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Pacific Handicapped Artists, Musicians,
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PHAMEous NEWS

October 2009

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

**You and your guests are cordially invited to join PHAME at our
12TH ANNUAL WINTER GALA AND SILENT AUCTION**

SUNDAY, November 22, 2009 from 4:00 pm—7:00 pm

The Acadian Ballroom 1829 NE Alberta St. Portland, OR

FEATURING

Michael Allen Harrison &
Julianne R. Johnson-Weiss

The PHAME Academy Choir

Pianist Therese Michaud

*The Unveiling of Talent Revealed
by Cheryl Adelman*

AND

A Special Tribute to PHAME's Founder
CAROL STADY

TICKETS \$45.00

Includes:
Heavy
hors
d'oeuvres

And

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SILENT AUCTION & HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES

4:00 to 5:00 pm

ENTERTAINMENT

Begins at 5:00 pm

HOSTED AUCTION

Begins at 6:15 pm

PHAME Academy of Fine Arts *12th Annual Gala and Silent Auction*

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MEET OUR NEW STAFF

PHAME:
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PHAME Founder
Carol Stady

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Jessica Dart
Artistic Director

Ben Landsverk
Choir Director

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Jessica Dart—Artistic Director

Jessica Dart relocated to Portland from Kearney, Nebraska in August 2009 and started working with PHAME very soon after her arrival. Dart is thrilled to be back in the Pacific Northwest after having lived in Eugene for a short while several years ago. She received an MFA in Dramaturgy from the University of Iowa (it's okay if you don't know what that means) where she taught undergraduate Theatre History. She has been active in the theatre for over 25 years as a director, stage manager, scene painter, and dramaturge. She is very much looking forward to directing PHAME's 2010 musical, *Once Upon A Mattress*, and is working to rise to the challenge of filling the shoes that came before her.

Ben Landsverk—Choir Director

Ben Landsverk is a multi-faceted musician. Before taking over the helm of the PHAME choir, Ben was the Associate Director of the Pacific Youth Choir, where he founded the Men's Choir, "Tsunami". Ben also directs regularly at Portland's Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, and has composed a number of commissioned works for the Cathedral and Chamber Choirs.

As a songwriter, arranger and studio musician, Ben's work has been critically acclaimed by such publications as *Paste Magazine*, *Downbeat Magazine*, *NPR Music* and *Time Out New York*. He has been honored to perform with such musical luminaries as Smokey Robinson, Siedah Garrett, Pink Martini, Clark Terry, Dennis DeYoung and Rachel Taylor Brown.

Ben received his Bachelor of Arts from Yale University, where he served as music director for the famed Yale Whiffenpoofs, the world's oldest collegiate a cappella singing group. A graduate of Portland's Wilson High School, Ben was selected for all-state and all-Northwest in choir, orchestra, and jazz band. As a senior he directed the Wilson orchestra, and took them to the state competition. He has won numerous honors for his musicianship and has performed in choirs and ensembles and as a soloist throughout the world.

Kevin Crooks—Acting/Technical Theatre Teacher

A Senior at Reed College, Kevin joins PHAME's faculty with a strong background in theater as an actor, writer, and comedian. As a result he brings to PHAME's students a wonderful range of knowledge and experience. When not on the Reed or PHAME campus, Kevin is a direct care provider through the Community Access Services, providing care for the residents of group home for people with developmental disabilities. He has taught English to 60 students in China and during the summer of 2003 helped the town of Chinandega, Nicaragua improve their sanitation practices and strengthen inter-community communication. Among his interests are travel, jogging, jazz percussion, and squash. This term Kevin is co-teaching with Jessica Uze and will assume her acting and technical theatre classes beginning Winter Term, 2010.

A Fond Farewell to Jessica Uze

Jessica has been a familiar face to many PHAME students, parents, and guardians for over a year. She joined PHAME in 2008 and soon took on not only teaching Acting, Technical Theatre, and Music Theory but also serving as the Assistant Director/Stage Manager for *The Secret Garden*, and conceiving of and organizing the successful 2009 Tri-State Choir Tour.

Jessica's constant support of PHAME's mission, the gloriously generous way she works with our students, the many hours she has devoted to PHAME, her always up-beat attitude and cheerful demeanor, and the talent and knowledge she shares with all who know her will be missed.

Jessica will be leaving Oregon following Fall Term to return to her native Virginia. We ask you to join us at PHAME in wishing her the best as she continues on her journey.

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www.phameacademy.org

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 2009

The Snow Ball

Saturday, December 5 - 7:00 PM

Auditions for "Once Upon A Mattress"

Friday December 11

Music Auditions 1:00 - 4:30 PM

Saturday December 12:

Acting Auditions 10:00 AM -
2:00 PM

The Grotto Performance (Choir)

Monday, December 21 - 7:00 PM

JANUARY 2010

Winter Classes Begin

Monday, January 4

First Rehearsal for

"Once Upon A Mattress"

Saturday, January 9 - 9:00 AM -
1:00 PM

No Classes (Martin Luther King Day)

Monday January 18

FEBRUARY 2010

No Classes (President's Day)

Monday, February 15

MARCH 2010

Winter Recital

Wednesday, March 17 - 7:00 PM

Spring Classes Begin

Monday, March 29

MAY 2010

No Classes (Memorial Day)

Monday, May 31

JUNE 2010

Spring Recital

Wednesday, June 2 - 7:00 PM

Rose Ball

Saturday, June 5 - 7:00 PM

"Once Upon A Mattress"

Saturday June 12 &

Sunday June 13

PHAME is now on Facebook

Attention Facebook users! PHAME Academy now has its very own Facebook fan page where you can get news and updates, as well as communicate with fellow PHAME students and fans. Just type "PHAME Academy" into the Search Box. That will lead you to PHAME's page. Then all you have to do is click on "Become A Fan," and you're ready to go. This is a great way to stay connected to the people and events at PHAME! Come join us!

You Can Help Our 12th Annual Gala & Silent Auction By Donating New Goods Or Services.

All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. For more information contact Nannette at the PHAME office at 503-973-5815 Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

PHAME's Wish List

- Omni Directional Microphones
 - Paint for Theatrical Sets
 - Visual Art Supplies (ie: canvasses, paint, paper, frames, etc.)
 - Blank Musical Staff Books
- AND
- Financial Donations are always welcome

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

PHAME is what we are today thanks to the support and dedication of our invaluable volunteers. As we move towards 2010 and all the wonderful events we have planned, we are once again asking for your help and support.

We are especially seeking those of you who want help with our annual Musical Theatre Production. Do you enjoy creating costumes, building sets, helping with rehearsals, procuring props, and/or designing hair and/or makeup? Then ... "Do we have an opportunity for you!!" If you would like to share your talents, skills, and experience with PHAME, please call Jessica Dart at 503-973-5815.

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS & Musical Auditions

PHAME's 2010 Musical Theatre Production will be *Once Upon A Mattress*. Based on the fairy tale of The Princess and the Pea, *Once Upon a Mattress* centers around Prince Dauntless the Drab whose mother, Queen Agravaing, seeking to keep the boy to herself, has declared that he will wed only a true princess of royal blood. When Princess Winnifred arrives dripping wet (having swam the moat!) and declares herself a contender for the Prince's hand, the Queen devises a clever test to determine whether this self-proclaimed princess is worthy of her son. *Once Upon A Mattress* has been delighting audiences since its first performance in 1959.

MUSICAL AUDITIONS: Singers are to be prepared to sing the first verse of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" Singers may also prepare an additional song of their choosing.

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To support the development of skills and self-esteem for adults with developmental disabilities through education and participation in the fine and performing arts.