

# Walpole Children's Theatre



## The SPOTLIGHT

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### WINTER 2013 PRODUCTION



#### **Puss in Boots**

by Vera Morris

Directed by Laura Barry

February 22, 23, 24 & March 1, 2

@ Footlighters Playhouse

#### **TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!**

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#### **Dear [FIRSTNAME],**

WCT wishes you a happy 2013! January is a busy month for us as we prepare for our upcoming production of Puss in Boots. For the last three years, our winter productions have had a number of sold out performances, so be sure to reserve your seats early! The Script Committee has been perusing many possibilities and will be announcing next season's productions by the end of February. As always, thank you for your continued support.

#### **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

*Amy LaMachia*

Amy has been involved with WCT since she was 13 years old when she performed as a Card in *Alice in Wonderland*. After years of acting, she moved on to directing for WCT. Her creative talent continues to be an asset for WCT with her elaborate costume designs and make-up application that helps bring the characters to life. In addition, she is the artist behind the outstanding designs for our programs and posters. Amy also continues to be an active part of the decision-making process for the organization and has been the long-standing Publicity Chair on the WCT BOD.

#### **STANDING OVATION**

Congratulations to the following WCT members on their achievements.

At the 2012 WHS Film Festival:

**Justin Connolly** was awarded Best Actor

**Jackie Gately** was nominated for Best Actor & Best Film

**Rory Hardiman** was nominated for Best Director & Best Film

**Joyce MacPhee** performed in Company Theater's original musical, *Paragon Park*, this past summer.

During this past summer's production of *Treasure Island*, **Marc Sheehan** received his *WCT 10th Performance Award*, which is a recognition that WCT presents to their cast members who have performed in 10 productions as an appreciation for their commitment to the organization.

This past fall, **Stephanie Matta** competed with Bishop Feehan's Cheerleading squad and won the Eastern Athletic Cheerleading competition.

**Kelsey Mazzocca** placed 10th at the 2012 Regional Oriechtas.

## PUSS IN BOOTS CAST

Over 50 talented children between the ages of 10 & 18 came to the November audition.

Congratulations to the following cast members!

Marc Sheehan	Ogre
Ava Straccia	Puss
Jackie Gately	Tom
Lena Astarjian	Rosalynd
Mia Straccia	Countess
Lindey Patterson	Princess Pam
Corey Lynch	King
Liz Ronan	Janette
Jess McNamara	Queen
Stephanie Matta	Gabrielle
Chloe Goodman	Cook
Leah D'Sa	Cook
Peter Kougias	Coachman
Brian Tracey	Butler
Michael McKeon	Dog
Rory Hardiman	Dog
Nick Hayden	Gorilla
Bridget Connell	Peasant
Mahoney Cyr	Peasant/Prisoner
Riley Mulroy	Peasant
Kelsey Mazzocca	Peasant
Olivia Sheehan	Peasant/Prisoner
Lindsay Keady	Peasant/Prisoner
Sean Lynch	Peasant/Prisoner
Anna Hebner	Peasant/Prisoner

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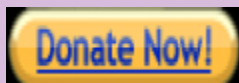


## DONATIONS

WCT relies on ticket sales and donations to fund its productions.

There are two easy ways monetary donations can be made.

- 1) When purchasing tickets, add any amount into the "tip jar" as part of your transaction.
  - 2) Click the link below to make a direct donation.
- Donations will be used toward all areas of the production, such as costumes, sets, venue rental, scripts, and royalties.



**Jackie Gately** was chosen Mr. WHS 2012 this past fall.

**Mahoney Cyr** competed with New England Skating School Synchronized Skating Team and came in first place at the Winter Classic competition in Lowell.

**Peter McElhinney** performed in *The Foreigner* at [Walpole Footlighters](#) this past fall and will be performing in their production of *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* in February.

**Kelsey Mazzocca, Mia Straccia, and Ava Straccia** will be performing in *The Wizard of Oz* at Bird Middle School in March.

**Jackie Gately, Michael McKeon, Rory Hardiman, Marc Sheehan, Jess McNamara, Brian Tracey, Leah D'Sa, and Bridget Connell** will be performing in *Seussical, The Musical* at Walpole High School this Spring:

**Anna Hebner, Riley Mulroy, and Liz Ronan** will be performing in *Who's Dying to be a Millionaire* at Johnson Middle School in March.

The following Walpole High School students came in 3rd place with their video submission in the VH1 Music Video Contest: **Jess McNamara, Rory Hardiman, Marc Sheehan, Becky Chariton, Bridget Connell, Leah D'sa, and Michael McKeon**. Click the link to view the video:

[https://www.facebook.com/VH1Music/app\\_275043742602781](https://www.facebook.com/VH1Music/app_275043742602781)

Are you a past or present WCT member who has a special announcement, such as a graduation, achievement, performance, etc., that you want to share? Send the information to [wctboxoffice@gmail.com](mailto:wctboxoffice@gmail.com) and it will be added to the next newsletter.

## Alumni Corner

We are so proud of our former cast members!

**Kelly Newman** performed in Cabaret as a Kit Kat Girl at Salem State University.

**Jimi McAvoy** has been performing improv in Cambridge and Boston for 10 years. He is currently performing in *Rich Uncle* at ImprovBoston in Cambridge with his Harold Team. Remaining performances are January 17th and 31st at 7:30. Check out [improvboston.com](http://improvboston.com) or [haroldnight.com](http://haroldnight.com) for more information.

**Brian Connolly** performs with the co-ed a cappella group, *The Opportunes*, at Harvard University. [www.harvard-opportunes.com](http://www.harvard-opportunes.com)

**Allision Martel** has been busy at Westfield State University. She stage managed for a student-directed show, *The Unintended Video*, performed in *Julius Caesar*, and will be performing in a student-directed show, *The Flu Season*, this spring.

## SUMMER 2012

Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Treasure Island* on the wonderful run this past July. Audiences were thoroughly entertained by the action-packed comedy. Thank you to all who participated in the production and came to see the show!





**JOIN WALPOLE FOOTLIGHTERS FOR THEIR WINTER PRODUCTION!**



## ***Laughter on the 23rd Floor***

A Comedy by Neil Simon

Directed by Frank Moffet

February 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 2012 at 8:00 pm

February 10, 17 at 2:00 pm.

For tickets call 508-668-8446



or go online at

<http://www.footlighters.com>

### **THEATER 101**

*How much do you know about theater? Each newsletter issue will provide information about the technical and behind the scenes aspects of the theater arts.*

For the upcoming production of *Puss in Boots*, the script calls for a mouse to run across the stage. Most likely, the tech director will use a special effect like the one that was successful in WCT's production of *Cinderella*. For that production, a paper mache pumpkin was rigged with a remote control car under it and navigated across the stage from stage right. A little practice with steering from off stage is all it takes!

### **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

In the picture to the right, Rebecca Horan, Abigail Nelson, Isabelle Nelson, and Savannah Harik were witches in WCT's Winter 2006 production of *Wizard's Crystal*.

### **WCT BLAST FROM THE PAST**

Can you name the actors in this scene, the production and the year?



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