

ON CUE

Hooray – the new seasons have started at DTC, other Arts District venues, and other area live theaters! Get yourselves to the Wyly and rock with *In the Heights*!

At right are (L>R) Clark Magee, Todd Nehlich, Debbie Keaton and Isabel Schoelles at the Kalita bamboo forest.



Upcoming Events: October - December

It's All About Members!

IMPORTANT!	PUT THESE IN YOUR CALENDAR!! RIGHT NOW!!!
Sept.. 21 – Oct. 20	<i>In The Heights</i>
October 8 10:30 set up	Meet & Greet: <i>Ann</i> (Kalita lobby)
October 13 4:00 set up	Tech Dinner: <i>Ann</i> (Kalita lobby)
Oct. 15 – Nov. 10	<i>Ann</i>
October 22 4:30 – 6:30	Meet & Greet: <i>A Christmas Carol</i> (Wyly 9/F)
November 17 3:00 – 6:00	Tech Dinner: <i>A Christmas Carol</i> (Wyly 9/F)
Nov. 22 – Dec. 29	<i>A Christmas Carol</i>
December 12 7:00 – 9:00	Offstage Outing: <i>The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge</i> (The Core Theatre – Richardson)
January 6 10:30 set up	Meet & Greet: <i>Little Women</i> (Wyly 9/F)

YES! At this point the Guild is energized by having **20** new members! These wise people joined or rejoined the Guild:

- Sasha Maya Ada
- Jeff Barksdale
- Bryce Bartlett
- Jerry Cosgrove (husband of Pam Cosgrove)
- Ebony Davis
- Sharon Jones
- Clark Magee & Gonul Kilic
- Stacey & Sam Megally
- Stephen Saldanha (husband of Suzanne Caruso)
- Lisa Sawicki
- Isabel Schoelles
- Karen Smith
- Kirby Smith
- Jay Spring
- Gayle Stallings
- Larry Stanbery
- Patti & Craig Weinbrenner

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(New Members)

Many of these new members are already active in attending events and in leading Guild activities!

BIG thanks go to JB Nehlich and April Bosworth for recruiting most of them!

It's 2019, and the Guild is 28 years old (60 if you count its predecessor organization). These 46 current Guild members have been on the rolls for those 28 years:

- Ann Beatty
- Judy Birchfield
- Belinda Birchfield
- Diane and Hal Brierley
- Mary Lee Cox
- Cindy Cummings
- Claire & Dale Cunningham
- Linda & Bill Custard
- Dorothy Davis
- Sally & Thomas Dunning
- Bess & Ted Enloe
- Barbara & Larry Florer
- Rocky Ford
- Barbara & Abe Goldfarb
- Kaki Hopkins
- Avie Kalker
- Betsy Kinney
- Gwendolyn Lawe
- Al & Richard Lohr
- Judy & JC Mathis
- Sharon & Mike McCullough
- Kathy Messina & Gary Goodwin
- Shirley Moseley
- Vicki & Kent Newsom
- Karol Omlor
- Deborah Patterson
- Brenda Truitt
- Sharman Vesecky
- Marion Ward-Dunton
- Sarah & Don Warnecke
- Barbara Washburn
- Kay Weathers
- Jane Wetzel
- Hilary & John Yancey

That longevity with the Guild is admirable, and deserves a standing ovation! (Feel free to stand where you are and clap, or imagine that you are.)

Two of the new members shared a bit of biographical information.

Sasha Maya Ada – VP Communications

I am the new social media leader. I am an actor, director, and teaching artist in the DFW area. I am a lover of dance and jazz as well as reading poetry, whenever I have a free moment. I've enjoyed many of the plays I have seen in the area; the two that stay with me are *Gloria* (DTC) and *Martyr* (Second Thought Theatre). I hope to help the Guild expand its social media footprint and am always available as a local hype-woman—which reminds me—YOU'VE GOT THIS! Thanks for having me!

Bryce Bartlett – VP Events

I grew up in the Piney Woods of Tyler and spent much of my free time working in the garden with my family. That good influence led to earning a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree at Texas Tech University, and starting a career with one of the premier commercial landscape architecture firms in Dallas. I now design and implement high-end residential and estate gardens throughout DFW. With my wife and son I'm involved with a church youth group and help with theatrical events.

Keep Them in Your Memory

The Guild recently lost these longtime members:

- Al Anderson
- Mary Lee Cox
- Nan Hoffman
- Bonnie Jean Stoner
- Karen Zvonecek

Each served in leadership roles in the Guild. Their good cheer and good works will be fondly remembered.

The Yearbook

Yes, the Guild Yearbook (a directory in other words) is coming to a mailbox near you in October! BIG thanks go to **John Howell** and **Sarah Warnecke** for MANY hours of phone calls, research and editing to prepare it, and to **Vicki Newsom** for keeping track of who is officially a member.

***** A BIG START FOR THE YEAR! *****

Wow, this was BIG and FUN and VALUABLE indeed! Over 60 new members, renewing members, about to be members, and guests gathered at the Kalita Humphreys Theater for an AMAZING kick-off of the 2019-2020 Guild year! Event leaders **JB Nehlich** and **April Bosworth** gathered them in from Roanoke, Ft. Worth, Frisco and the Dallas area for an evening of enlightenment, mass consumption, prizes, introductions and sparkling conversation!



