing ~ we'll repeat the toasts from our HOLIDAY MERRYMAKING...

May you have warmth in your igloo, oil in your lamp, and peace in your heart.

May all your troubles last as long as your New Years Resolutions.

Here's to us that are here, to you that are there, and the rest of us everywhere.

- Rudyard Kipling

See you in 2012!

May your holidays dazzle!

~ Vicki Newsom and Sherry Peel ~

EVENTS

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Meet & Greet | Jan 6 |
| Tech Dinner | Jan 15 |
| First Sunday | Jan 22 |
| General Meeting | Jan 23 |
| Meet & Greet | Feb 7 |
| Guild Players | Feb 20 |
| Tech Dinner | Feb 26 |
| First Sunday | Mar 4 |
| Meet & Greet | Mar 20 |
| Tech Dinner | Apr 8 |
| Guild Luncheon | Apr 10 |
| First Sunday | Apr 15 |
| Meet & Greet | Apr 17 |
| Reading | Apr 30 |
| Staff Appreciation | May 23 |

All dates subject to change

IT'S TIME TO VOLUNTEER FOR GIANT—

Volunteer Opportunity—The Guild is providing volunteers for the Theater to serve as greeters at the Wylly. We have a subscription table with brochures for the Theater season and information about the Guild and Guild membership forms. Please help us fulfill our mission to help the Dallas Theater Center by coming an hour early, greeting or giving out information and getting a reserved seat for the performance. We need four volunteers for each show. .

To volunteer online: Find the schedule of performances and open dates by going to www.signupgenius.com . Sign in: enter your e-mail address, and establish a password. Members can then login to their MY ACCOUNT page to view a quick list of all the sign up forms that they have been invited to.

Another option is to click on the “find a sign up” tab. Enter the e-mail address of the creator: sherrypeel@gmail.com .

One last option is to go through our website: <http://www.dtcguild.org> and click on the SUBSCRIPTION BAR tab. On that page you will see links for the current sign ups.

Click on the date you choose, sign up for greeter or subscription bar, put in your name and 1 or 2 (if you are bringing a spouse or friend) and submit. You will receive an automatic reminder three days before your volunteer date.

Or if you prefer or have questions Contact Rocky Ford 214.327.8796, or rrford@hotmail.com to schedule a date and time.

HEY BOO: HARPER LEE & TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

On Monday, October 24, the Dallas Theater Center Guild and the African American Museum held its first collaborative event, a film screening of the documentary “Hey Boo: Harper Lee & To Kill A Mockingbird,” at the beautiful Magnolia Theater on McKinney Avenue. This event was held as an audience enhancement to the live performance of “*To Kill A Mockingbird*,” at the Wylly Theatre.

The film screening included a panel discussion by three individuals from the community—Theodore M. Lawe, Kevin Westbrook, and Hazel Carlos. The three panelists responded to questions regarding Harper Lee and *To Kill A Mockingbird* from their various interpretations. Lawe, who is the Executive Vice President of the African American Museum, talked from a historical perspective; Westbrook, a theater arts teacher at Marcus High School in Lewisville, gave comments based on the literary implications; and Hazel Carlos, an English/Literature teacher at the Dallas Community College District, gave a mixture of the literary and the historical significance of Harper Lee and her writing of the historic novel, which later became the movie.

Approximately 40 people were in attendance. They were inspired by the comments of the panelists, lead by Rachel Hull, and given new insights into the life and career of Harper Lee. Many commented that they wished that more time had been given for audience participation and feedback.

This event was organized and planned by Guild members Blake Ashlock and Gwendolyn Lawe.

EVENT: DTC Guild presents our January General Meeting:

RETURN TO GIANT

Dallas filmmaker and journalist, **Kirby Warnock**, will screen the unedited version of his documentary, *Return to Giant*, about the making of George Stevens's Texas-sized '56 epic with Rock Hudson and Elizabeth Taylor and James Dean. Kirby will introduce the film and will conduct a post-screening Q&A.



WHEN:

Monday, January 23rd, 2012

7 to 9pm

Arrive at 6:30pm to pick up tickets and bbq dinner.

WHERE:



West Village

3699 McKinney Avenue, Suite 100

Dallas, TX 75204

The Magnolia is conveniently located in the West Village, on the corner of McKinney & Lemmon. West Village has over 800 free parking spaces centrally located in a parking garage.

