



# Behind the Scenes

Dallas Theater Center Guild Newsletter

Fall 2008 Edition

## **The Dallas Theater's 2008-09 Season:**

*Aug 27 – Sep 28, 2008*  
The Who's Tommy

*Oct 15 – Nov 9, 2008*  
The Good Negro

*Nov 22 - Dec 28*  
A Christmas Carol

*Jan 21 - Feb 22, 2009*  
In the Beginning

*Mar 11 – April 5, 2009*  
Back Back Back

*Apr 22 - May 24, 2009*  
A Family Musical

For more information  
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## **NEWS FROM MEWS**

As we look forward, please know that your incoming DTC Guild Board of Directors and standing committees will be busy planning a vibrant 2008- 2009 year. It is our goal to “*enrich lives, unite communities and ignite change.*” We are building on our tradition of an established successful guild and celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our beloved theater.

We want and need you to join us in accomplishing our goals. We hope to be successful through our collaborative efforts. To borrow more from Kevin Moriarty's vision, I believe that our guild and its members have the power to change people's lives and bring friends together.

My personal goal for this year is to EDUCATE ourselves, our youth and our citizens as we celebrate each other in both educational and

social activities while reveling in established friendships and the opportunity to make new friends.

To our DTC Staff, our 241 (and growing!) guild members, our board of directors and standing committees I hope you had a happy, restful summer and hope you will be ready to join us for an exciting 2008/2009 season.

Let's take time to enjoy that which enriches our souls and be ready for our upcoming and very exciting season.

I look forward to serving as your DTC Guild President.

*Michelle Mew*

PS. If you have not reserved your seats for the upcoming year, please do so now. Remember as current guild members we receive a 10% discount on our season tickets.

## **Upcoming Guild Meetings**

**Our Vice Presidents of Social Arrangements, Fran Burke and Kristie Leatherberry have kicked off the year with a great event at the House of Blues. The first General Meeting took place on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm until 8:00pm and featured wine and light hors d'oeuvres for attendees. What a great start to a great year!**

**This is the second year for Kristie and Fran to chair social arrangements. They are really adept at conducting great, well planned and creative events. Be sure to check our website for upcoming general membership meetings as well as special meetings and events held throughout the year. Just go to [www.dtcguild.org](http://www.dtcguild.org). See you at the next Guild event!**

## Tech Dinners

*To get the most out of Guild membership, sign up for one of our committees and "Let Yourself Get Involved!"*

*Committees include:*  
*Membership;*  
*Special Projects;*  
*Dickens – Major Fundraiser;*  
*Theater Services;*  
*Social Arrangements;*  
*Publications;*  
*Records Management;*  
*Communications;*  
*Historian Opportunities;*  
*Education and Community Engagement;*  
*Adopt an Artist;*  
*Greeters (for productions).*

*Let us know what is of interest to you and the committee chair will contact you to discuss the committee and what will work for you, your schedule, your talents and your interests.*

The DTC Guild prepares and serves dinner for the cast and crew on Sunday, before the opening of each play of the season.

Tech Dinner dates for the 2008-2009 season are: August 24<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>, January 18<sup>th</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>. Food is to

arrive at 4:00pm with dinner served at 5:00pm.

Participating in tech dinners is a great way to get involved with the Guild and meet the cast and crew in person. Everyone who is a part of this committee has a great time and thoroughly enjoys their participation.

Chairs for this year's Tech Dinner Committee are:  
 Ruda Anderson and Rosemarie Marshall.

Please note that Ruda Anderson also contributed photographs from last year's Tech Dinners. Thanks to RUDAPhotography for sharing these great mementos from past last season's tech dinners committee. (See below for one of RUDAPhotography's photos. Looks like fun, doesn't it?!!)



