



Harmony Headlines

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A NEW HARMONY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

At the recent Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 9, Harmony Theater General Manager Jen Basmajian announced that a new scholarship will be given each year in honor of retiring Harmony Board member Catherine Clark.

Catherine was a founding member as well as the longest serving member of the board. Her experience in the areas of developmental disabilities and education were valuable contributions during her decades on the board.

Another scholarship was begun in 2015 honoring Cindy Louden, former Harmony Board Chair. Both scholarships offer a \$100 stipend toward the following year's tuition for a lucky Harmony Theater participant, and are funded solely through the "Harmony Marketplace" where participants and friends donate handmade items for sale at the fall concert and spring show.

The first winner of the Catherine Clark scholarship is **Betsy Mayne**.

Congratulations Betsy!



Harmony Board member Sheila Darden (r) presents scholarship to Betsy Mayne on behalf of Catherine Clark.

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DATE WITH THE DIRECTORS



The annual Date with the Directors was held on January 20 right after Saturday rehearsal and was open to all.

A movie, crafts, games, lunch....what a fun and special day for these actors!

And the directors had a blast sharing this year's "date" with so many of them.



SPOTLIGHT ON: ERIN MONAGHAN, VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR



How did you become familiar with Harmony Theater?

When I was a student at Gwynedd Mercy College I would hear Dr. Deb Schadler talk about it. As an education requirement, we needed to complete TAP (Teacher Apprentice Program) experiences. One of those TAP experience choices was Harmony. I signed up and enjoyed it so much that I never left.

What made you decide to volunteer/ become a director?

From that Tap experience, I had so much fun that I wanted to keep doing it. Harmony had filled a hole in my heart that I never knew existed. From being there on Saturday mornings, I felt like I was making a difference in someone's life. All the actors are so welcoming and genuine, I wanted to be able to do more for them so I continued to volunteer. When the opportunity came to be a student leader, I applied and was one of the two that were offered the position. After I graduated from Gwynedd I continued

to volunteer and eventually became a team leader. When Sonya Myers resigned as a director, I was offered that position and I accepted.

What do you do each week at Harmony as "Volunteer Director"? What is your job description?

I am in charge of contacting our volunteers about a variety of different things. During the week, I email them and let them know of any updates to schedules, events, or activities. If there are any issues or concerns from the volunteers, I bring it to the directors or the board. I am in charge of the Harmony email and talking to any interested people who are thinking about volunteering. On Saturday mornings, I discuss with the volunteers the activities for the day and what we need them to do. We are very fortunate to have some great volunteers who are willing to do whatever to help Harmony. I am also in charge of coming up with one of the rotations each week. As it gets closer to showtime, I have worked with Jen Bee in the past with costumes and props and will be working with Holly this year.

What do you like about this position?

I love being able to explain Harmony to potential volunteers. It is great to be able to share this amazing program with anyone who will listen! I love being a part of the talented directors group. We listen to what the actors express to us and try our best to do everything in our power to bring it to life. I like that I can go to the board meeting and share my thoughts on how to continue to make this program a great one.

What do you do outside of Harmony?

I work with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in Autistic Support at Keith Valley Middle School and love it! There is no better job than that. I enjoy fostering the abilities of these remarkable individuals. They all hold a special place in my heart and help me to be a better person.



Jen B congratulates Erin Monaghan at the May performance for 10 years of service to HT

I thoroughly enjoy spending time with my family and friends, especially my three young nieces. We love to bake, go shopping, and swim in our pool. I have two cute dogs at home, Tucker and Murphy, that definitely keep me on my toes. I like listening to music and taking walks. I rejuvenate myself by spending time at our house up the mountains.

WHAT'S NEW OUTSIDE OF HARMONY



On December 28, 2017, **Kristin Wilson** went with her parents to the Walnut Street Theater in Philadelphia where her sister Melissa was appearing in the role of Mrs. Pugh, the cook, in the musical *Annie*.

(In the photo below, Melissa is to the left of Daddy Warbucks with her hands folded.)

It was a thrilling experience for Kristin to see Melissa on stage!

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Betsy Mayne got to sightsee along the east coast during a vacation in August 2017 to Boston, Massachusetts and Portland, Maine. With her roommate Jenny, she traveled there on a bus excursion and had many wonderful experiences. Her favorites were rides on an old railroad, the sailing cruise boats in Boston, and all the great food.

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Two or three days a week, **Julie Hadermann**



helps her mom baby-sit for her 19-month-old niece Leah at their home. Julie's mom says that Julie is a big help by playing with Leah and running after her. Julie also loves to take pictures of her niece.

At the end of April, one of **Jason McCann's** sisters, Jessica, is taking him on a cruise! They will go to the Bahamas aboard Royal Caribbean's Enchantment of the Seas. Jason has always wanted to go on a cruise and Jessica has stepped up to take him. It will be just the two of them. Her husband will stay home as will their parents. They will surely have some wonderful memories to last a lifetime!

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Kareem Schlegel has submitted this painting to the Philadelphia Autism Project Art Show which will be held at either City Hall or Community Behavioral Health from March 12 to April 27, 2018.

Kareem and his staff Crystal painted a 16" x 20" canvas mural of Philly that included things that Kareem loves about the city. He enjoyed doing the painting and having the Philly skyline on it and he liked all the words on it.

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Dana Marion attended the Sweetheart Dance on February 11, 2018 at Drexelbrook Catering. She danced, did Karaoke, and took pictures with her friends from the AADD group. Her favorite part was the dancing and the lunch.

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Sarah Immerman will be competing in the upcoming Montgomery County Special Olympics Equestrian Competition held at Sebastian Riding Associates in Collegeville on April 15, 2018. She will be attempting to qualify for the statewide competition to be held at Penn State University in June. Sarah loves riding and has 13 years of experience. She loves her instructors Lara and Mike.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" TO THESE HARMONY ACTORS

DECEMBER:

Belated best wishes to Bob Lunney for his birthday on December 8, the first night of the Harmony Concert! Our apologies for omitting it in the last issue.

JANUARY:

- 13 - Maria Salamone
- 16 - Erin Costlow
- 18 - Sarah Immerman
- 25 - Jason McCann



FEBRUARY:

- 3 - Dana Marion

MARCH:

- 6 - Tiffany Miracle
- 10 - Lexi Mueller
- 22 - Betsy Mayne
- 29 - Kirsten Pfeiffer
- 31 - Damon DiDomenica

APRIL:

- 3 - Randy Moross
- 15 - Kareem Schlegel
- 17 - Rebecca Knight
- 17 - Andrew Ronca
- 19 - Katie Hibbert





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