



MUSICAL THEATRE WEST NOTES

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HONORING MAYOR O'NEILL



Over 100 Musical Theatre West supporters gathered in the beautiful Virginia Country Club home of Stephen and Stephanie Salyer to honor the 2006 MTW Distinguished Patron of the Arts, Long Beach's own Mayor Beverly O'Neill. Past honorees include Richard Carpenter, Harvey Waggoner, Sara Wenkle Kaplan, Ken & Dottie Reiner, Linda Knohl, Anthony Gagliardi, Patricia Grisham; most of whom were present to congratulate Beverly O'Neill. Proclamations and letters of congratulation were received from California State Assembly Member Jenny Oropeza, California State Assembly Member Betty Karnette, United States Senator Barbara Boxer, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. A special "Thank You"

from the Long Beach Symphony was presented by Executive Director, Jack Fishman. The afternoon began with a VIP cocktail party and home tour conducted by the Salyers. Guests enjoyed the background music of the Long Beach Poly High Jazz Combo and delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by MTW and T.G.I.S. Catering. Entertainment during the afternoon was presented by Broadway stars Elizabeth Ward Land (**THE KING AND I, THE THING ABOUT MEN**) and Kevin Earley (**GUYS AND DOLLS, I LOVE A PIANO** and **ANYTHING GOES**). Patrons dined poolside during a perfect day. Ste Michelle Wine Estates and Red Diamond Winery graciously provided the wine for the event. The afternoon raised over \$20,000 for the Youth Outreach Programs of Musical Theatre West which reach over 15,000 local school children each year. Major underwriters included Jim and Sandy Day for the tables, chairs, china etc. and Len Lovett for the food. Additional underwriters were Joe and Edna Moore, Kurt Schulzman & Richard Neri, Bill Houck, Frankie Grover, Sara Kaplan, Linda Knohl and Paul Garman.



MTW FOOTLIGHTERS

The final MTW Footlighter "Music in the Morning" was held Saturday, June 17th at The Grand in Long Beach. Some 200 Footlighters and guests attended the luncheon which included a sneak preview of **ANYTHING GOES**. A highlight of the day was the presentation of five \$800 scholarships to aspiring high school students pursuing a career in musical theatre.

Area high school students were invited to audition. Twenty-three auditioners from nine local high schools participated. All students had to be recommended by their

drama/music teachers. The schools were: OCHSA, St John Bosco, Millikan, Lakewood, Oxford, Los Alamitos, Renaissance, LB Poly and Huntington Beach High School - Academy of the Performing Arts.

The judges were Mary Lou Dunn - committee chair, Jerry Wulk, Barbara Rathbun, Robert Sciortino and Paul Garman. The committee had a very challenging time choosing the top five auditioners as all were of high quality, good performing skills and all had love of the genre oozing out of them.



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MUSIC IN THE MORNING

This year's five scholarship winners and their schools are: from OCHSA – Rachel Viele, from Oxford – Kayla Cavaness, from Los Alamitos – Gabrielle Levy and from Millikan – Rebecca Fisher and Danny Theyer.

Funds for the scholarship come from donations. Many of the donations were in memory of Billy Beadle, long time supporter of musical theatre and long time MTW performer.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of or honoring a friend or loved

one, you may send a check to MTW Footlighters, 4350 E 7th Street, Long Beach, CA 90804.

