April **2019** 

# RedCoats



## VOLUNTEER MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following Redcoats for reaching a volunteer-hour milestone!

5000

Joe Ferritto\*

4500

Alvira Green

4000

Cathy Miller

3250

Dawn Hutchinson

3000

**Dennis Quigley** 

2750

Susan Otto

2250

Tuck Tucker\*
Barbara Wamsley

2000

Sherry Dangremond\* Karen Sweeney

1750

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Maria Fodor\*
Karen Lewin
Marian Mittler\*
Molodian Price

1500

Emma Craig Judy Miller Sharon Rogers Gail Young

1250

David Friedman\* Ivey Holley\* Agnes Kovar Sue Richter 1000

Stuart Gensert Mike Hoffman Etta Mack

Judy Pollack Barb Roberts Bill Winans

750

Shosh Ault\*
Palmer Chin
Betty Clay
Thurston Coleman
Carolyn Eiermann\*

Cheryl Hollis Larry Lasky Jeannine Marko Marilyn Reiser

Aj Stokes\* Sharon Tate Linda Yonkers

500

Gloria Buxton Jan Carnes Linda Lozzi\* Paula Matney Pam Oehme Nicky Ortner Chris Sheetz

Bill Speros\*
Connie Speros
Beverly Suber

250

Dino Alfano Kay Applefeld Marilyn Bagley Olivia Beebe Kay Benjamin Laurie Chambers

\*Denotes Head Usher

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### Playhouse Square

#### • From the desk of Gina, Volunteer Manager



#### Volunteer Appreciation Week

Sending out a huge thank you to our volunteers this week! We are so thankful for the time that each one of you contribute to Playhouse Square. The show could not go on without the hard work and dedication of all our volunteers. Thank you for choosing to spend your valuable time with us.

#### Note from a recent guest:

From the very first moment, whether a veteran visitor or first timer, one is greeted by a volunteer usher dressed neatly and appearing prepared and earnest in their desire to assist. Our experience started off with a positive energy from the instant we encountered volunteer staff. Clearly, beyond the splendor that is the facility itself, and the shear talent attracted through international channels producing world class entertainment, are the heart of what makes Playhouse Square unique and attractive as \*THE\* gold standard of performing arts.

#### Phantom Technical Delay

Recently some of our volunteers experienced a technical delay during a performance of The Phantom of the Opera. I'm told that everyone immediately got up and went to their positions in case of an evacuation. We are so thankful for how seriously all of our volunteers take their work here – this was a great example of how seriously you all take the safety of our guests and everyone working in the theaters.

#### **FVA Appreciation Week Vouchers**

For anyone that missed it previously, the Forum for Volunteer Administrators offers coupons each year that can be used by volunteers to visit local museums and attractions around town for free or a discounted rate. These coupons are good through this coming weekend (April 14th). Please print off the coupon sheet <u>HERE</u> or look in the Volunteer Room for a hard copy. Please see below for a list of organizations with coupons.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Rail Road Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Cleveland Museum of Natural History Akron Zoo Great Lakes Science Center The Holden Arboretum
Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage
MOCA Cleveland
Cleveland Botanical Garden
Lake Metroparks Farmpark

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#### FRONT OF HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

Dear RedCoats.

We are actively recruiting volunteers with a positive attitude and good leadership skills to join our Head Usher team. Head Ushers have supervisory responsibilities and work closely with the House Managers to provide an outstanding experience for our guests and RedCoats.

A training session will be held on Saturday, May 18th from 10 am -2 pm. Lunch provided.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Minimum one year experience as a volunteer
- 90% attendance or better
- Able to work upstairs and downstairs; good knowledge of all the theaters
- Dependable, self-motivated, team player, excellent communication and problem solving skills
- Able to remain for the entire performance

#### Responsibilities:

- Check in 15 minutes before regular volunteers for the pre-show Head Usher briefing
- Follow designated policies and procedures as specified by the House Manager
- Be vigilant of potential safety issues
- Supervise pre-show and end of performance volunteer duties
- Team leader for volunteers in assigned area
- Ensure all equipment is returned to designated areas

It is important to remember that Head Usher duties still include seating and assisting guests. If you wish to be considered for a Head Usher position, or would like more information, please contact Ed Broderick, Front of House Manager, at <a href="mailto:edward.broderick@playhousesquare.org">edward.broderick@playhousesquare.org</a> by Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your consideration and continued support of Playhouse Square!

#### Reminder about Thone Use

I am confident that the majority of our RedCoats follow our phone policies while in the theater, however, we do continue to receive occasional emails like the one below. Please remember that people are always watching. It makes it difficult for staff and your fellow volunteers to correct guests who are using their phones during performances when RedCoats are also doing violating the policy.

I normally never complain I love our theater district I attend shows as often as my busy schedule permits. I am a small business women and respect customer service. Today during the first act of the show I was disappointed by the Red Coat volunteers around me, during the show they were on their phones. The very sad part was when I said excuse me please the show is in progress they continued to be on their phones these were not the young volunteers they were people my age and older. I have purchased tickets for my son for the Lion King in the same section of the theater I hope this issue is addressed so he can enjoy his day with his father without rude volunteers disrespecting the show, cast, crew, guests and other volunteers. I have never had such a disappointing experience at playhouse. Please consider my comments as respectful. Most all of the Red Coat volunteers are wonderful respectful theater supporters, I just happened to be seated near several who have no clue how to behave in a theater.

