

**THE NEIGHBORHOOD
PLAYHOUSE**

December 2011

**WHAT ARE YOU
"DOING"?**

In this holiday issue, we wanted to update you on a few of our Playhouse grads – maybe even your own classmates. Stay in touch with the us through the alumni email (alumni@neighborhoodplayhouse.org) so we may include you in our newsletters.

Don't forget the annual holiday party on Saturday, Dec. 10th.

In Memorium

David Pressman [2011]
Head of Acting Dept NP
from 1957 to 1963

Jennifer Davis-Ford [2007]
Class of '96

Sydney Pollack [2008]
Class of 1954; Sandy Meisner's Assistant; Actor, director, writer, producer.

Greg Cassel [2008]
Class of 1977; Father of NFL
quarterback Matt Cassel.

Betty Garrett [2011]
Class of 1938; Broadway,
Film & TV actress.

Charles Dubin [2011]
Class of 1942; TV Director
of MASH.

Mary Fickett [2011]
Class of 1946;
All My Children.

The Reality of **Doing**

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Class of 1954

Patricia (Beach) Thompson; Edna in *A Delicate Balance*; Actor and Sound Designer.

Class of 1961

Beverly Hayes, played the mother of Richard Harteis in the feature film *"Marathon"* directed by Biju Viswanath.

Class of 1962

Patricia Donegan is busy doing theatre in Chicago. *Hot L Baltimore* with David Cromer; *"Uncle Vanya"* translated by Curt Columbus and more.

Class of 1967

Diane Keaton, stars opposite Robert DeNiro and Robin Williams in *The Wedding*.

Class of 1978

Robert Spera, wrote & directed *"Fathers and Sons"* (2009) featuring Brad Whitford and Samantha Mathis.

Class of 1980

Phyllis Kay is Resident Artist at Trinity Rep with fellow NP Grad **Michael Gennaro**; *"The Proposal"* (2010) with Sandra Bullock.

Class of 1981

Bruce McKinnon, Lead roles in LifeTime Movie Network's *"The Wronged Man"* opposite Julia Ormond and *"Living Proof"* opposite Bernadette Peters; supporting role on Fox Series *"Past Life"* (2010).

Class of 1984

Allison Janney can be seen in the ABC comedy *Mr. Sunshine* with Matthew Perry.

Class of 1985

Dylan McDermott, plays Ben Harmon in the new series *American Horror Story*.

Class of 1986

Sheilagh Weymouth, *The Master Builder* (2011), directed by Andre Gregory, translated & featuring Wallace Shawn.

Class of 1989

Kristina Lear, wrote & directed

feature *"Cough Drop"* (2009); Asst. Artistic Director of The Echo Theatre Co. in L.A.

Class of 1990

Rebecca Cammisa, directed HBO documentary, *"Which Way Home"* (2009), about freight-car-riding child migrants.

Class of 1992

Lori Ann Triolo, TV & Teaching: Currently, several TV shows including the character of Lt. Trotter on *"Smallville."* Teaches Meisner Technique at East End Acting Studio in Vancouver.

Class of 1993

Bryan Callen currently plays Capt. Frank Dashell on the TV series *"Death Valley"*; appearances in *The Hangover & Warrior*; Spokesperson for Gillette.

Steven Ditmyer, 2012 directing projects include the premiere of *"In Our Own Voice"* and the benefit concert *"Voices United"* at Radio City Music Hall. Teaches at American Academy of Dramatic Art and Meisner workshops around the world.

Class of 1996

Lars Lundt, Limfjorsdeatret Theatre, 2011/12 Season, Denmark.

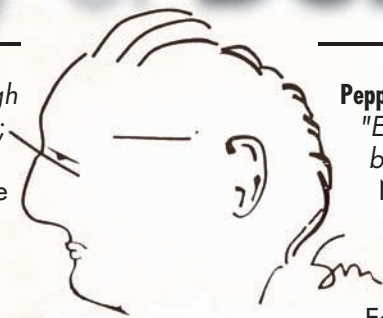
Class of 1997

Clodagh Bowyer, recently played various characters in the NY Times critically acclaimed audio book *"Skippy Dies"*; *"The Playboy of the Western World"* & *"The Bells of Christmas"* at The Irish Rep.

Darcie Siciliano, TV Commercials and *"Red Dog Howls"* in LA with Kathleen Chalfant.

Class of 1998

Brian Geraghty, currently filming *Flight*, directed by Robert Zemeckis, with Denzel Washington and John Goodman.