### Dallas Theater Center Guild's Fall Event

Be sure to join us for the Guild's Fall Event to be held Tuesday, October 14, 2008  
 The Arts District and more!  
**Call or email Glenda Cotner at 214.207.7654 or [glendakrottinger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glendakrottinger@sbcglobal.net) for reservations.**

### Gigantic Garage Sale planned for March 2009

Start saving all of your gently used treasures for our Spring Garage Sale – clothes, toys, furniture, works of art, etc. All items are welcomed!

A project like this takes lots of volunteers. We need helpers to price, oversee a department, pick up larger items, to cashier, and so on.

We are also looking for a location for the garage sale, preferable a building that can be locked and has plenty of parking. An empty store in a good location would be ideal.

We want to hear from each of you about what you think of such a sale, about your willingness to help, or about any other suggestions you may have. This sale is going to be a lot of fun, so I hope you will want to be involved. Please email Nancy Ritter at [awritter@swbell.net](mailto:awritter@swbell.net) or call 972-980-6979 with your comments.

***It's a new year and a new board for the Dallas Theater Center Guild***

**Below is the 2008-2009 DTC Guild Board. Special thanks to Jill and Al Anderson for hosting the Board meeting and introduction at their home!**

**President Michelle Mew**

President Elect	Sherry Sivils	VP Finance/Treasurer	Rocky Ford
VP Membership	Sherry Sivils	VP Publications	Susan Falvo
VP Season Tickets	Karen & Jerry Zvonecek		
VP Social Arrangements	Fran Burke and Kristie Leatherberry		
	VP Theater Services	Judy Birchfield, Sue Prather	
Recording Secretary	Glenda Priolo	Corresponding Secretary	Pat Pace
Historian	Giana dePaul	Parliamentarian	Kathy Parker
Members At Large	Sunshine Committee Chair – Sheila Marlow		
Jill and Al Anderson, Diane Brierley	Staff Appreciation Event – Gwendolyn Lawe		
John Howell & Vicki Newsom	Adopt an Artist – Yvonne Canales		
Meeting Site Chair – Cynthia Cathcart	Invitations – Donna Marino		
Web Site & PR – Deborah Brown	Telephone Committee Chair – Jane Garner		
Off Stage Outings	Presidents Council		
Fall – Glenda Cotner	Chair – Karol Omlor		
Spring – Judy Mathis	Secretary – Mary Lee Cox		
Nomeitag Chair – Susan Vaughan	Endowment/Memorials Fund – Lorraine Gurun		
Tech Dinners – Rosemarie Marshall & Ruda Anderson	Public Relations – Deborah Brown		
TACA – Paula Clancy	Directory & Garage Sale – Nancy Ritter		
Intra Arts Committee – Carmen Glenn, Mary Jo Schneider, Jacklin Boyd, Sharon Knowles, Marilyn Halla & Sharon Barbee			
	New Member Recruitment – Alexandra Eaton		
New Member Tea – Janet Nylund	Discover Your Theater – Karen Hay		
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Sarah Warnecke	Bylaws Chair – Claire Cunningham		
Season Ticket Sales and Renewals:	Printing Svs – Dennis McCabe, Alpha Graphics Carrollton		
Members – Pat Hastings	Board Meetings Arrangements – Fran Bennett		
Renewals – Jimmie Webb	Spring Tea – Desni Krammer		

*“a Dickens of a Christmas”* The Dallas Theater Center's largest annual fundraiser raising in excess of \$100,000 annually for the Dallas Theater Center this year is being produced by THE FABULOUR FIFTY in honor of The Dallas Theater Center's Fiftieth Anniversary under the watchful eye of the 2008-2009 Guild President Michelle Mew.

