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Annual TRTC Gala

Our Volunteers Shine

Two River Theater Company staged a night of glamour, entertainment, fine dining, and of course fund-raising at its annual Gala on Saturday, April 18th. This year's Gala honored Theater Founders Robert and Joan Rechnitz, and featured Oscar Winner and Guest of Honor Philip Seymour Hoffman.

The night was a resounding success, raising over \$250,000 for the Theater. Once again, Guild Volunteers performed a pivotal role in ensuring that success. They worked all night in various capacities ranging from Greeters, Auction Spotters and Coat Checkers to Raffle Ticket Sellers and Material Distributors.

Upcoming Events

Just because the season is over doesn't mean the Guild stops! We already have two events on tap for Summer and early Fall.

Annual Volunteer Guild BBQ

August 6th 6pm

One of the best bashes of the summer! Prior to dining, we'll hold our annual meeting to present the Executive Board for the 2009/10 Season. After business is concluded we put on our party hats and adjourn to the front of the theater, where TRTC staff will treat all our volunteers to a superior spread!

A special thank you to our volunteers: Barbara Ely, Bonnie Watt, Jeanette Peterson, Vinnie Mazza, Hope Bernhard, April Bunn, and Marion and Moira Quinn. We couldn't have done it without you!



Hope Bernhard and April Bunn at the TRTC Gala

Red Bank Yard Sale

September 12th

Help raise money for the theater and clean out your closets at the same time! The Costume and Prop Shops are eager to cull through their stocks too, so the TRTC Guild Yard Sale will no doubt be the draw of the day.

Marion Quinn is organizing and says she'll need volunteers to work shifts at the sale as well as donate gently used items. Time and date for drop off will be announced later this summer, so keep an eye out for our emails!

Guild Talks: *Private Lives*

A taste of Argentina in Red Bank

Collaborating with *Private Lives* Director, KJ Sanchez, Guild Talks brought a bit of South America to Red Bank on Friday, May 1st. Chair April Bunn took her cue from the current production, which re-imagines the classic play in 1920s Argentina.

Over 30 Guild members attended and were treated to Tango lessons from Joyce Diamond of *Red Bank Tango*, and a brief history of the dance. Not everyone may be ready for *Dancing with the Stars* quite yet, but learning the basics was great fun. When not on the dance floor, Guild members sampled wine and food from Argentina.

The cast from *Private Lives* joined the festivities and even gave us a preview featuring one of their marvelously choreographed Tango scenes. The dance encapsulated the passion, desire, and just a bit of humor (this is Noel Coward after all!) that will be on stage this month.



April Bunn and Marion Quinn take a spin around the dance floor

April is commended for her stewardship of the Guild Talks program. The 2008/09 Season has been both exciting and thought provoking. If you haven't made time for Guild Talks yet, you are missing out one of the best parts of Guild Membership. We hope to see you all next season!

Fundraising Round Up

The 2008/09 Season was an outstanding one for the Volunteer Guild's fundraising endeavors. Thus far our total money raised exceeds \$4000! The total includes funds from two raffles as well as the Gift Shop's limited run in December. And we still have one more raffle basket to go!

The raffle basket for *Melissa Arctic* brought in \$330. Thank you to all our patrons who took a turn with Lady Luck! Our winner was Elizabeth Flynn.

Please look out for our final raffle basket of the season during *Private Lives*. Tickets are \$5 and the drawing will be on June 1st.

Much appreciation goes to all our members, who have worked the Guild Table, sold raffle tickets, or worked in the Gift Shop this season. Your time, effort and enthusiasm have made a real difference!

In particular, Marion Quinn is commended for pounding the pavement to solicit all the wonderful donated items in our baskets. Founder Kathryne Singleton assembled those goodies into eye-catching baskets all season. And House Chair Hope Bernhard did an amazing job organizing the volunteers! Thank you all!

Leadership Notes

A Word From President Marion Quinn & VP Denise Garis

Dear Friends,

As we end this 2008-2009 year at Two River Theater Company, we would like to thank our Executive Board members for their support and all the Guild members who have graciously donated their time and effort to help make this year a total success.

We wish you all a great summer and look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

Fondly,

Marion Quinn,
President

Denise Garis
Vice-President

Volunteer Fun Facts

Did you know that Guild Volunteers have racked up over 13,000 volunteer hours for TRTC? And that's just since Spring 2005 when the theater settled into its new home in Red Bank. Just remember, it may seem like your hour or two at the Guild Table or Ushering is small, but added with your fellow volunteers it's huge!

Now that we've hit such a large milestone, its probably a good time to remind everyone that whether you're working a show or painting sets or stuffing envelopes with the Office Angels, you need to be sure to sign the Volunteer Sign-in Sheet located in the House Managers Office. The sheet helps us track our hours, which in turn helps the theater when applying for

Federal and State grants. It's like two for one giving and all you have to do is sign your name!

While you're in the House Managers Office, you might also pin on your brand new nametag. Listed alphabetically by first name, these tags should be worn whenever you're working for the Guild. Just remember to return it before leaving, so it's there next time you volunteer.

Not sure you know where the House Managers Office is located? Even your trusty reporter had to ask... It's upstairs next to the Patrons Lounge.



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GUILD DATES TO REMEMBER

August 6 – Annual Volunteer Guild BBQ

September 12 – Red Bank Yard Sale

Check your e-mail to stay informed of the most up-to-date volunteer opportunities!

Please call the Guild Hotline or email with any changes to your contact information.

About The Guild...

The Two River Theater Company Guild is a dynamic group of people involved in all aspects of the theater. Guild members have the unique opportunity to share their energy, ideas, and skills by volunteering on various committees and teams that contribute to the success of TRTC. Guild members assist the staff in the administrative offices with publicity and fundraising, and as guides during special events. Help us create the magic of live theater!

