



## Cohasset Dramatic Club

### NEW SUMMER DRAMA WORKSHOP PRODUCTIONS A BIG HIT

CDC wrapped up our 2009 season with our Summer Drama Workshop, produced in conjunction with the Cohasset Recreation Department this past July. This year the program was split into two distinct programs by age group; and a new tradition of CDC Theater was born!

Over one weekend, 55 energetic 8 to 13 year olds brought the heartfelt story of little orphan Annie to life in the musical, *Annie* for three virtually sold out performances. Those three matinees were countered by three evening performances by 15 energetic and extremely

talented, South Shore young people ages 14 to 19 in one of the first Massachusetts amateur productions of the Broadway hit, *The Wedding Singer*, based on the Adam Sandler movie of the same name. Kudos to the production team of Lisa Pratt, Director, Mark Bono, Music Director, Choreographer Wendy Hall and Stage Manager, Cecelia Chapman for two outstanding productions.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

At the September meeting of the Board of Directors, new Club officers were elected. Chris Hetherington was elected President; Mark Bono was elected as Vice-President; Arthur Harvey will serve as the group's Treasurer and Lisa Pratt will be the Secretary. On behalf of the CDC, the

Board thanked outgoing President Lisa Pratt for her hard work throughout her 2-year term. Also sitting on the CDC board are Jean Di Giacomandrea, Rob Hillman, Betts Murray, and Lisa Rafferty.

### BROADWAY SMASH Lend Me a Tenor OPENS NOVEMBER 6TH!

Director Lisa Rafferty has assembled an outstanding cast to present this laugh-a-minute comedy, winner of three Tony Awards and enjoyed by audiences here and abroad. The show takes place in 1934, as cast and staff of the Cleveland Opera Company prepare for the big opening night of Verdi's 'Otello' with famed (fictional) opera star

Tito Merelli. Mistaken identity, slamming doors, high-strung characters and an uproarious series of mishaps combine to ensure non-stop laughter. To highlight the show within a play aspect of *Lend Me a Tenor*, CDC will present incoming audiences with faux programs and posters from 'Otello' and will recreate an opening night at the Opera experience for the first Saturday evening performance, complete with red carpet and formally dressed opera patrons. In addition, CDC will offer a special limited time two-for-one ticket offer for opera lovers who attend Loring Hall *Opera in Cinema* performances in Hingham between October 10<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. *Lend Me a Tenor* stars Mark Bono, Richard Chason, Bonnie Gardner, Cara Lee Haman, Chris Hetherington, Caroline Maus, Jake Plummer, and Lisa Pratt. Show dates are November 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and 8 and 15 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for general admission and \$14 for seniors, students and groups of 8 or more. They can be purchased at

Buttonwood Books and Paperscapes, Cohasset or via reservation at 617-697-2115. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the show, one hour prior to performance at the box office.

For more info, visit [www.cohassetdramaticclub.org](http://www.cohassetdramaticclub.org)

## FOOTLOOSE SLATED FOR SPRING 2010

Next spring, CDC will present the musical "Footloose", one of the most explosive movie musicals in recent memory to hit the live stage. When Ren and his mother move from Chicago to a small farming town, Ren is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. What he isn't prepared for are the rigorous local edicts, including a ban on dancing instituted by the local preacher, determined to exercise the control over the town's youth that he cannot command in his own home. Things get complicated when the

Reverend's rebellious daughter sets her sights on Ren and her roughneck boyfriend tries to sabotage Ren's reputation. With many of the locals eager to believe the worst about the new kid, the heartfelt story that emerges is of a father longing for the son he lost and of a young man aching for the father who walked out on him. All of this is set to the rockin' rhythm of its Oscar and Tony-nominated top 40 score (the soundtrack album reached number one on the Billboard charts and has sold over 15 million copies!) and augmented with dynamic new songs for the stage musical, *Footloose* celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind. Directed by Lisa Pratt, with Music Direction by Mark Bono and Choreography by Caroline Maus, auditions will be held on December 13 and 14 with callbacks on December 15. Rehearsals will start in January and show dates are March 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 at 7:30 p.m. and March 14, 21, 28 at 2:00 p.m.

## SUMMER DRAMA PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED FOR 2010

CDC is pleased to announce that for Summer 2010 we will continue to offer two distinct drama programs for youth and teens. Our shows for next year will be the newly released musical, *13* for youth ages 13 - 19 and *Seussical, Jr.* for youth ages 8 – 13. Watch your email and our spring newsletter for more details about sign-ups which will be held in May 2010, audition dates (tbd) and show dates (July 2010).

## CDC THESPIANS ONSTAGE

Many CDC members just wrapped a very successful run in Hingham Civic Music Theater's "Carousel", directed by Bill Boyer and Music Directed by Bob Kniffen. Those involved onstage include Rebecca and Reed Dickinson, Jen Kuzmeskas, Logan and

Madison Pratt, Pauline Rockwell, Ellen Spadorcia and Anne Thornton. Mark Bono and John Ferguson participated in the orchestra for the show.

Other CDC members appearing locally include Andrew Lemieux and Will McDonald in 1st Trinitarian of Scituate's *Children of Eden* running on October 30 and November 1<sup>st</sup>. The

gentlemen are also appearing with Megan Rafferty in Scituate High School's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*; Barbara Baumgarten in Cohasset

*Cabaret*, a South Shore Benefit, on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, Denise Feeny in

Company Theater's *A Christmas Carol*, running in November and December. Jake Plummer in Hanover High School's *The Princess Bride* in December.

Rebecca Dickinson, Miranda Rich, Madison Rockwell and Catherine Umamo will appear in Company Theater's Teen Conservatory Production of *Footloose* in January 2010.

## 2009-2010 CDC MEMBERSHIPS

Enclosed in this newsletter is CDC's annual membership form. Without the support of our members, we would not have been able to continue to maintain our 88-year commitment to presenting fine entertainment for the community. The benefits of membership are outlined on the following page, along with a subscription to our newsletter and of course the enjoyment of participating in all facets of our productions. So to you, our members and friends, we deeply thank you. In this 2009-2010 season, our 89<sup>th</sup> year, we ask for your support once again.

Please mail in your membership form today!

## LOOKING FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES AND FUTURE NEWS

Help us build our email database list (and save on stamps!!) to keep everyone up-to-date on all the CDC news. Please send your news and/or email address to our Secretary, Lisa Pratt at [cohassetdramaticclub@](mailto:cohassetdramaticclub@comcast.net)

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