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MAD Fall Show Selected!

I am honored to have been selected to direct the 2016 MAD Fall Musical show. The Fall Show Selection Committee met on May 26 and selected me to direct this year's Fall Musical. We can't reveal the name of the show yet since we are currently pursuing getting the rights. Performances will be late October through November (to the Saturday before Thanksgiving). Auditions will be in mid to late July. Check the MAD website for information as it becomes available. Eliot Malumuth

Kennedy Center Group Outing

The results are in! "Wicked," "Sound of Music," and "King and I" had the most interest, so we have made contact with the Kennedy Center Group Sales department and placed a preliminary request for those 3 shows. Stay tuned in the next couple of months for ticket prices and potential show dates. Once ticket prices are announced, we will send out another inquiry to the MAD members pertaining to show dates and sign up. Any questions or comments, please contact Marie Nearing at marie.nearing@gmail.com or (520) 425-3348.

MAD Board Meeting

The next meeting of the MAD Board will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, starting at 6:00 pm in Building 3, Room 137. All MAD members are welcome to attend.

MAD About Town

Rosalie Daelemans will be playing the part of Lady Bracknell in *The Importance of Being Earnest* at Laurel Mill Playhouse from Friday June 10th to Sunday June 26th. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances start at 8:00 p.m. Sunday matinees start at 2:00 p.m. For ticket sales and for more information, visit <http://laurelmillplayhouse.org/>.

Christa Kronser ("**Musical of Musicals**," "**Into the Woods**," etc.) is appearing as a Hotbox Dancer in 2nd Star Productions' *Guys and Dolls*. The show opens Friday, May 27, and runs weekends through Saturday, June 25. All performances take place at the Bowie Playhouse in Whitemarsh Park: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 3 pm, with the closing performance Saturday June 25th at 3 pm. Discounts are available for pre-paid groups; contact the box office for information. To make reservations, go to <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=stars> or call (410) 757-5700 or (301) 832-4819.

David Solomon ("*Urinetown's*" Tiny Tom & a Urine Good Company Executive) continues his efforts to appear on small and large screens in addition to the MAD stage. He is one of at least 3 MAD people -- Nina Harris and Jim Adams being 2 others -- to make appearances in this year's season 4 of "*House Of Cards*" on Netflix. David is visible, and once or twice even recognizable, in chapters 41, as a bar patron, 42, as an angry driver in a gas line (along with the star of the scene, Nina Harris' brother Steve Gelman, as the angry man who gives the middle finger salute to President Underwood's passing limousine), 43, as a reporter in one of the most spoiler alert-worthy scenes of the season, and 49, as a Democratic convention delegate (one of the many in the crowd holding up a tall "Underwood" sign). Nina Harris and Jim Adams appear in chapter 45 (the 6th episode of the season). Nina appears as a member of the White House press corps, and Jim appears, just seconds later, as a secret service agent, protecting Robin Wright's character Claire Underwood. You will most likely need the Facebook hints that David is posting, to spot these appearances. David also hopes to stay off of the metaphorical cutting room floor (or, in *Urinetown*-speak, the metaphysical cutting room floor) and appear, in a few weeks (probably mid-July), in Investigation Discovery channel's season 6 episode 2, of "*Nightmare Next Door*," as a policeman, complete with blue shirt, badge, and fake gun. His burgundy red pickup truck also plays a supporting role in this episode. David might also be appearing in a suit and tie in a Bollywood movie scheduled to be released this October; the Hindi title is "*jeena isi ka naam hai*," which translates to "This Is Life." David's in a very small audience in a scene that was filmed (this past February) with a glamorous group of other background artists, in a small elegant lecture hall in DAR Constitution Hall. (Here's one interesting report about this movie:

<http://www.onenewspage.com/video/20160218/3929744/Bollywood-Movie-Shooting-in-Maryland.htm>.) Next year, in 2017, he may again show up on the big screen, as a JFK mourner, and a sidewalk pedestrian, in the movie "*Jackie*," starring Natalie Portman as Jackie Kennedy.

Anne, Jon, and David Gardner will perform as Transatlantic Crossing as part of a free outdoor music festival in Greenbelt from 6pm to 8pm on Saturday, June 4. The Greenbelt Crazy Quilt Festival (<http://www.newdealcafe.com/events/event.php?idEvent=6321>) is an eclectic mix of different musical styles. The festival runs from noon to 8pm outdoors in Roosevelt Center at 113 Centerway in Greenbelt, then continues inside the New Deal Cafe until 11:30pm. Transatlantic Crossing plays high-energy fiddle tunes from both sides of the Atlantic, and will be accompanying Contra Dances called by Lindsey Dodson.