

The NEW THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP GUILD

April 2024



Scholarship Celebration Is Steeped in Tradition

Our most important event of the year signifies the traditions the Guild has built over the last thirty years. The Guild was organized in 1994 by a gathering of Dodie Brown's friends to become one of the few organizations in the Kansas City area awarding scholarships to university theatre students. In these 30 years, the Guild has awarded two hundred and eighty-six scholarships worth two-thirds of a million dollars and has \$990,000 invested for future awards. This was the overlying premise of the Annual Scholarship Celebration on March 11, 2024, at the New Theatre & Restaurant.

Attended by students, professors, Guild members, and friends, the evening began in the lobby with a lively social hour of hors d'oeuvres supplied by Guild board members and wine and soft drinks provided by the owners of the New Theater, Dennis D. Hennessy and Richard Carrothers. Guests were ushered into the theater and warmly greeted by Nancy Greenlee, president. After State-of-the-Guild remarks, Nancy turned the meeting over to Richard "Buzz" Herman, scholarship chair. Buzz presented checks totaling \$51,000 to the theatre department chairs at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas University, University of Central Missouri, and Kansas State University.

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PICTURED ABOVE: Dr. Henry Bial and students from KU **TOP RIGHT:** Barbara Holzmark, Sheila Jewel, Nancy Greenlee, Lora Smith and Caryn Hastings **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Benefit Co-Chairs, Jenny Manka and Karen Yungmeyer

Meet the New Theatre Scholarship Guild President, Seth McClintock

Teacher, actor, director, Oxford scholar, gourmet cook & baker, antique buff, poet, and now president, or as he calls it “recycled president.” Seth D. McClintock wears many hats including newly elected president of the New Theatre Scholarship Guild having served before in 2011-2013.

Joplin, MO, is where he grew up in a baker’s family learning to bake cookies and desserts at an early age. Seth realized his passion for theater by performing in plays in middle school, high school, and college, and many summer theater workshops. After graduating from Kansas State College in Pittsburg, KS, with a dual major in English and theater, he began teaching those subjects in Moran, KS, then in Wichita, and finally at Shawnee Mission West High School in 1967.



Seth was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 1964-65 to study literature and theater for a year at Oxford University in England. He found an interest in the UK and began taking student groups to perform and tour England and other countries making sixty-three excursions abroad. Also, he received an Art Institute of San Miguel De Allende Poetry Scholarship for a symposium in Mexico. His poetic talent often supplies this newsletter with timely poems.

Seth met Dodie Brown when they were both performing in “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” and together again in Johnson County’s first Theatre in the Park production of “Mame.” He was in the original group of Friends of Dodie who sparked the beginning of the Guild and was enlisted by Dodie to be on the first board of directors. He has headed fifty-three silent auctions for the Guild and other organizations. He evaluates the donation, writes descriptions and bid sheets, arranges the items, and handles the checkout process. No one can run an auction like Seth McClintock.

Seth signs off on every email with a line from Albert Einstein “Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.” However, Seth is both a great success and of undeniable value.

2024-25 Board Members



Back row (left to right): Sheila Jewell, Ed See, Seth McClintock, President, Richard (Buzz) Herman, Jackie Stokes, Marilyn Thompson, Linda Seiner, Linda Hartman, Jim Holzmark, Hank Rector, Don Watson **Front Row:** Lora Smith, Penny Gamm, Caryn Hastings, Nancy Greenlee, immediate past president

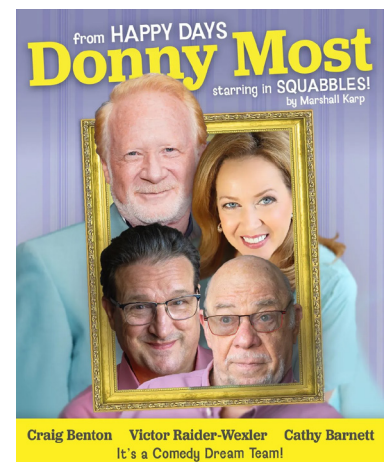
Upcoming Dress Rehearsal

**April 24th, 1:30 pm.
New Theatre &
Restaurant**

Donny Most from HAPPY DAYS starring in Squabbles and co-starring Cathy Barnett, Craig Benton & Victor Raider-Wexler.

\$10 for members
\$15 for non-members.

**For more information
and to purchase tickets visit TNTGuild.com.**



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One of the highlights of the event was hearing from the scholarship students. Jacob Phillips, a 2024-25 Guild scholarship student from UMKC, was the first to express his appreciation, followed by students from KU and UCM, all with similar messages of gratitude for the Guild's investment in their futures and the future of live theatre.

The keynote speaker was Carla Noack, a professor in the UMKC theatre department and an accomplished actor in the Kansas City area. Carla gave tribute to Dodie Brown, our cherished founder, with personal vignettes of their friendship. Carla also thanked the Guild for their invaluable help in young lives who must balance studies with rehearsals and performances.

The voting and installation of the new president, Seth McClintock, and the new slate of officers rounded out the annual meeting.



ABOVE: Guest speaker, Carla Noack

Retiring President's Letter

Dear members and friends of The New Theatre Scholarship Guild,

This newsletter is dedicated to the board members and volunteers who participated in the continued building of scholarship funds for performing arts students of UMKC, UCM, KU, and KSU.

It has been a year of success and sadness. Our Jazz Cantina Party benefit raised a record amount of funds for our scholarships. We were honored to have a special guest, Jim O'Heir. Mixed with the fun and comradery, was a feeling of "someone is missing." We lost our dear friend and visionary founder, Dodie Brown, just a few weeks before the benefit. In her honor, a Celebration of Life was held at The New Theatre and Restaurant that highlighted her illustrious life in a style she would have loved.

We continue to gain new members and urge you to invite your friends to sign up as well. A final thought: As we carry on Dodie's legacy, the Guild continues to keep her vision alive through our annual benefit events and hosting dress rehearsal performances. The torch will continue to be carried by The New Theatre Scholarship Guild. Please commit to attending our events and contributing to our scholarship fund for college students majoring in performing arts.

- Nancy Greenlee, 2022-23 President



2024 Scholarship Winners

UMKC



Jacob Phillips

KU



Olly Mitchell

UCM



Molly Blackburn

UCM



Quinn Allen

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UMKC - