🕏 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 2017

RedCoats

VOLUNTEER MILESTONES Congratulations to the following Redcoats for reaching a Volunteer-hour milestone! *

4500 **Rose DeCapite**

3000

Nancy Battenfield Mary Ann Niemczura

2500 Elizabeth Coppedge **Barb Dietrich**

2000 John Bromelmeier Kathy Marquard

1500 Marsha McCroden

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Gay Borchert Connie Furmanek* Ivey Holley Irene Vianos Jack Wolf

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Terry Appell Judi Campobenedetto **Thurston Coleman** Mary Jo Deucher

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Tom Bowman Pat Brewer Anthony Dibacco* Judy Fillinger Livia Fry **Yvonne Gates** Judy Hagerty Leonard Jackson* **Rosemary Krupar** Carol Lawton Carol Lindblom *Denotes Head Usher

3250 Louella Smith 2750

Sharon Halm **Dennis Quigley**

2250 Joanne Skapura

Frank Dirk Jeff Grubb* **Betsy Ingram** Paula Lavender

1250

Rhona Confer* Sherry Dangremond' **Bruce Dennison*** Enid Friedman* Lorrie Stratis

Sheryl Henderson **Rita Reese** Barb Roberts **Ruth Scheib** Mary Schulte Roob* Sarah Sinegar Mona Skal

250 Cont. Sig Mikolajczyk Ann Moravec Dan O'Brien Nanette Sherwood Dan Smerglia **Gloria Thomas**

Drusilla White

1750

Rich Meyer*

750

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🕑 From the desk of Gina, Volunteer Manager

I hope that all of you are enjoying the decorations and hustle and bustle around Playhouse Square as much as I am this month! It's a lovely place to be during the holiday season.

With so much going on, we are so appreciative of all of the extra help you all are giving us during this time. December is always a big month with all of the holiday shows coming through and we could not make it happen without you.

Please make sure you visit the Volunteer Room during your next shift to check for occasional holiday treats throughout the month.



Volunteer Appreciation Gifts:

Thank you as well for your kind words about the blankets that we handed out in October. We are so happy you are enjoying them and hope they are keeping you warm as the cold weather comes in! As a reminder, we are no longer able to accommodate requests for appreciation gifts. The deadline to request alternative pickup was October 17th and requests from those who missed their pickup day were honored through November.

FRONT OF HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

Wow! What a start to our 2017 – 2018 season! Before we close out December we will have had 10 consecutive weeks of Broadway along with the shows presented by our resident companies and our usual mix of concerts, children shows and special events. It often seems Playhouse Square is a city within a city as we are bustling with multiple events at once often with the same curtain times. Much is asked of you and your dedication and in particular your flexibility has allowed us to deliver a safe and quality quest experience. The overwhelmingly positive feedback from our guests is a direct reflection of your helpfulness and professionalism. Thank you!

As we enter the second part or our season and a New Year, I know you will continue to make Playhouse Square a special destination and represent this organization in the best possible light.

In the meantime, on behalf of the House Managers and myself, we wish each and every one of you a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year!

Ed Broderick Front of House Manager **Playhouse Square**



Special Requests for Help

In the next few weeks we have several performances that vary from our usual schedule. Because of this we don't have teams to cover many of these performances. We would appreciate the help of anyone who is available for the following performances:

Monday 12/18 - DOUBLE HOURS

On Your Feet 6pm

Friday 12/22

- On Your Feet 12pm DOUBLE HOURS
- <u>Christmas Carol 12pm</u>
- <u>Christmas Story 12pm</u>

Friday 12/29 - DOUBLE HOURS

<u>Champions of Magic 1:30pm</u>

Sunday 12/31 – DOUBLE HOURS

<u>Champions of Magic 6pm</u>

We will also be serving a light lunch in the Volunteer Room prior to the three matinees on Friday, 12/22.

Thank you in advance for all of your help and support.

Updated Call Times

Please note that the call times for John Mulaney (5:30pm) and the Love Never Dies performances have been updated. Due to a glitch in our database the call times remained at a previously entered time rather than the current one.

Disappearing Red Jackets

If you have taken home a red jacket from the Volunteer Room, please return it as soon as possible. 24 out of 69 of our jackets have been taken, at least one in every women's size. We've lost 34% of the women's jackets, and 36% of the men's jackets recently.

I understand the urge to want to take one home to make sure you have one when you come back, but please remember that you are on one out of 12 crews. You are here 2-3 times a month when there are 48+ time ranges for people to be here. This means that fellow RedCoats (especially new ones who haven't had time to get jackets yet) are not able to find jackets when they come.

Smoking near Theaters

As a reminder – please do not smoke near the doors of the theaters. If you need to take a break to smoke, please ensure your position is covered and go around the corner (e.g. 17th St) to smoke.





Year-End Reports

The annual year-end reports will be mailed to your house near the end of January. Please be sure to let us know ASAP if you have an updated mailing address!

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Patricia Abraham Olivia Beebe **Emily Boardman** Laura Burns Tom Cepek Linda Downing Carolyn Eiermann Gayle Gatzke Kim Gottlieb Tony Graham Connie Hall Jessica Holtsberry Jeannette Kelly-Reed Lude Kemock Jackie Kickel Susan Krisak Pala Krznaric Ceola Littlejohn

Kyle Maiorana Joanne Majoros Jeff Mann Kim Mann Kira Marjanovic Paula Matney Karla Mintus Jim Newport Nettie Pender Jean Rahrig Robin Russell Claire Schiopota Hannah Schmidt Julia Schwertner Mary Sikorovsky Leah Van Horn Gregory Whitkofski Mary Wierzbinski Judi Zdanko

Congratulations to RedCoats who received STAR awards this month

Ed Campobenedetto Judi Campobenedetto Julie Douglas Don Fedorchak*

Sal Karanouh-Schuler Lill Pigg* Michael Routa

Please Welcome our Newest RedCoats!

Susan Amato **Eugene Andres Terry Appell** Melissa Arcuri **Eleanor Barnes** Kathryn Clark Judy Cogan Melvin Derwis **Deborah Diedrick** Annie Elder **Kimberly Elliott** Mary Ann Forsythe Laura Frankito Cornelia Franklin **Domonic Franklin** Maddie Hamro Aatika Harris Judy Haslinger Mark Hrusovsky Mark Huffman Kathy Ingalls Lisa Jamison Linette Jessup **Terry Johnson** Charlotte Kaminsky Marylu Kane

Gail Kula Jennifer Landis Akil Lanton Kathleen Little Kathy Lowther Peggy Malone Marisa Martin Nan McIntyre Angelina Morrison **Diann Murphy** Leah Nagy Al Noga Margaret Noonan Emily Osinsky Al Pollack Denise Porter Patricia Price Amanda Ricard Denise Romagni Jan Rose Kate Stein Debbie Urban Pam Watts **Beverly Williams** Mariah Yusoff Tania Zucca

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

Dick Hambleton Gay Krankovich Patricia Lund Dorothy Sotak

In Memoriam

Pam Coone

Ernie Weating * Denotes Head Usher

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UPCOMING WEEKS VOLUNTEER NEEDS AND RUNNING TIMES

A Christmas Story

December 13-23 Allen Theatre | 2 hrs w/ I

- TH E 12/14 6pm
- FR E 12/15 6pm
- SA E 12/16 6pm

A Christmas Carol

December 13-23 Ohio Theatre | 1 hr 45 min w/ I

• FR E 12/15 6pm

On Your Feet! December 13-23 Connor Palace | 2 hrs 30 min w/ I

MO E 12/18 6pm

FR M 12/22 12pm

Macbeth

December 13-16 Helen Lab

The Santaland Diaries

December 13-17 Outcalt | 70 min no I • SA E 12/16 7pm

The Cleveland Ballet's Nutcracker December 14-17 Hanna Theatre | 1 hr 40 min w/ I

• <u>SA E 12/16 5:30pm</u>

Sing! An Irish Christmas

December 14-17 KeyBank State | 2 hrs 25 min w/ I • TH E 12/14 6:30pm

• <u>THE 12/14 6:30pm</u>

Shopkins Live! December 15 KeyBank State | 1hrs 30 min w/ I • FR E 12/15 5:30pm

I Believe: A Holiday Expression of Song December 16-17 Kennedy's | 90 min no I

• <u>SU M 12/17 1:30pm</u>



Aladdin Special Offer!

Discover a whole new world at **ALADDIN**, the hit Broadway musical coming to Cleveland May 2-27, 2018!

From the producer of *The Lion King* comes the timeless story of Aladdin, a thrilling new production filled with unforgettable beauty, magic, comedy and breathtaking spectacle. It's an extraordinary theatrical event where one lamp and three wishes make the possibilities infinite.

Secure your tickets today and guarantee your seat to one of the most anticipated shows of 2018!