250 cont. Sandy Gordon **Becky Griffiths** Vicki Hankins Sandra Hunter Ellen Jones Nancy Kalinsky Sue Kenney Sam Lees Carol Lewanski Ann Mancini Tom Perney **Denise Pollard** Casey Ross Carolyn Sadler Charlene VanDeWeerd Linda Wasco Mary Wierzbinski **Donna Witmer** 

100 Melissa Arcuri Donzetta Darden Ruth Fife-Crepage Harold Geiss

Virginia Goetz Richard Greenwald

100 cont. Susan Greenwald Kellie Gregg Hanna Harb Sara Hemminger Catherine Holloway Jim Holloway Linda Huesman Sinead Irwin Tracey Kirksey Renae Lesiak TIna Loizos Peggy Malone Kathi Ondus Pat O'Neill Jackie Pasadyn Alex Pruitt Molly Pruitt Donnamarie Reeves Suzanne Sandoval Shannon Slabaugh Shelly Stefancin Mary Lee Stowell Jacqueline Strowder + Shadina Terry Tom Trombley

### RedCoats who received STAR Awards this month

Kim Garred\*
Erika Harrington
Meryl Johnson

Jake Komar Michelle Ramey

**Sherry Wick** 

#### Please Welcome our Newest RedCoats!

Alberta Bee Tony Boris Sandy Burba Ruth Crosby Miranda Davis Kara Flaherty Annette Humphrey Claudia Jones Charisse Kane Sally Kennedy Peter Lui Gertha Menefee Ethan Moses Sue Netzel Linda Olen Karen Plotz Andie Pohlod Maureen Puckett William Puleo Susanne Smith Marlin Spellman

## Thank You to our Retiring RedCoats with 10+ years of service!

Terisia Campbell Marilyn Kristof Rose Leaf

#### In Memoriam

Bill Capper\*
Patricia Lund
Laura Messing

\* Denotes Head Usher

#### **UPCOMING WEEKS**

## VOLUNTEER NEEDS AND RUNNING TIMES

#### Flanagan's Wake

April 10 –27

Kennedy's | 2 hrs w/ I

- FR E 4/19 7pm
- SA E 4/20 7pm
- SA E 4/27 7pm

#### **Tiny Houses**

April 10 - 14

Outcalt Theatre | 90 min no I

#### The Taming of the Shrew

April 10 - 14

Hanna Theatre | 2 hrs 15 min w/ I

#### **Phantom of the Opera**

April 10 - 20

KeyBank State | 2 hrs 30 min w/ I

- WE E 4/10 6pm
- FR E 4/12 6pm
- SA M 4/13 12pm
- TH E 4/18 6pm
- FR E 4/19 6pm
- SA E 4/20 6pm

#### **Tree of Oedipus**

April 10 -14

Helen | 90 min no I

#### Junie B. Jones

April 10 -14

Ohio Theatre | 45 min no I

- SA M 4/13 12:30pm
- SU E 4/14 3:30pm

#### **Black Violin**

April 14

Connor Palace | 90 min no I

#### **A Bronx Tale**

April 23 – May 12

Connor Palace

- SA M 5/4 12pm
- FR E 5/10 6pm

#### 42<sup>nd</sup> Street

April 26-29

Ohio Theatre

• FR E 4/26 6pm

#### **UPCOMING WEEKS**

## VOLUNTEER NEEDS AND RUNNING TIMES

#### **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre**

April 26-28

KeyBank State

#### **Native Gardens**

April 27 – May 19 Allen Theatre

- SA E 4/27 6pm
- FR E 5/3 6pm

#### Shh! We Have a Plan

April 30 – May 3 WIST

- FR M 5/3 8:45am
- FR M 5/3 10:45am

#### **Twenty Thousand Leagues**

April 30 – May 3 Ohio Theatre

- FR M 5/3 8:45am
- FR M 5/3 10:45
- SA M 5/4 9:30am
- SA M 5/4 12:30pm

#### Jason Bishop: Straight Up Magic

May 3-4

KeyBank State

- FR M 5/3 10:45am
- SA M 5/4 10:30am
- SA M 5/4 1pm

#### Million Dollar Quartet

May 3 - 26

Hanna Theatre

- SA E 5/11 6pm
- WE E 5/15 6pm
- FR E 5/17 6pm
- SU M 5/19 1:30pm

#### **Todd Rundgren**

May 5-6 – check back 5/3

Ohio Theatre

#### **Beth Hart**

May 7

Ohio Theatre

#### **RBRM**

May 12

KeyBank State

Click Here for the Current Volunteer Schedule



#### Family Theater Day

Family Theater Day is coming up soon on Saturday, May 4th. That day, and the week leading up to it, we will have extra family-friendly shows for kids of all ages!

We are looking for extra volunteers to help out, especially at Jason Bishop: Straight Up Magic. We could currently use an additional 40-50 volunteers at each of his performances.

Please click the date and time links below if you're interested in helping out! If you click the show name it will take you to a description of the show.



#### Twenty Thousand Leagues

- FR M 5/3 8:45am
- FR M 5/3 10:45
- SA M 5/4 9:30am
- SA M 5/4 12:30pm



#### SHH! We Have a Plan

- FR M 5/3 8:45am
- FR M 5/3 10:45am



Jason Bishop: Straight Up Magic

- FR M 5/3 10:45am
- SA M 5/4 10:30am
- SA M 5/4 1pm