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MAD 2017 Fall Show Announcement

This fall, MAD will be doing the Stephen Sondheim Masterpiece:

FOLLIES

With music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Goldman, *Follies* is an affectionate and melodious reflection upon American musical theater between the two world wars, woven among the collapse of innocence within the post-Kennedy years. It's 1971 and impresario Dimitri Weissmann is hosting a reunion of his ex-Follies performers. We watch them as they relive the follies from their past and create new ones along the way. The lively reunion sets the stage for a parade of brilliant pastiche numbers, including "Broadway Baby," "Losing My Mind," and "I'm Still Here." This is a large ensemble show with many excellent songs for featured performers.

Follies is directed by Kim Weaver and produced by Eliot Malumuth, with Music Direction by Randy Barth and Choreography by Katrina Jackson.

Auditions will be held on July 17, 18, and 19 with callbacks on July 22. Audition materials will be available on the MAD website starting in late June.

Production positions of Stage Manager, Costume Designer, Lights Designer, Sound Designer, House Manager and Sales Manager are currently open. Please let Kim (Kimberly.A.Weaver@nasa.gov) or Eliot (eliot.m.malumuth@nasa.gov) know if you're interested in offering your talents one of these or any other "behind-the-scenes" role.

Performances will be in the Barney and Bea Recreation Center in late October through mid-November, with rehearsals starting in late August.

(Show selection contingent on finalizing the rights with MTI.)

MAD Call for Capital Expenditures

This is the annual call for capital expense purchases. Anyone wishing to make a purchase of equipment or a capital improvement for MAD, please submit your request, with a cost estimate and short justification, to Kim Weaver (Kimberly.A.Weaver@nasa.gov), no later than June 30, 2017. Categories of justifiable expenses would include: acquiring new fixed assets, repairing or upgrading an existing asset, and/or restoring or adapting existing property to a new or different use.

MAD Board Meeting

The next meeting of the MAD Board will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2017, starting at 5:30 pm in Building 3, Room 137. All club members are welcome to attend.

MAD About Town

Katrina Jackson is playing Vicki in the Tantallon Community Players' production of "A Chorus Line," running through June 11 at Harmony Hall in Fort Washington. Said an anonymous reviewer, "The way Vicki commanded attention and admiration during her audition, despite having zero experience or training, was truly commendable. The entire audience sighed with disappointment when she was cut. Throughout the duration of auditioners whining about their childhoods and complaining about show business, all we could think about was how deeply we missed Vicki's special flare and sparkly sneakers." Tickets are available at <https://tantalloncommunityplayers.ticketleap.com>

Dave Buckingham will be with the Bullpen Brass performing the National Anthem on Saturday, June 3 for the Bowie Baysox. Game time is 6:35pm. The promotion for that evening is "Star Wars Night!" And it's a fireworks night! What more could you ask for?!? For more details: <https://www.milb.com/baysox/news/may-30-june-4-homestand-preview/c-232354084/t-196097236>. They are also confirmed to perform the National Anthem on Wednesday, July 19 for the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs. Game time is also 6:35pm. Their website: <http://www.somdbluecrabs.com>. (The Bullpen Brass is an all-trombone ensemble, comprised of current and former members of the Washington Redskins Marching Band.)