



January, 2020

### **“Steel Magnolias”: Tickets on Sale Now!**

The Music and Drama Club presents its first Winter Show of the season: STEEL MAGNOLIAS. Tickets are on sale now! To purchase, please visit [madtheater.org](http://madtheater.org) or contact Publicity Manager, Lauren Ward at 301-286-3057. Performances will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the NASA Goddard Recreation Center (9998 Goddard Luck Road, Greenbelt, MD). Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$22 at the door. Join us opening night for a discounted online ticket price of \$16!

### **“A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine” Auditions**

Auditions for “A Day in Hollywood, A Night in the Ukraine” will be on February 3 and 4 at 6:30pm in the Building 3 Auditorium! We are looking for people who can dance, sing, act, play an instrument or all of the above. See attached flyer and website for more information.

### **MAD Holiday Chorus Update**

The MAD Holiday Chorus, under the direction of **Christine Wells**, accompanied by **Susan Breon** and **James Olsen** and produced by **Kathy Nieman**, performed a concert at GSFC on Monday, December 16. \$410 was collected and a request submitted to the MAD Board for a donation to Children’s Hospital. The twenty-six member chorus also sang at the Maryland Space Business Roundtable luncheon, Morningside House in Laurel and Arbor Terrace in Greenbelt to very appreciative audiences! Congratulations to the chorus members and to all the soloists both new and old!

### **MAD Bylaws and Best Practices Committee**

The MAD Board has re-established the Bylaws Committee for 2020 and has also established a “Best Practices” committee to develop MAD’s Best Practices document, drawn from our old Guidelines. If you are a club member interested in serving on either committee, please contact Kim Weaver at [kweaver@gmail.com](mailto:kweaver@gmail.com).

### **MAD Board Meeting**

The next MAD Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM in Building 3, Room 137. All club members are welcome to attend. We plan to hold our Board meetings in 2020 regularly on the second Thursday of the month.

### **MAD About Town**

**Rosalie Daelemans** will be playing the part of Cora in *Calendar Girls* at Silhouette Stages in Columbia, MD. Performances run from March 20 to April 5, 2020. For more information and to purchase tickets, click on: <http://www.silhouettestages.com/>

## **MAD Update**

Linda Sellner's condition remains essentially unchanged. Her square dance community is planning a benefit fundraiser for her February 9 and is open to all (including beginners). It will be held at the Cherry Hill Park Campgrounds Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd. in College Park. Donation is \$15/dancer or more if you can; cash only. Linda remains at Autumn Lake Healthcare, 9001 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20706. Visitors are welcome.

## **MAD Condolences**

Thanks for **Christa Kronser** for this piece:

On Saturday, January 11, **Kevin Wells**, **Chris's** older son, passed away. Kevin has been part of the MAD family for over 20 years, since 1997's "The Mystery of Edwin Drood."

On November 26, Kevin went into cardiac arrest at home for 10 minutes. He was transported to Baltimore Washington Medical Center, where he remained on respiratory life support for 46 days (including his 42nd birthday on December 15). Kevin's family made the impossible decision to remove him from life support on January 10. Doctors informed the Wells family that Kevin hadn't been breathing on his own since admittance to the hospital and that he would pass within a minute of being taken off the ventilator. In true Kevin fashion (defying the odds until the end), Kevin struggled for breath momentarily, then began breathing steadily on his own for over 14 hours, until he decided it was his time and left the world at 10:37, January 11.

Kevin's viewing will be on Friday, Jan. 17 at Singleton Funeral Home, 1 Second Ave. SW, Glen Burnie, MD 21061, with visiting hours from 3-5 and 7-9 pm. The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church on Saturday, January 18 at 12:30pm. (6405 S. Orchard Rd, Linthicum, MD.)

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to Cure SMA, an organization dedicated to funding research to discover and develop a treatment and cure for SMA. Kevin was involved with and assisted by this organization throughout his life. He would be honored by your donation in his memory at [this link](#).

Please use the following to mark your donation in Kevin's honor:

In Memory of Kevin Wells  
303 Glenwood Ave  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Our love and support are with the Wells family in this difficult time.

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THE **MAD** MUSIC AND DRAMA CLUB  
PRESENTS ITS 2020 WINTER PRODUCTION

# STEEL MAGNOLIAS

BY ROBERT HARLING



PERFORMANCES:

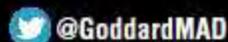
FEBRUARY 28\*, 29 | MARCH 1, 6, 7, 8

Friday & Saturday: 8pm (Doors open at 7:30pm) | Sunday: 2pm (Doors open at 1:30pm)

*Tickets \$20 in advance, \*Opening Night \$16 | \$22 at the door*

at the NASA Goddard Recreation Center  
9998 Good Luck Road, Greenbelt, MD

Tickets & Information at **MADTHEATER.ORG**



# AUDITION

FOR THE GODDARD MUSIC AND DRAMA CLUB  
2020 SPRING MUSICAL

THE  PRODUCTION OF THE 2-ACT BROADWAY HIT...

## A DAY IN HOLLYWOOD

  *A Night in the Ukraine*  

Books and Lyrics by Dick Vosburgh  
Music by Frank Lazarus

**FEBRUARY 3 & 4, 6:30PM**  
**Building 3 Auditorium**

Call-backs if needed February 6  
Rehearsals begin early March,  
Performances May 15-30

Find detailed audition info and materials at: [MADTHEATER.ORG](http://MADTHEATER.ORG)

GSFC or NASA HQ civil servants (active or retired), badged contractors, spouses & dependents, & MAD non-voting members are encouraged to audition. Guests may audition for ensemble and bit roles.

**Audition questions?** Contact Director Eliot Malumuth: [eliot.malumuth@nasa.gov](mailto:eliot.malumuth@nasa.gov) or [eliotmal@comcast.net](mailto:eliotmal@comcast.net)

**Production questions?** Contact Producer Millie Tansill: [mftansill@gmail.com](mailto:mftansill@gmail.com)

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# A DAY IN HOLLYWOOD

## A Night in the Ukraine

Books and Lyrics by Dick Vosburgh  
Music by Frank Lazarus

### Act I Cast

Like to sing, dance, or play a musical instrument? Then **A Day in Hollywood** is for you! It is a high-energy revue of early Hollywood movie musicals sung, danced, and played by the ushers at the historic Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood.

#### Characters:

8 or more Ushers who can sing and dance. Playing an instrument is a plus. One should play piano.

### Act II Cast

Ever wanted to be one of the Marx Brothers? Or act in a Marx Brothers movie? Or just act in a MAD show? Then **A Night in the Ukraine** is for you! It is a zany, mad-capped musical adventure in the form of a faux Marx Brothers "movie".

#### Characters:

**Mrs. Pavlenko** (Think Margret Dumont) – A wealthy widow

**Carlo** (Think Chico Marx) – Mrs. Pavlenko's Italian footman – plays the piano

**Gino** (Think Harpo Marx) – Mrs. Pavlenko's gardner (on Broadway played by a woman)

**Serge B. Samovar** (Think Groucho Marx) – A Moscow lawyer

**Nina** – Mrs. Pavlenko's daughter

**Constantine** – The coachman who dreams of being a playwright (the Zeppo Marx part)

**Masha** – Supporting role

**Sascha** – Supporting role

**You may audition for either act or both!**