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## MADogram

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### MAD 2017 Fall Show: Announcing the Cast of FOLLIES

Character	Actor(s)
SALLY DURANT PLUMMER	Cathy Barth
BENJAMIN STONE	Shawn Perry
PHYLLIS ROGERS STONE	Jill Goodrich
BUDDY PLUMMER	Mike Marshall
HEIDI SCHILLER	Kathy Nieman
STELLA DEEMS	Dee Brent          Sarah Toppins
CARLOTTA CAMPION	Betsy Edwards      Nina Harris
HATTIE WALKER	Mary Collins        Cathy McCoskey
SOLANGE LA FITTE	Karen Levay        Linda Pattison
DIMITRI WEISMANN	Eliot Malumuth    Jeff Pattison
EMILY WHITMAN	Sherry Mitchell
THEODORE WHITMAN	David Solomon
DEE DEE WEST	Wendy Schlegel
SANDRA CRANE	Anne Hull
“SALLY”	Betsy Edwards
“MARGIE”	Linda Sellner
YOUNG SALLY	Julie Rose
YOUNG BUDDY	Michael Silber
YOUNG PHYLLIS	(vacant)
YOUNG BEN	Sean Morton        (vacant; double-cast)
YOUNG HEIDI	Christine Smit
ROSCOE	(vacant)
MAX DEEMS	(vacant)
KEVIN (a waiter)	(vacant)
SHOWGIRLS/DANCERS	Tiffany Hoerbelt, Kathleen Moors, Trisha Randazzo, Lauren Ward
ENSEMBLE/CHORUS	Pat Laczo, Penny Martin, Karen Moore, Ron Nieman, Iris Pierce, Sarah Voorhies, Ginny Zanner

**Thanks:** Thank you to everyone who came out to audition for *Follies* and to all those who helped with the audition process! We still have a few slots to fill in the cast. There are five named characters for whom we are actively recruiting. If you have suggestions of someone to play any of these roles, either inside or outside of MAD, or have a contact you'd like us to reach out to, please let director Kim Weaver know at 301-625-8482 or [Kimberly.A.Weaver@nasa.gov](mailto:Kimberly.A.Weaver@nasa.gov).

**Performances:** There are ten performances of *Follies* at the Barney and Bea Recreation Center. Performance dates are October 27, 28, and 29 and November 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11. Ticket information will be available shortly.

**Volunteers Always Welcome:** If you'd like to support your fellow thespians from behind the scenes, please contact our producer, Eliot Malumuth ([eliot.m.malumuth@nasa.gov](mailto:eliot.m.malumuth@nasa.gov)). We are currently looking to fill the crucial production staff roles of Stage Manager, Costume Designer, House Manger and Sales Manager.

## **MAD 2017 Fall Show: Orchestra Announcement**

The MAD Orchestra is still seeking string players (violin, viola, cello, acoustic bass) to play in the orchestra for its Fall productions of "Follies," with music by Stephen Sondheim. Please email orchestra conductor Chris Wells at [christine.wells@verizon.net](mailto:christine.wells@verizon.net) if interested. The show runs for 10 performances over three weekends, Oct. 27–Nov. 11, in the rec center. Rehearsals for orchestra will be weekly, starting in late August, dates to be determined.

## **MAD Call for Winter Show Director**

MAD is looking for a director and show package for the 2018 Winter Show. The Winter Show is usually a comedy, drama or a single, small cast musical. The show would run three weekends between February and March. Auditions are generally in November. If you or someone you know is interested in directing, please contact Eliot Malumuth ([eliot.malumuth@nasa.gov](mailto:eliot.malumuth@nasa.gov), 301-286-5776) by September 15, 2017.

## **MAD Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the MAD Board will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2017, starting at 5:30 pm in Building 3, Room 137. All club members are welcome to attend.

## **MAD About Town**

**Jim Pasquale** will be appearing as Husband #3 in "One Click Away," at the Silver Spring Stage One-Act Festival, from Thursday, August 24th, through Sunday, August 27th.

**Anne, Jon, David, Elizabeth and Rebecca Gardner** will play as *Transatlantic Crossing* for the Greenbelt Contra Dance on Saturday, August 5. There is dance instruction for beginners at 6:30pm and then the dance itself runs from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. All the dances begin with a walk-through and are called by April Blum. Tickets are \$10 each. The dance is in the Greenbelt Community Center gym at 15 Crescent Road in Greenbelt. *Transatlantic Crossing* plays high-energy fiddle tunes from both sides of the Atlantic, with Anne and Elizabeth on fiddle, Jon on guitar, David on piano and Rebecca on electric bass.

Greenbelt Arts Center announces auditions for *The Wizard of Oz*, directed by **Jon Gardner**, music directed by Daniel Flores, choreographed by Rikki Howie Lacewell and produced by Win Britt. Auditions will be at the theater on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, August 7, 8 and 10, starting at 7pm, with callbacks (if needed) on Saturday, August 12 at 10am. Rehearsals start September 17 and performances will be November 24 to December 17. For more information see <http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org/downloads/oz.docx>. MAD members on the production staff include **Anne Gardner** (Stage Manager), **Rebecca Gardner** (Lighting Designer), **Tommy Zanner** (Lighting Consultant), **Steve Beitzell** (Special Effects and Sound Designer), **Eliot Malumuth** (Video Designer), **Jen Retterer** (Set Painter) and **Kristi Gardner** (Assistant Stage Manager). The beloved 1939 MGM musical movie is brought to life on stage with all of your favorite songs.

Longtime MAD member, **John Degnan**, is directing the Prince Georges Little Theater (PGLT) production of "The Nerd" which opens at the Bowie Playhouse in Whitmarsh Park on Friday, August 11, and closes on Saturday, August 26. This hilarious farce was written by the late Larry Shue, a local actor and playwright who also wrote "The Foreigner," which John directed for MAD and won First Runner-Up honors for Best Non-Musical in the 1995 British Embassy Ruby Griffith Awards competition. The show also features MAD member **Melanie Pinot-Elliott** as "Tansy". For details on the show, schedule, and venue please visit the PGLT website at [www.pglit.org](http://www.pglit.org).

**Rosalie Daelemans** will be appearing in 'Seven Shades of Gray', a One-Acts Festival at Colonial Players! Seven one acts will be presented in two alternating slates: Slate A and Slate B. Rosalie will be performing in Slate A on July 28, July 30, and August 5. The one-acts that she is in are: *Fourteen*, by Alice Gerstenberg and *'dentity crisis* by Christopher Durang. Ticket prices are \$10 per slate, general admission. Purchase at [tickets.thecolonialplayers.org](http://tickets.thecolonialplayers.org) or by calling the Box Office at 410-268-7373, option 2. Colonial Players is located at 108 East Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.

**David Solomon** is excited to have been cast in the dancing and singing role of Theodore Whitman in the upcoming MAD Fall Show, "Follies." And he also] may soon be appearing as a TV cameraman in, of all things, a TV show: "CopyCat Killers," a crime re-enactment series in its second season on the REELZ cable/satellite TV channel (DirecTV 238, Dish Network 299, FiOS 233/692, Xfinity 161). The episode David expects to appear in is, he believes, called

"Wolverine," and is expected to air (for the first time) on Saturday, August 19, at 10:00 PM (EDT).

## **AND: Open House for Randy Barth!**

Mark your calendars for July 30! The Barths will have an Open House to celebrate Randy's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday and upcoming September retirement. Of course, we will have the famous Barth food and drink available from 2PM to 8PM, and please no presents! Everyone is welcome! Please see our Evite to RSVP and for address and map to the house: <http://bit.ly/barthopenhouse>