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The AFTRA/SAG Senior Radio Players Present

It's a Wonderful Life

(originally broadcast March 10, 1947 on the CBS Radio Network)

7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30)
Thursday, December 10, 2009
Claudia Cassidy Theatre of the Chicago Cultural Center, Randolph
at Michigan, second floor

**Admission is free,
just be sure to bring your imagination!**

A Few Spaces Remain. Call Today to Register!

Seize the Day - Learn How to Market Yourself

with Tony Castillo, Craig J. Harris, Joe Wright and Cedric Young

Saturday, December 5

Have you ever thought about who ultimately is responsible for marketing you as a performer? The thought might be, "my agent." The reality is, it is you.

Join Tony Castillo, Craig Harris, Joe Wright and Cedric Young on Saturday December 5, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Kaufherr Members Resource Center.

They will address these and many more marketing questions you may have, including: Is being an actor or singer really a business? If so, what can I do to get more business? What should my headshot or demo CD say about me, and what can I do to make sure it does? What can I do to get casting directors to know about me and remember me? What Internet tools are available to assist me and get more exposure in Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New York City and even Vancouver? Why iActor?

Seize the Day

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, December 5
Kaufherr Members Resource Center

One East Erie, Suite 660

Call the union office at (312) 573-8081 or e-mail lwagner@aftra.com to register. Please include your membership number. You must be a current AFTRA or SAG member to attend.

The AFTRA/SAG Senior Radio Players Present *It's a Wonderful Life*

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7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Thursday, December 10, 2009

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Admission is free.

Consider George Bailey of Bedford Falls, N.Y.: It's Christmas Eve, 1946, and he's deeply in the dumps-even considering suicide. Cut to Heaven-yes, Heaven-where an angel named Clarence has been assigned to keeping George alive-if possible. It is possible, and, as you probably know, the rest of the story follows George's ups and downs. Don't miss this radio play!

It's a Wonderful Life

Director: Herb Graham

Producers: Guy Barile, Connie Foster, Don Stroup, Bob Baron

ANNOUNCER.....PARKER GRONWOLD
KEIGHLEY.....BOB MAHER
JOSEPH.....DENNIS KELLY
CLARENCE.....HERB LICHTENSTEIN
MR. GOWER.....DARYL SCHULTZ
GEORGE (YOUNG & OLDER).....GUY BARILE
POP.....BF HELMAN
HARRY.....MARTIN HALACY
MARY.....CONNIE FOSTER
OLD MAN.....J DAVID MOELLER
UNCLE BILLY.....JOHN YODER
MR. POTTER.....DON STROUP
DR. CAMPBELL.....BOB MAHER
MRS. BAILEY.....PAT VERN-HARRIS
MRS. HATCH.....MICHAELA NELSON
SAM.....DARRYL WARREN
ERNIE.....BOB WEISS
LIBBY.....AMI SILVESTRE
FLORENCE.....PENNY REYNOLDS
MARTINI.....JDAVID MOELLER
WELCH.....BF HELMAN
SUSAN.....JOANIE WINTER
BRIDGEKEEPER.....BOB BARON
NICK.....MARSHALL BEAN
BERT.....DAN FRICK
CROWD AND KIDS
MAN 1.....JDAVID MOELLER
MAN 2.....BOB BARON
MAN 3.....MARSHALL BEAN
WOMAN 1.....JOANIE WINTER
WOMAN 2.....AMI SILVESTRE

TOM.....DAN FRICK
RANDALL.....MARSHALL BEAN
SCATTERED VOICES IN CROWD.....PENNY REYNOLDS, PARKER GRONWOLD, BOB BARON
JANIE.....JOANIE WINTER
PETER.....DARRYL WARREN
ZUZU.....MICHAELA NELSON

Tech Training with Todd Hisson is FULL

The December 14 workshop is full. Call the union office at (312) 573-8081 or e-mail lwagner@aftra.com to be put on the waiting list. Please include your membership number. You must be a current AFTRA or SAG member to attend.

Discount for Activator Readers

Dr. Harlon's Keys to Better Living

AFTRA and SAG members, just say ACTOR when purchasing tickets at the door or by phone, (312) 988-9000, and pay half-price for the Friday (8 p.m.) and Sunday (3 p.m.) performances from now until the show closes on Dec. 13.

In this one-man show written and performed by Will Clinger, you will meet self-help guru Dr. Harlon Stewart and 10 people who've chosen to follow his dubious advice....

Dr. Harlon's Keys to Better Living

8 p.m. Fridays, 7 and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays

Now thru December 13

Royal George Theater

1641 N. Halsted, Chicago

For more information, please log on to [Royale George Theater](#).

KMRC to Offer Film Workshop - Details Soon!

In 2010 KMRC will offer an in-depth eight-week program to train AFTRA/SAG/AEA members on how to write, produce, shoot, edit and distribute a marketing piece between three and five minutes long. This project could make you an Internet darling, or get you a new agent or an audition.

Classes will be taught by industry professionals, limited in size, and may require an application. Stay tuned and keep reading *The Activator*! As details are finalized, everything will be announced here.

Clarification

The last issue of *The Activator* included the answers to a quiz in honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. In question 8, Robert David Hall was described as the national chair of the SAG Performers with Disabilities (PWD) Committee. Mr. Hall is also the national co-chair of the Performers with Disabilities Committee for AFTRA, a position he shares with Anita Hollander

Getting Affordable Health Care in Minneapolis

Workshops Thursday, December 17, and Friday, December 18

Our friends from The Actors Fund will be in Minneapolis and St. Paul this month to offer their free seminar, "Getting Affordable Health Care in Minneapolis". The workshops schedule is: Thursday, December 17, 6-7:30pm, Hennepin County Central Library, Conference Room N402,

300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

Friday, December 18, 12:30-2pm, St. Paul Central Library, 4th Floor Meeting Room, 90 W. 4th St, St. Paul

Register for the seminar now by sending an e-mail to Renata Marinaro at rmarinaro@actorsfund.org or by calling (800) 221-7303, ext. 165.

The seminar will cover finding affordable health insurance, getting health care when you're uninsured, lowering the cost of medications, applying for government-subsidized programs, and understanding current health care reform efforts. A Q&A will follow, plus individual consultations. It is free. The information given at the workshop is comprehensive, unbiased, and without commercial or political sponsorship of any kind.

The Artists Health Insurance Resource Center website at www.ahirc.org was recently redesigned to be more user-friendly. They have also created a new website, www.artistsunitedforhealthcare.org, to address the desire of many people in the arts and entertainment fields to get involved in health care.

The Actors Fund is a national human services organization that helps professionals in performing arts and entertainment in times of need, crisis or transition. More information is available at actorsfund.org.



Special Schedule for Office and KMRC

December 4 KMRC closed between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
December 7 KMRC will close at 3:30 p.m.

In response to the members' request to stay informed, *The Activator* may include notice of rallies, pickets and other actions by unions and the labor movement that have not been sanctioned by the National or Chicago Board of Directors of AFTRA or SAG. This information is provided as a convenience.

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