Peppe Holmsten, *"Easy to Assemble"* (2009), with NP Grad **Illeana Douglas**, Justine Bateman, Kevin Pollak, Ed Begley Jr.

Class of 1999

Gregory Konow, World Premiere with Godlight Theatre of *In the Heat of the Night* (2010); appeared with fellow NP Alumn **Ryan O'Callaghan**, **Bryce Hodgson & Scarlett Thiele**.

Class of 2001

Jennifer Laine Williams appeared in World Premiere of new play, *Psychomachia* (2010) with fellow NP Grad **Ashlie Atkinson**.

Class of 2004

Esther Barlow, Mac Rogers' *Universal Robots* at Manhattan Theatre Source (2009 New York Innovative Theatre Awards nominee, *Best Ensemble*); Founding Member and Co-Producer of The Bridge Theatre Co. with fellow NP Grad **Dustin Olsen**.

Antonio Merlano, lead in Colombian film, *"The Miraculous"* (2008).

Class of 2005

Avery Pearson's one man show, *Monster*, was nominated for the 2010 NYIT "Outstanding Solo Performance" Award.

Class of 2006

Yung Chang, *"Up the Yangtze"* (2008), documentary about the damming of the Yangtse River. First Pick at Sundance & 2009 Best Documentary Genie Award.

Christopher Duncan is acting, writing & directing; Member of the Crosshatch Theatre Co. with several NP grads.

Gregory Lay, *Einstein and Mileva*, (2011); member of Crosshatch Theatre Co.

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Class of 2007

Stephen Agosto, directed original musical *Crazy Like Me* for NYMF (2011), awarded Best of Festival; as Co-Founder/Artistic Director of Crosshatch Theatre Co., produced *Einstein and Mileva* (2011); directed *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* at Fordham University; choreographed for Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (2009); recording voice overs and teaching at Papermill Playhouse and others.

Eloise Ayala, stage managed *A Wolf Like Me* (2010) for "3YT" Third Year Theatre Co.; currently working on several independent film projects.

Geoffrey Bryant, as Co-Founder/Artistic Director of Crosshatch Theatre Co., produced *Einstein and Mileva* (2011); also designed sets for *Einstein and Mileva*.

Emma Canalese, as Co-Founder/Artistic Director of Crosshatch Theatre Co., directed and produced *Einstein and Mileva* (2011)

Danelle Eliav, current member of Barefoot Theatre Co., working with Israel Horowitz; actor, writer & director performing with

Labyrinth Theatre Co., Primary Stages, CSC, Red Bull Theater and more.

Dana Hunter, "*ALBA*" (2011), a new translation & adaptation of Lorca's *The House of Bernarda Alba* at Gene Frankel Theatre.

Kimberly Laurene produced *A Wolf Like Me* (2010); started "3YT" Third Year Theatre Co.

Romina Sacre, produced *A Wolf Like Me* (2010); started "3YT" Third Year Theatre Co.

Lauren Schacher performed *A Wolf Like Me* (2010); member of "3YT" Third Year Theatre Co.

Class of 2008

Will Poston, low-budget feature "*American Seagull*" (2010) with '47 Grad **William Biff McGuire**.

Class of 2009

Allie Dunbar, Lead role in "*Vincent 1979*", directed by **Ron Stetson** with Susanne Shepard and fellow NP actors **Andrew Pigott**, **Mara Lalli & Hannah Tinker**; lead in indie feature film "*Footsteps*" (2011).

Geraldine Johns, currently filming "*Placebo*"

written by Justin Ho & fellow NP grad **Ryan O'Callaghan**; *No Exit* (2009) at Times Square Art Center.

Sergio Martinez, "*The Bus Stop*" (2010) at the The Richmond Shepard Theatre.

Ryan, O'Callaghan, currently writing and filming "*Placebo*"; "*The Columbine Project*" at Actors Temple Theatre NYC.

Class of 2010

Mathew Minor, originated the role of "Bear" in Neil Cuthberts dark comedy, "*White People*" (2011) at E.S.T.; going on tour with "*Seussical*" in January.

Mathieu Sys' first original play, *Americans 'N Indians*, premiered at Ohio Theatre's Ice Factory Festival 2010.

Class of 2011

Carolina Bartzak, SAG Low Budget Feature "*Plato's Reality Machine*".

Mackenzie Davis just wrapped "*Untitled*," the new Drake Doremus project with Amy Ryan, Guy Pierce and Felicity Jones.

Rachael Fox, *Twelve Angry Women* (2011) for Adam Roebuck Productions; member of NJ Shakespeare Company

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