RESERVATIONS:

* \$15 - Guild Members

* \$25 - Guests

Your check payable to the DTC GUILD (send to: Vicki Newsom * 4341 Stanhope St. * Dallas, TX 75205) or online payment at (www.dtcguild.org) is your reservation.

(Price includes screening, bbq dinner...Purchase drinks through the Magnolia Bar)

MEMBERSHIP

Membership has grown to 330 members, with 222 households! This is an increase of 50 households over last year.

The new member packets have been a big hit.

Membership Mentoring has been successful by encouraging new members to engage in DTC Guild activities. We look forward to continuing these efforts to integrate our new membership into the life of our organization.

Tech Dinner for "Giant"

Sunday, Jan 15 - 5:00 p.m.

Hosted By: DTC Guild ~ Rosemarie Marshall, Trey Birkhead, DROD



We will be serving a Texas BBQ at our Tech Dinner for GIANT. (Dickey's will be catering.)

Cost = \$10 per person * Consider making a donation for cast / crew members in the amount you normally contribute to this event.

* Purchase a meal for yourself (also \$10) if you plan to stay and eat with us that day. **(Note: If you are planning to stay for the dinner, your RSVP is your \$10 payment. (Pre-payment IS required to be served that night!))**

Also ~ checks can be mailed payable to the DTC GUILD.

(Send to: Vicki Newsom * 4341 Stanhope St. * Dallas, TX 75205) Please specify what your payment is for: donation / or purchase bbq meal for yourself as per above.

RSVP Deadline: January 10

Menu:

Sliced Brisket and Sliced Sausage

Baked Beans. Potato Salad, Mac & Cheese, Caesar Salad

Rolls & Butter

Relish Tray (sliced onions, jalapenos, sliced pickles)

Peach Cobbler (with Ice Cream ~ courtesy of Larry Johnson)

(Note: Vegetarian Chili will be available for the non-meat-eaters...)

Your support and participation is MOST appreciated!

Date & Time: Sunday, January 15 at 5:00 PM * **Location:** Wyly Theatre 2400 Flora Street

HOLIDAY MERRYMAKING



We'd like to take this moment to send **BIG thanks** to **Michael and Madeline Freberg** for hosting our warm and wonderful Guild Holiday event on December 5th. Their home was lovely and inviting! It was an enchanting ending to a magnificent year! Kudos to Judy Mathis, Fran Burke and Madeline Freberg (again) for orchestrating such a magical Guild holiday moment! Also ~ applause go to our incredible auctioneer, Michael Freberg, who generated such fun and excitement! What a way to kick off the holidays! Lots of Holiday Merrymaking was experienced that night!

CHEERS and Happy Holidays to all!

DTC Guild Endowment Fund:

The Guild set up this Endowment Fund in 2000 to contribute to the financial strength of the Dallas Theater Center. The Fund has grown by contributions from members as a tribute to others, on birthdays, special occasions, in memory, or in honor of friends.

Contributions may be sent to Rocky Ford 8320 San Leandro, Dallas, TX 75218. You will receive a receipt and a note will be sent to the honoree or next of kin acknowledging the receipt of the gift.

The recent gifts are:

Karol and Larry Omlor in memory of Karol's parents, Ophelia and Ray Grumbles.

Rocky Ford in honor of Jimmie Webb's birthday.

Jill and Al Anderson in honor of last year's Presidents Karen and Jerry Zvonecek

Save the Date!**Guild Player's: Actor's Workshop ~ February 20, 2012**

Second Thought Theatre is moving back to Dallas and is performing in Bryant Hall on the Kalita campus for their 8th season. The first production, *Pluck the Day*, is in February, and is an original play written by Steven Walters. On Monday, February 20th, Steven and Chris LaBove, STT Co-artistic Directors, will treat the Guild to a special performance with Guild members being able to participate!! The cast will be giving acting lessons!! A real treat you do not want to miss!!



Come join the fun back on Turtle Creek--there are many familiar faces involved with STT!!

Back row, from left: Regan Adair, Lee Trull, Drew Wall & Matthew Gray;
on bottom: Chris LaBove and Steven Walters

DTC GUILD

2400 Flora Street

Dallas, TX 75201

Phone:

(214) 526-8210 ext. 3941

E-Mail:

dtcguild@gmail.com

DTC GUILD
25 HIGHLAND PARK VILLAGE
#100-720
DALLAS, TX 75205

RECIPIENT NAME
STREET ADDRESS
ADDRESS 2
CITY, ST ZIP CODE