These NEW MEMBERS got a high energy introduction to Artistic Director **Kevin Moriarty**, Managing Director **Jeff Woodward**, and the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Kalita Humphreys Theater:

- Sasha Maya Ada
- Bryce Bartlett
- Ebony Davis
- Clark Magee
- Isabel Schoelles
- Jay Spring
- Larry Stanbery

A huge thanks goes to all of them for joining and to the members who brought them to the action-packed Guild and the Tony Award winning Dallas Theater Center! It was fun to hear new members' comments from their first exposure to Kevin, Jeff and the Kalita. There was some undercurrent about Kalita ghost stories, of course hyped up by a few seasoned members.

JB and Todd Nehlich and a large delegation from "Guild West" set up a full-service bar and brought a beyond-delicious, genuinely healthful array of meatballs and sausage, loaded baked beans, stuffed dates, herbed deviled eggs, and prosciutto-wrapped asparagus, all perfectly balanced with wonderful vegetable and fruit salads and other vegan specialties. And there was an array of desserts extending over multiple tables, and including a DTC-monogrammed cake; that part of the total menu was estimated by some to offer broad smiles and 100,000 calories! All of us mass consumption types – and the more gracious diners – send huge thanks to all who prepared it and trucked it all the way across the Metroplex.

There was a drawing for new members, guests and those who brought them. And the BIG winner was --- **Kay Weathers!** Hold that applause - there was another. The BIG, BIG winner was DTC itself. Co-Presidents **April Bosworth** and **Craig Haynes** presented a BIG, BIG, BIG Guild check for \$20,000!



April and Craig pass the cash to Jeff and Kevin!

Jeff Woodward started his remarks with a remembrance of longtime Guild member **Mary Lee Cox**, who passed away earlier in the day. During Jeff's first year at DTC he agreed to speak at the Past Presidents' Luncheon. A huge car, biggest one he had ever seen, rolled up with the diminutive Mary Lee at the wheel, ready to

take him to Neiman Marcus. After some uncertainty about the best route to use, they arrived and Jeff had gained a new perspective on Dallas high society!

Jeff eagerly talked about DTC's three-year strategic plan and its three major goals:

- 1) **Grow a larger, more racially diverse audience.** He used the new term ALANA (African, Latino, Asian, Native American) and said that DTC could be represented by Guild members living in those communities. A mailing will go out with a new annual subscription offer that brings the cost down to about \$20 per performance! (That's less than a family trip to McDonald's, and a lot more nourishing!)
- 2) **Reduce staff turnover.** People with DTC experience are highly valued by other arts organizations and some are lured away. DTC will take various steps to reduce turnover, and the Guild can help by continuing its activities and events aimed at supporting and honoring the staff.
- 3) **Provide appropriate working space for DTC personnel.** The immediate focus here is the Kalita campus. Kevin provided an outlook on that project.

Kevin Moriarty spoke with characteristic non-stop motion and high energy delivery as he also made three points:

- 1) **DTC appreciates the Guild!** DTC is energized by the Guild's financial and social support, delivered through many channels. He mentioned several: Meet & Greets, Tech Dinners, Tech Week Candy, the Staff Appreciation Lunch, the Christmas Eve Meal, and assistance during Public Works performances.



- 2) **Enjoy the 2019 – 2020 season!** It is filled with joy, music, comedy and meaning. He effused about these plays:
 - *In the Heights* – undoubtedly you have heard the national raving about *Hamilton*, the creation of Lin-Manuel Miranda. Another of his joyous musicals is on the Wyly stage right now. You gotta be there!
 - Then *Ann* comes to the Wyly stage, to give another voice to the always vocal Governor Ann Richards. As an energizer and equalizer, she added bright political color to the already raucous Texas scene.
 - In a co-production with Chicago's Goodman Theatre, *American Mariachi* will get your toes tapping and guitars strumming! A group of American girls decides to secretly break away from their routine lives and become mariachis. Problem #1 – their parents will not support this hare-brained scheme. Problem #2 – where will they get the big hats and the tight pants with the silver ornamentation? Problem #3 – they don't play any instruments. Not to worry. Be ready for scintillating surprises!

➢ *The Supreme Leader*, featuring a teenage Kim Jong-Un at a Swiss boarding school when he learns he will become North Korea's next dictator. Quick – he must learn about the decadence and vulnerabilities of the West – or at least enjoy them in the time left. So he spies on his American friend Sophie. This situation will yield a megaton of laughter!

- 3) **The Kalita Humphreys campus**
It became DTC's home 61 years ago, and now it is also home to Second Thought Theatre and Uptown Players. The adjacent Heldt Building also houses DTC support activities. The Katy Trail runs right by the campus; that brings thousands of potential theater-goers each day.

Maintenance of the structure was turned over to the City of Dallas 25 years ago, with DTC continuing to manage the operations and do internal maintenance. No surprise that it has become a classic civic debate – maintain artistic venues or fill potholes. The Kalita is quite frayed and is not ADA-compliant.



Ebony Davis Karen Randle Roger Ostroski

Now the City wants to partner with DTC. The offer is get a professional assessment of the buildings and grounds on the Kalita campus by January 2021 – it's condition and potential best use. That study is to be paid for by DTC, which would also be allowed to pay for the implementation, in exchange for a 99 year lease to occupy and use the campus. What a deal? Kevin said there may be an opportunity to get the project into a bond election.

Kevin's conclusion – DTC will invest the time and money needed to stay in both the Wyly and the Kalita, probably as neighbors of other theater groups.

Kevin wrapped it by expressing deep appreciation for the Guild, a part of DTC history and culture.

There you have it – a BIG night enjoyed by all! BIG thanks go to JB, April and all who put it together, and to all who attended!



Diane Brierley Sarah Warnecke Karol Omlor



April Bosworth Gwendolyn Lawe



Harrell Ellis Jerry Zvonecek Sam McKenney



Cynthia Dutter Joe Abbey Sarah Roby



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