

# MUSICAL THEATRE WEST NOTES

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## TRAVEL CLUB TOURS EUROPE

Twenty-seven members of the MTW Travel Club spent 10 days in Europe September 30 – October 9th. The tour began in the Czech Republic with 3 nights in the capital city of Prague. A performance at the Prague State Opera, a visit to Prague Castle and the Presidential Palace and a Czech Folklore evening and river cruise were a few of the highlights. Next it was off to the home of **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**, Salzburg, Austria where we enjoyed a Mozart evening in a 14th century monastery and a beautiful Danube cruise. The final destination was Vienna and culminated in a delightful evening of Strauss and other Viennese composers. The trip was

highlighted by culinary delights at some fantastic restaurants, great camaraderie and a lot of fun.

**NEXT UP: New York Theatre Trip,  
May 16 – 22, 2006**

Call the office for a brochure or check at the information table in the lobby. ■



# BROADWAY

About 600 guests came out on a beautiful summer evening for the 7th Annual "Broadway in the Park" held August 6, 2005. The dinner was catered by Galley Catering at the Grand and the music of The Blue Pacific Swing Orchestra was enjoyed throughout the evening. Entertainment featured previews of MTW's 53rd season and guests visited the homes of Gene and Ann Lentzner **THE KING AND I**, Garland and Pauline Sinow **I LOVE A PIANO** and Tino and Martha Bernadett **NEVER GONNA DANCE**. The Footlighters sponsored the pre-event VIP Party held at the home of Arlene Solomon under the chairmanship of Charlotte Roush and Susan Rose. MTW Summer Youth Conservatory members entertained and also served as waiters throughout the evening along with the Fullerton High School Jazz Studies Program. State Senator Alan Lowenthal welcomed guests and Auctioneer John

Kunkle conducted a spirited live auction which netted \$25,000. The Silent Auction was chaired by Sande Rice and Janet Foley and featured over 200 items. The evening raised over \$120,000 for MTW's Youth Outreach Programs thanks to the generous underwriting of the following sponsors:

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# IN THE PARK

Fremont Investment and Loan, Kathryn Baker Campbell and Supervisor Don Knabe.

Over 100 MTW Guild members and others helped throughout the evening under chairs Les Braunstein and Aaron Moore.

Mark your calendar for Broadway in the Park 2006 on August 5, 2006. ■



# DONOR RECOGNITION/ OPEN HOUSE HUGE SUCCESS!

Despite the skies turning grey and opening up with rain, Sunday, October 16 was a huge success when Musical Theatre West opened the doors of the Rehearsal Hall and Administrative Offices for a celebration of the donors to the 2004 – 2005 season. TGIS was on hand to supply some fabulous hors d'oeuvres followed by the performances of Elizabeth Ward Land, Quintan Craig

entertainment continued with The Stephens Middle School Pandrum-onium Steel Band and performances by some of MTW's favorite performers including Bets Malone, Kim Huber, Richard Bermudez, Kevin McMahon and Jennifer Shelton. The Retired Firefighters donated their time and a lot of food and brought over a vintage fire engine for the public to view. The day ended with a performance of the Musical Theatre Guild show, **FROM THE PAGE TO THE STAGE**. This show is part of the MTW Outreach Program that travels to Long Beach Unified Schools. Attended by over 300 people, the entire day was a part of the Arts Council for Long Beach's celebration of October is Arts Month. The entire day was co-ordinated by Board Member and Committee Chair, Shelley Sherman, and her committee. ■



and David Jennings. Paul Garman then presented beautiful crystal gifts to each of the donors. Following this entertainment the building was open to the general public and neighbors for viewing. The afternoon