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Questions about the CEO Program? Contact: Andy Selesnik, Playhouse Square Group Services Phone: 216-640-8603 Email: andy.selesnik@playhousesquare.org

Gender Neutral Restrooms

Please be aware that we are receiving increased requests for gender neutral restrooms. If a guest comes to you asking about gender neutral restrooms, please direct them to the accessible restrooms on the main floors, which serve this dual purpose.

Remember that while you can generally tell people that restrooms are in a certain location (e.g. down the stairs), guests should never be asked directly whether or not they require the accessible or gender neutral restroom.



Shopkins Live!

Shopkins Live! Is coming to Playhouse Square this Friday evening bringing lots of excited little faces to our theaters!

Because this is an earlier show (5:30pm call time) it makes it difficult for many of our Friday

Evening RedCoats to make it when coming for work. If anyone is available to help out as an extra for this show, we would greatly appreciate it. We will also be offering a **ticket drawing for Champions of Magic for those that work this performance!** Click here to sign up: FR E 12/15 5:30pm

I Believe: A Holiday Expression of Song

This holiday season, we invite you to reflect, to celebrate, and to believe. Believe in a world where peace can reign, where sadness can become hope, and where the light of the holiday season can remain bright throughout the year.

Join us in joyful song and story as we discover what it means to believe.



UPCOMING WEEKS Volunteer needs and Running times

Jim Brickman: A Joyful Christmas December 16 KeyBank State | 2 hrs 15 min w/ I

• <u>SA E 12/16 6:30pm</u>

Champions of Magic

December 27-31 Connor Palace

- FR M 12/29 1:30pm
- <u>SU E 12/31 6pm</u>

Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias December 30 KeyBank State

Flanagan's Wake January 5 – April 28 Kennedy's

Trevor Noah

January 6 KeyBank State

Elvis Birthday Tribute January 7 Connor Palace

Love Never Dies January 9-28 KeyBank State

John Mulaney

January 12 Connor Palace | 2 hrs no I • FR E 1/12 8:30pm

Last Call Cleveland Goes Hollywood January 12-20 Outcalt

Joshua Seth: Psychological Illusionist January 13 Ohio Theatre

Dixie's Tupperwear Party January 18-20 Hanna Theatre

Groupo Corpo – Dance Cleveland January 20-21 Ohio Theatre



Champions of Magic

Audiences will be captivated by the magic of the holiday season when the U.K. sensation Champions of Magic perform at Playhouse Square beginning December 27. A perfect show for the whole family, the five worldclass illusionists that make up this mindbending theatrical production are coming to the USA for the very first time, following four years in the UK, with sold-out shows, rave

reviews and a run in London's West End. With over 20 million online views between them, this cast of Britain's top magicians includes international award winners presenting incredible mind reading, stunning close-up magic, and daring large-scale illusions. Witness the impossible, including disappearances, levitation, teleportation and a heart-stopping finale, all presented with lighting and special effects to rival the biggest theatrical spectacles.

Click HERE to view a promotional video about this show!

John Mulaney: Kid Gorgeous

John Mulaney is an Emmy Award-winning writer and comedian. He most recently starred in the Broadway hit, "Oh, Hello on Broadway" alongside Nick Kroll. In 2015 Mulaney released his 3rd hour stand-up special a Netflix Original titled "THE COMEBACK KID" which the AV Club called



"his best hour of his career." He began his career in New York's East Village and has since toured around the world.

Click <u>HERE</u> to view a video of his stand-up!



Jim Brickman: A Joyful Christmas

Playhouse Square welcomes back one of its favorite entertainers, Cleveland's own Jim Brickman, as he brings together the sounds of the season with A Joyful Christmas, his 2017 Holiday Tour. Hailed by the Boston Herald as a "crowd-

pleaser," Jim celebrates in a one-of-a-kind concert event with lush instrumentals, special guests and soaring vocals. Marking this 21-year holiday tradition, Jim showcases new music, plus holiday favorites and his hits (like "Valentine," "If You Believe," "The Gift," "Angel Eyes," and "Sending You A Little Christmas.") that made him the most charted (30) Billboard® Adult Contemporary artist, earning him two Grammy® nods and four gold albums...

Macbeth

In their final MFA show, the CWRU/CPH MFA Acting Program's Class of 2018 brings Shakespeare's haunting masterpiece of ruthless ambition to life.

Click here for the current Volunteer Schedule



I would like to be an EXTRA

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