

MUSICAL THEATRE WEST NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER FOR PATRONS OF
MUSICAL THEATRE WEST

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MUSIC IN THE MORNING A HIT!

The 3rd Footlighter luncheon of the year was held March 20th at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach. 150 Footlighters and guests enjoyed a gift boutique featuring a variety of vendors before the luncheon. The program featured MTW performers in the presentation the Footlighters helped sponsor in local schools during March. **THE HISTORY OF MUSICAL THEATRE IN 42**

MINUTES AND 28 SECONDS was as big a hit with the guests as it was with over 3000 students in the nine schools visited. MTW favorite Tami Tappan Damiano also autographed her newly released CD for the guests who purchased it, and donated 20% of the sales to Footlighters. The afternoon raised almost \$4000 for the Youth Programs of MTW.



Photo IDs Left to right, top to bottom: Pat Mohler, Mary Lu Hauser, Leone Landis, - Larry Nemirow, Jennifer Vigiletta, Shari Nemirow, Jacquie Wetenkamp, Stephanie Davis, - Gary Cooper, Judy Cooper, Jeanne Looman, - Shirley Callan, Judy Edson, Charlotte Roush, Jane Mouw; - Susan Rose, Vivien Kiley; - MTW performers from **THE HISTORY OF MUSICAL THEATRE IN 42 MINUTES AND 28 SECONDS**

A SPECIAL DAY FOR ANTHONY GAGLIARDI, DISTINGUISHED PATRON OF THE ARTS

April 4th was Anthony's Day as Musical Theatre West honored Anthony Gagliardi with it's 6th Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award. "An Afternoon at Thee White House honoring Anthony Gagliardi" was attended by almost 200 MTW supporters and Anthony's friends and family. The event raised almost \$20,000 and was chaired by MTW Board member Shelley

Sherman. Shirley Wild and Mari Hooper, Honorary Co-Chairs presented certificates and letters of commendation from elected officials and MTW performers Tami Tappan Damiano and David Burnham entertained the guests. Owner Bruno Serrato and his White House staff provided a delectable 4 course meal in his award winning restaurant.



Photo IDs Left to right, top to bottom: Mari Hooper, Anthony Gagliardi, - Anthony with his mom Amelia, - Anthony being congratulated by the MTW Board and Trustees, - Shelley Sherman, Marylou Dunn.



Photo IDs Left to right, top to bottom: Linda Knohl, Paul Garman, Judy McNulty Black, Anthony Gagliardi, - Mary Blake, Bev Horn, - Frankie Grover, Ginny Oleen, Lorraine Ward, - Shirley Wild, Anthony Gagliardi, - Liz Minor, Jacquie Wettenkamp, Harry Minor, - Anthony with his family.

“HOT” REVIEWS FROM CRITICS AND AUDIENCES FOR HOT MIKADO

HOT MIKADO, the second show of our 51st season received rave reviews from critics and audiences alike. The energetic show also played to our enthusiastic crowd of local school children in a special performance sponsored by our Youth Cultural Enrichment Program. Over 1000 youngsters attended thanks to a grant from the Public Corporation for the Arts and James Ackerman of the Evalyn M. Bauer Foundation.

"Hepcat spins a **HOT MIKADO**. A dazzling tropue reprises the Bojangles version of the Gilbert and Sullivan classic with zest and energy."

David Nichols – LOS ANGELES TIMES

"Bright, beautiful, swinging and HOT."



Jennifer Shelton



Carol Dennis



Greg Poland Carol Dennis



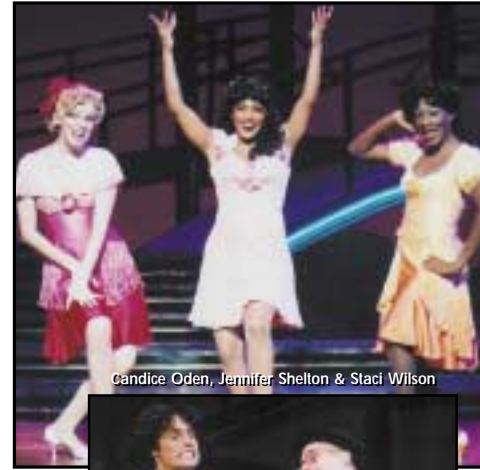
Jamie Torcellini & The Gentlemen of Japan

...as exciting and entertaining a musical romp as you could ask for, full of bright colors, hilarious performances, and swinging and jumping music and production values."

John Farrell – LONG BEACH PRESS TELEGRAM

"**HOT MIKADO** puts jive in Japan. ...wacky, joyous, off-the-wall and just plain enjoyable. This staging will tickle your funny bone and get your foot tapping and it's doubtful you'll view even a traditional version of "The Mikado" quite the same way again."

Eric Marchese – ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER



Candice Oden, Jennifer Shelton & Staci Wilson



David Burnham & Jamie Torcellini



Jamie Torcellini & Carol Dennis



Jennifer Shelton & David Burnham



Jennifer Shelton, Jamie Torcellini & David Burnham

"All the components are HOT in MIKADO, from tour jetes to truckin', to high lifts to gymnastic leaps and flips, to a thousand taps. I doubt we'll see anything better in the musical comedy realm than this ultra-hot, and ultra-lovable HOT MIKADO."

Alvin Randall – VIEW FROM THE HILL

"...THE MOST JOYOUSLY ENTERTAINING Musical Theatre West production in years – possibly the group's finest offering to date. Hot is the operative word in this smashing endeavor, an early contender for musical of the year."

Les Spindle – BACK STAGE WEST