

Labor Day: 2012

New York

Saturday, September 8, 2012

9:15 am assemble for 10 am Parade

New York City's Labor Day Parade kicks off on Saturday, September 8 at 10 am. Equity members will assemble at 9:15 am on West 44th Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues. Join working families and your fellow Actors and Stage Managers in the annual march up Fifth Avenue. Information: 869-8530 ext. 330.

Philadelphia

Monday, September 3, 2012
Time/Location: TBA
Check AEA's website (www.actorsequity.org), e-blasts and the Philadelphia Liaison Yahoo group for details. Join your fellow Actors, Stage Managers and Union Members from all walks of life to share in the celebration of labor's role in protecting workers.

Philly area AEA Members who are interested in voluntarily providing their email address to the Philadelphia AEA Yahoo Group can contact the Committee at phlliaisoncommittee@yahoo.com.

Buffalo/Rochester

Monday, September 3, 2012
AEA members are invited to ride the AEA-IATSE Labor Day Parade float in the parade

begins at the Buffalo Irish Center on Abbott Road near Stevenson Street and continues into Cazenovia Park. Set up at 10 am, line up at 11 am, parade kicks off at 12 Noon.

Friends and family are invited to the AFL-CIO picnic for food, fun and Equity gifts. For more information, email Buffalo Area Liaison Don Gervasi at dongervasi@gmail.com.

Milwaukee

Monday, September 3 2012
MASH (Musicians, Actors, Stagehands) will participate in the Milwaukee Labor Day Parade on September 3. Check AEA's website (www.actorsequity.org) for details.

Minnesota State Fair

AEA will participate at the AFL-CIO Pavilion at the Minnesota State Fair from August 23-September 3, 2012. Check AEA's website (www.actorsequity.org) for more details.

Kansas City

Check out Labor-Palooza, KC's Labor Day festival on Labor Day weekend. Visit www.laborpalooza.com for more details.



Broadway Serves!

The team for Broadway Serves! in this year's AIDS Walk included Equity members from the companies of *Memphis*,

Sister Act, *Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark*, *Ghost*, *Leap of Faith*, *Chinglish*, *Rent*, *Hair*, and *Voca People*. At press time, they had raised more than \$10,000. Broadway Serves! is a service

Denver

Oh, Henry: Equity Receives an Award

(L to r) AEA members Chaz Grundy, Rachel Fowler, First Vice President Paige Price, Denver Liaison Shelly Gaza, Western Regional Director Mary Lou Westerfield and Betsy Cassell attend the Colorado Theatre Guild's annual Henry Awards gala in Denver on July 17, 2012. Equity received a special Henry Award in recognition of its upcoming Centennial.



(Photo: Brian Landis Folkins)

Buffalo/Rochester

Equity Actors Shine at 22nd Annual Artie Awards

By Don Gervasi Area Liaison

The 22nd Annual Artvoice Theatre Awards honoring local productions from the 2011-2012 season were held at the Town Ballroom in Buffalo, NY on June 4, 2012. The "Arties" were started in 1991 by Anthony Chase, Theatre Editor of Artvoice, a free weekly newspaper dedicated to the arts in Western New York. All proceeds from the evening (along with proceeds from area theatres' sale of red ribbons) go to Benedict House, which provides non-discriminatory residential housing opportunities and supportive services for persons living with AIDS. The evening was emceed by Mr. Chase, Lisa Ludwig and Amy Jakiel, with music direction by Michael Hake.

Equity members continued to have a presence at the Arties this year. Member Brian Mysliwy received the award for Outstanding Actor in a Play, hilariously playing Valere in Irish Classical Theatre's production of *La Bete*, while member Stan

Klimecko took home Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Play for playing Boolie in Jewish Repertory Theatre's *Driving Miss Daisy* (which also starred AEA members Laverne Clay and Sheila McCarthy). Member Maureen Anne Porter was awarded the Artie for

Floyd Collins for American Repertory Theatre of Western New York.

Other AEA members nominated for Arties were John Fredo (*One More for My Baby*, MusicalFare Theatre), Adriano Gatto (*Emperor and Galilean*, Torn Space Theatre), Don



Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Play
Maureen Anne Porter. (Photo: Gene Witkowski)

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Play for playing Claire in Irish Classical Theatre's *A Delicate Balance*. In addition, Equity Membership Candidate Steve Copps received the Artie for Outstanding Actor in a Musical playing the title role in

Gervasi (*One More for My Baby*, MusicalFare Theatre), Josephine Hogan (*Vivian*, New Phoenix Theatre/Red Thread Theatre Co.), Ellen Horst (*Imagining Madoff*, Jewish Repertory Theatre), and Norm Sham (for *Direction*, 42nd Street, Kavinoky Theatre).

More than 500 people attended this year's ceremony with over \$7,000 raised for Benedict House. Over the years the Artvoice Theatre Awards (and the connected sale of red ribbons) has raised well over \$200,000 for AIDS-related causes.

Arizona

Arizona Theatre Company Receives Largest Donation in its History

Arizona Theatre Company (ATC) has received the largest donation in its 46-year history. The \$500,000 gift came from a donor who wished to remain anonymous, but is an Arizona resident, an active member of the community, and a loyal theatre patron who first attended an ATC production as a student.

"Arizona Theatre Company is a valuable asset for Arizona, whose impact extends far beyond professional theatre performances. ATC is doing essential work to educate the youth of our state by igniting their creativity

arts to them. For me, attending ATC productions as a young person ignited my lifelong love of theatre and continues to inspire me and my family. I'm honored to be able to make this kind of gift. It is my hope that others will join me in supporting ATC."

ATC is the leading professional theatre company in Arizona. Boasting the largest seasonal subscriber base in the performing arts in the state, it is the only resident company in the U.S. with a two-city operation (the Temple of Music and Art in Tucson and the Herberger Theater

New Hope, Pennsylvania

Bucks County Playhouse is Back

Third Vice President Ira Mont (second from l) and President Nick Wyman (fourth from l) attend the gala ribbon-cutting on July 2, 2012 for the new Bucks County

