



Summer 2021 Newsletter

A Message From the President

Well, here we are – we survived the pandemic and we are feeling so grateful and thrilled to be approaching an exciting new season of performances!

These past two years have been difficult, to say the least. In spite of all of the challenges, our Board of Directors continued to work and contribute to this organization and for that I am thankful.

Upstage has launched its first summer workshop and it has already proven to be a success! This workshop is preparing the children for our upcoming production of “Matilda”. The complexity of this show will call for many hands and we urge you to reach out and lend us your talents, your knowledge and your willingness to help us with this challenging production.

As our next fiscal year begins, we will have a new Board of Directors. As for the current Board - I hope to still see all of your smiling faces as you continue to support Upstage.

With appreciation,

Your President, Christine



LOVE LIST

October, 2020



*A LOOK BACK
AT OUR
2020-2021
SEASON*

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN

June, 2021



Matilda Workshop News



For the first time, Upstage is holding a summer workshop – the Matilda Workshop.

When Upstage decided to produce “Matilda” we did not realize the level of difficulty of the show – especially with the amount of music that the young cast members need to learn. And so the workshop was born.

Under the incredible direction of Annie Drewello, these children are learning the difficult music and will be ready for the upcoming rehearsals. Once in the workshop, these kids were guaranteed a place in the production; we look forward to seeing them on stage!

After auditions, which are July 17 and 31, and call backs on August 7, the rehearsal process will begin and most of the children will already have the music memorized. This will make the choreographer’s job a bit easier and that person is Tanya Phelps – an Upstage veteran who will not disappoint with her fantastic skills!

Our workshop is fortunate to have Bob Bucci assisting. With his expertise and networking he has accomplished two incredible opportunities for the workshop kids. On August 14 we will have a Zoom meet with Sophia Gennusa who is a Tony award winning ‘Matilda’ from the original Broadway production. She just graduated from high school and is off to college, but will speak with the workshop kids via Zoom. Then, on August 28, we plan to have a Master Class guest who was a dance captain for the touring “Matilda” company; the performer will share stories, speak with the children, and maybe even teach them a few dance moves!

These kids are very talented and we can’t wait until you see and hear them! After the show is cast, we will post the cast list on our Facebook and web pages. This is going to be one exciting show - see you there!

COMING FALL 2021

Roald Dahl's

Matilda

The Musical



**NOVEMBER 19, 20 & 21,
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

.....

**Upstage Productions, Inc. announces auditions for
Matilda, The Broadway Musical**

Auditions for our November 19 – 21, 2021 production, Matilda, will be by appointment on
Saturday, July 17 & Saturday, July 31 from Noon – 2 PM
At the Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack, 88 Rte. 9H, Claverack
Callbacks are scheduled for Saturday, August 7 at Noon

For appointments or information on submitting a video audition, email
matilda@upstageproductions.org

We are seeking the following performers:
Adults (19 years old and older) & Children (8–18 years old)

Materials: Bring sheet music or pre-recorded music; no acapella. There will be a dance
portion of the audition; wear the appropriate footwear and come prepared to move

Further information on roles being cast can be found on our website,
upstageproductions.org

2021 UPSTAGE SENIOR AWARD

Sasha Truax, New Lebanon Sr. High School

Sasha participated in choir, band and jazz band at her school for many years. Music built her confidence and brought much happiness. In her community, she volunteered at Flying Deer Nature Center, where she later became an employee. In the fall of 2021, she will be attending SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music, where she will major in Music Education.



Congratulations Sasha and best wishes for much success!

UPSTAGE ANNUAL MEETING

On August 16th Upstage Productions will convene their monthly Board meeting at Kozel's Restaurant in Ghent, followed by their annual membership meeting. The evening will begin at 5:30 PM, with dinner at 6:30 PM, followed by a guest presenter. Also at this meeting, results of the recent Board elections will be announced. All Upstage members are welcome to attend; join us to share in the success that the past 2 years have seen, celebrate the return of live entertainment, and hear plans for the coming season. Your membership is what keeps this organization thriving year after year. *Kindly RSVP by August 9th to info@upstageproductions.org.* Hope to see many of you there!

August 16th

Upstage Board & Annual Membership Meeting 5:30 – 8:30 PM

Kozels Restaurant, 1006 NY-9H

Food and drink available for purchase



**Voting for Upstage Board members and
Representatives At-Large
is open to active Upstage Members!**

**Voting can be done online any time before
midnight on August 13th.**

**You will need to enter the name associated
with your Upstage membership as only votes
by current paid memberships are valid.**

[Vote Here](#)

