

Ti-Ahwaga Community Players

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The talented cast and outstanding set of "City of Angels"

"City of Angels" Praised by Mickey Ray

Mickey Ray from Stagewispers praised director Brian Flynn and the entire cast and crew of "City of Angels."

"I was very pleased to be among last Saturday night's audience, enthusiastically ap-

plauding and cheering on this terrific cast! All concerned with the set, the sound and lighting should also be congratulated on a job well done!!" he declared.

You can see his full review on our website.

Summer Box Office Hours

Monday-Friday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

New Volunteers Needed and Current Volunteers Appreciated

Sandy is looking for volunteers to help in the office during the summer for days off and various duties, such as organizing, mailing, gardening and cleaning.

Please call 687-2130 if you are interested.

A great big thanks goes out to all those volunteers who have been helping us with the many tasks required to keep the Players and the Center going.

We couldn't do it without you!

Staffing Changes within the Ti-Ahwaga Community Players

As the final show of our 2009-2010 season ends, we are sad to announce the departure of two members—Executive Director Mary Ann Crist and House Manager Nancy Brown.

As they relocate to other parts of the country, we thank them both for all of their hard work and wish them best of luck!

Please join us in welcoming our new Executive Director, Sandy Knapp-Dunbar, and our new Assistant Director, John Dudak.

Sandy has lived in the Owego area since 1974. She has been involved in community events ever since the very first Strawberry Festival where she set up as a food vendor, "The 'Erb Lady", selling iced herbal teas and herb burgers.

Sandy has spent many hours working with



Sandy Knapp-Dunbar

the groups and causes she loves. Strawberry Festival Committee, Hiawatha Island Purchase Committee, Fred L. Waterman Conser-

vation Center Board of Directors, Charter Member Tioga County Master Gardener Program are some of her volunteer involvements, as well as helping to organize the Tour de Gardens and Taste of Tioga. You also may have seen her and her husband, Fran, cooking Father's Day breakfast

on Hiawatha Island for many years.

Sandy is thrilled to be working with the Ti-Ahwaga Players and is committed to making the theater an even better place for players, members, volunteers and the community to

come together and enjoy the arts.

John has lived in Tioga County for 23 years. He worked for the Owego Pennysaver as a graphic designer, writer, photographer and editor, and for the Tioga County office of Cornell Cooperative Extension as a marketing/communications manager. He now serves the region as a wedding photojournalist.



John Dudak

He created our new website and believes he can help increase our membership, volunteers and attendance at shows by making the community more aware

of the high quality of the productions and the rich and rewarding experience the center provides.

We are excited to have Sandy and John on our staff! Be sure to stop by and say hello.



Rachelle Brisson and Julia Mahar helping at a work party for "City of Angels"

Free Beer and Hot Dogs at Summer Work Parties

Three work parties are scheduled for this summer, and Board President Jamie Cornell wants all volunteers to know that they will be served free beer and hot dogs as an incentive to come to the Ti-Ahwaga Performing Arts

Center and help out with cleaning, painting and organizing.

Wednesday----- July 7 ----- 5:00 p.m. - ?

Wednesday---- July 21 ----- 5:00 p.m. - ?

Saturday----- July 31 ----- 10:00 a.m. - ?



John Nolis

Scholarship Awarded to John Nolis

The Ti-Ahwaga Community Players annual \$100 scholarship was awarded to John Nolis this year.

John is a senior at Owego Free Academy, and the son of two of our members, Jan and Bill Nolis. John is also a regular volunteer at the center. Most recently he provided valuable assistance with set construction and tear down for "City of Angels."

Congratulations on your well-deserved award.

Auditions for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"

Auditions for the production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" will be held on July 27 and July 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ti-Ahwaga Performing Arts Center.

Auditioners should prepare a monologue and be prepared to do cold readings from the script.

Parts are available for 12 adult males and 4 adult females.

Male Roles

- **Randle P. McMurphy** (age range 30-50), devilish, physically demanding role.
- **Chief Bromden** (30-45), muscled, large, narrator of the play.
- **Seven other patients** of all ages, minor to major roles.
- **Two Male Aides.**

Female Roles

- **Nurse Ratched** (age range 30-50), cool and detached.
- **Candy Starr** (20's), a girl who loves a good time.
- **Sandra** (20's), also out for a good time.
- **Nurse Flinn** (20-40), nervous and aloof.

Rehearsals will begin August 16, 2010, and performance dates are October 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 and 15, 16, 17.

Please contact Sandy Knapp-Dunbar at 687-2130 to schedule an appointment.



Children's Animation Workshop

Children ages 8 through 13 will learn professional animation techniques at a workshop taught by award winning filmmaker and Art Institute of Chicago professor Chris Sullivan at the Ti-Ahwaga Performing Arts Center, on Saturday, June 26.

The workshop is made possible through a grant from the Experimental Television Center's Presentation Funds Program, which is supported by the New York State Council on the Arts; and the Kiwanis Club of Owego.

In Loving Memory



Alyce Kathryn Barnes Marks

On August 29, 2009, a light went out at our little theater with the passing of Alyce Marks. Alyce was many things to the Ti-Ahwaga Players—Actress, Producer, Director, Board Member, Vocal Coach, Co-Conspirator. More importantly, she was our friend—someone who brought joy to our lives and made us laugh every moment we were with her. Everyone has a favorite "Shutty Story." Alyce had that rare ability to light up a room or a stage with her mere presence.

The last few years she took on a new role—our inspiration. We are all better people for having had her in our lives, and she leaves a hole that can never be filled. She touched our lives and we will never forget her. So we dedicate our 51st season to our friend, Alyce.

Thank you Shutty for all of the love and wonderful memories that we will forever cherish!

Memorial donations may be made in Alyce's name at:
www.ovariancancer.org
www.standup2cancer.org