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"A Conversation with Andrea Marcovicci"

1 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2010

and

"A Conversation with Ken Howard"

7 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Kaufherr Members Resource Center
One East Erie, Suite 660
Chicago, IL 60611**

Seating is limited. Please call the office to RSVP for either event, (312) 573-8081.

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Andrea Marcovicci was hailed as the "most Sinatra-like" of the new generation of cabaret performers by *Life Magazine*. She was described as "torch singer, spellbinder, heart-breaker," by *People*.

Singer and actor, Marcovicci began her career on the daytime television series *Love Is a Many Splendored Thing*. She debuted on Broadway in *Ambassador*, and last appeared in *Any Given Day*. Her film credits include *The Front*, *The Hand*, *The Stuff*, *Spacehunter*, *The Canterville Ghost*, *Someone To Love*, and *Jack the Bear*. Her many television appearances include *Arli\$\$*, *Cybill*,

Taxi, Magnum P.I., Hill Street Blues, Trapper John, M.D. and Strong Medicine.

Marcovicci will be in Chicago to perform her cabaret act at Davenport's, July 14-17. We are honored that she has taken the time out of her busy schedule to meet and talk about her amazing career with Chicago union performers.

This is a FREE event for AFTRA, SAG and Equity members. Bring your paid-up union card for admittance. Call the office to RSVP, (312) 573-8081. For more information on Marcovicci, visit her website at andreamarcovicci.com.

Be a Part of W & W 2010

Chicago AFTRA/SAG is holding Joint Wages & Working Conditions meetings in preparation for the AFTRA Exhibit A and SAG TV/Theatrical Contract negotiations. For details on W&W 2010, please visit either the AFTRA website at AFTRA.com or the Screen Actors Guild website at SAG.org.

Make your voice heard. Proposals for this important negotiation are developed through the involvement of members like you. Meetings are open to all paid-up AFTRA and SAG members.

When: Noon, Thursday, July 15
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5 p.m., Thursday, July 29

While every meeting will include general conversations about all aspects of the contracts, the July 15 meeting will allow time for the specific concerns of **background, singers and dancers**.

Remember, these meetings are only for wages and working conditions for the AFTRA Exhibit A and SAG TV/Theatrical contracts.

Where: Chicago AFTRA/SAG Boardroom, One East Erie, Suite 650, Chicago, IL 60611

Please RSVP by contacting Kathy Byrne at (312) 573-8081 or by e-mail at kbyrne@aftra.com.

Attention all Cleveland and St. Louis AFTRA and SAG MEMBERS

Chicago AFTRA/SAG will be conducting a Joint Wages & Working Conditions meeting* in preparation for the AFTRA Exhibit A Contract and SAG TV/Theatrical negotiations. For details on W&W 2010, please visit either the Screen Actors Guild website at SAG.org or the AFTRA website at AFTRA.com.

Proposals for this important negotiation are developed through the involvement of members like you. Make your voice heard, attend and participate in this very important process. Meetings are open to all paid-up AFTRA and SAG members.

CLEVELAND MEETING

When: 1 p.m. (EST) Thursday, July 22, 2010

Where: Cleveland AFTRA Office - 820 West Superior Ave., Ste. #240, Cleveland, OH 44113

Please RSVP by contacting Cathy Nowlin at (216) 781-2255, or by e-mail at cnowlin@aftra.com

ST. LOUIS MEETING

When: 5 p.m. (CST) Thursday, July 29, 2010

Where: The St. Louis AFTRA office at 1310 Papin St., St. Louis, MO 63103

Please RSVP by contacting Maureen O'Brien at (314) 231-8410, or by e-mail at mobrien@aftra.com.

E-mail Suggestions - Can't make it to the committee meeting? You can still play an active part by e-mailing your ideas to wandw2010@sag.org or wandw2010@aftra.com. Recommendations must be received by August 6, 2010.

All proposal recommendations will be reviewed by the Joint Wages & Working Conditions Committee.

*AFTRA and SAG Cleveland and St. Louis members will take part in the Chicago AFTRA/SAG W&W meeting via conference call.

AFTRA/SAG Senior Radio Players Present *The Man Who Came to Dinner* on July 20

Sheridan Whiteside, the cantankerous but talented writer and radio personality, reluctantly accepts a dinner invitation while on a lecture tour in a small town in Ohio. His thought is to eat and run, but he slips on a patch of ice and is forced to change his quick-escape plans. It's a nightmare for the host family as Whiteside takes over the household with a combination of demands, rudeness, and expensive whims. Even after the doctor reveals to Whiteside that he has misread the x-rays and the leg is fine, Whiteside bribes the doctor not to tell anyone so he can stay on to-in the words of critic Hal Erickson--"stage-manage the lives of everyone around him."

Series: Theatre Guild on the Air; also known as The United States Steel Hour

Program: *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (originally broadcast November 17, 1946, on the ABC Radio Network)

Director: Parker Gronwold

Producer: Mercita DeMonk

7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) Tuesday, July 20
Chicago Cultural Center's Claudia Cassidy Theater
Admission is free- first come, first seated.

Say Happy Birthday to Fern Persons!

Fern Persons turns 100 years old on July 27. Everyone is invited to help Fern celebrate. We'd like to shower her with good wishes.

If you get a card to the Chicago office by July 20, we'll get it to Fern. Please drop off or mail your cards to AFTRA/SAG, One East Erie, Suite 650, Chicago, IL 60611. Spread the word. All are invited to participate, but it's a surprise, so please don't tell Fern!