**A Golden Year of Celebration**

As the Dallas Theater Center opens its fiftieth anniversary season, the Guild (formerly the Women's Committee) celebrates 50 years as well. On August 1, 1959 before DTC opened in December of that year, the organizational committee of the Dallas Theater Center met at the home of DTC Board President Robert Stecker to discuss the organization and format of the Women's Committee and to make plans for the first season ticket sales campaign. Those present were Paul Baker, Robert Stecker, Ruth Byers, Bob Johnson, Waldo Stewart and Mrs. Bea Handel. Mrs. Henry H. Hawley was unanimously approved as the possible president of the Women's Committee. It was also agreed that initially the women's group should serve as the hospitality and reception committee for the Theater.

In a newspaper article dated October 1959, Women's Committee President Eva Hawley invited women of Dallas and the surrounding areas to attend the first general membership program of the Women's Committee to be held on November 2 at the Theater Center. Paul Baker, DTC's first Managing Director, was to present a short outline of the planned program for the Theater followed by members of the repertory cast performing an act from one of the plays under consideration as an example of the type of work the Center would be producing. An informal reception followed in the lobby of the soon-to-open Dallas Theater Center. Beginning at this meeting, over 300 Dallas area women joined the Women's Committee during the inaugural year of the Theater Center. In 1991, the Women's Committee voted to change its name to the Guild in order to broaden the membership base to include men and women.

***Guild members DISCOVER YOUR THEATER 50/50 50 yr anniversary 50% ticket prices!***

Our 50<sup>th</sup> year, 2008-2009 anniversary season kickoff special:

The Dallas Theater Center Guild is providing guild members with a special 50% ticket pricing for members and their guests for this upcoming season. Sign-up now, mark your calendar and enjoy the following DTC productions at greatly reduced rates.

*The Good Negro* October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
*In the Beginning* January 28<sup>th</sup>  
*Back Back Back* March 18<sup>th</sup>  
*A Family Musical* April 29<sup>th</sup>

Take advantage of this special opportunity by reserving your tickets and calling the DTC box office at 214.522.8499 or order online at [www.dallastheatercenter.org](http://www.dallastheatercenter.org)

Special thanks to Dennis McCabe, manager of Alpha Graphics who is providing the copying for the Dallas Theater Center Guild this year.

Please be sure to support Dennis and give him a call at 972.466.2442 for all of you printing needs. Thanks from the DTC Guild!

**DTC Guild Endowment Fund** – The Dallas Theater Center Guild has recently added to its endowment fund by making a donation in honor of Kathy Parker, last year's Guild President. Those contributing are: Rocky Ford, Nancy Ritter, Yvonne White, Sharon Knowles, Susan Falvo, Mary Ella Collins, Angela & John Howell, Karol Omlor, Michelle Mew, Sheila Marlow, Lorraine Gurun, Pam & Dick Lanahan. More contributions to the Guild's endowment fund include: Sue Prather in honor of Gary Goodwin and Alta Brenner's Birthdays; Karol & Larry Omlor in honor of Alta Brenner's birthday, and in memory of Jim Truitt; Rocky & Bob Ford in honor of Al Anderson's birthday.

# Reaching Out to our Guild Family

We all send loving thoughts and prayers for: (June & July)

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Susan Falvo's mother who has been in the hospital; Jane Gardner whose son has sustained a serious operation; Kay Weathers who is recovering from a serious illness; Anne Motlow on her successful move and placement of her mother-in-law; Jennifer Houser who lost her father; Edith Love recovering from foot surgery; Brenda Truitt's loss of her husband Jim; Gary Goodwin who is being treated at MD Anderson David Copeland who has been ill; Deborah McMurray on the loss of her mother; Jimmie Webb who is recovering and doing better; Kathy Parker who will undergo surgery in September

Congratulations to Deborah Levy on her forthcoming marriage!

(May & June)

Thank-you's to Benita & David Dick, Fran Burke, Kristie Leatherberry and Susan Falvo for the May General Membership Meeting.

Thank-you's to Jill & Al Anderson, and Michelle Mew for our June gathering and board kick off meeting.

Dallas Theater Center Guild recognizes and thanks our entire membership for their support and contributions and would like to acknowledge the following supporters:

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