A long-time member of both AFTRA and SAG, Fern has worked with many of you. She also served on the Chicago AFTRA Board and SAG Council along with serving as a SAG national vice president and National Board member.

Networking Night at the KMRC July 22

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Special Guests: Members of the AFTRA/SAG Seniors Committee

With the idea that it helps to know where you've been to see where you are going, several members of the AFTRA/SAG Seniors Committee have agreed to lead this month's Networking Night. Bridging the gap between yesterday and the future, they'll share stories and experiences of their careers as part of a discussion of the way things were, the way things are today, and the way we'd like to see the industry in the future.

6 - 8 p.m. Thursday, July 22
Kaufherr Members Resource Center
One East Erie, Suite 660

Work the perk! Networking Nights are held the fourth Thursday of each month. Like all AFTRA/SAG Conservatory and KMRC programming, it is a benefit of your union membership and offered to all AFTRA and SAG members in good standing. Please bring your paid-up membership card.

KMRC Committee Meeting Noon, Wednesday July 28

Do you want to have a role in guaranteeing that the KMRC continues to be a valuable resource for Chicago's AFTRA and SAG members? Put your ideas and energy to work. Join the Kaufherr Members Resource Center Committee.

Your input is important to the KMRC and the many members who use it. Whatever your skills or areas of interest are, your help is needed. Think about how you can help. There is always much work to do. To join the committee or to RSVP for the July 28 meeting, call the AFTRA/SAG office at (312) 573-8081.

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The president of Screen Actors Guild will share details about his long career and his vision for the future of the Guild.

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A working member of Screen Actors Guild for more than 40 years, Ken Howard was elected the 25th president of the Guild on September 24, 2009.

A Tony and Emmy Award winning actor, Howard has earned a formidable list of credits, including his role in HBO's critically acclaimed *Grey Gardens* - for which he earned his second Emmy just four days before winning the SAG presidential election.

He made his professional debut on Broadway in 1968 and since has performed in nearly 40 stage productions, seven of which were on Broadway, and more than 20 feature films. In television, he has starred in seven series, six mini-series and 16 movies, in addition to making countless guest appearances. He helped create *The White Shadow*, a groundbreaking television series in which he starred from 1978 through 1982, and would go on to have recurring roles on shows such series as *Dynasty* and *Crossing Jordan*. The veteran character actor also has portrayed several U.S. presidents in his career, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Warren G. Harding.

Howard spent three years in Cambridge, Mass., teaching at the American Repertory Theatre,

Harvard University and Harvard Law School. He authored the book *Act Natural*, published by Random House in 2003.

This is a FREE event for AFTRA, SAG and Equity members. Space is limited so please call the office to RSVP, (312) 573-8081. Bring your paid-up union card for admittance.

The Chicago Comedy TV Pilot Competition 2010

9 p.m. Thursday, July 22
Chicago Cultural Center Theater
78 E. Washington Street

The Chicago Comedy TV Pilot Competition, now in its fourth year, represents a partnership between the comedy shorts festival and The Chicago Film Office. One of the first TV pilot competitions in the country, and unique in that it is restricted to comedy, this event is designed to showcase sitcoms based on original ideas by Chicagoans. The jury includes TV executives from ABC, CBS and Fox along with representatives of some of Hollywood's top talent agencies.

Admission price is \$10, but six lucky *Activator* readers-and AFTRA or SAG members in good standing-can win a free ticket! Reply to this e-mail and include your name and membership number. Winners will be drawn on Monday, July 19. For more information, visit chicagocomedytvpilotcompetition.com.

Union Plus Offers Union Safe Programs

As an AFTRA or Screen Actors Guild member, you always can rely on Union Plus to provide great benefits, rain or shine. In challenging economic times, these discounts and programs can be even more valuable. Check out the [Union Safe](#) program for an overview of the benefits offered.

Credit counseling: Members and their families can get free credit counseling services, budgeting advice and no-fee debt management and bankruptcy counseling benefits. Call (877) 833-1745.

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Foreclosure prevention: If you're worried you might lose your home, call the Union Plus Save My Home Hotline at (866) 490-5361 any time, day or night, to avoid foreclosure.

Unemployment Lifeline: In our business, being out of work is nothing new. But everywhere you go, hardworking families are struggling to get by, and too often, they don't know where to turn for help. That's where the Unemployment Lifeline comes in.

Unemployment Lifeline is sponsored by Working America and the AFL-CIO. It is a one-stop guide that links workers to the resources in the areas they live, connecting them with everything from unemployment offices to veterans' services to childcare. It also offers the opportunity to talk to others and share support and lessons learned. On this site you can find local resources, discussion boards, cost saving tips and advice.

The [site](#) is new and more resources are constantly being added. Make sure you pass this information on to your friends and family members who could use some help.

Movie Tickets

The Chicago AFTRA/SAG office continues to offer discount tickets for use at AMC theaters.

Tickets must be purchased in person, \$6 each, two ticket minimum, cash only. Some restrictions apply—including not valid for first 10 days of run—but tickets no longer expire! They are good until you use them.

Please call the office for specifics and to confirm availability at (312) 573-8081. Log on to amcentertainment.com for participating theater locations and schedules.

Special Hours for Office and KMRC

The AFTRA/SAG Chicago office and the KMRC will close at noon Friday, July 16, 2010, for a staff retreat. The office and KMRC will reopen Monday, July 19, 2010, at 9 a.m.

In response to members' requests 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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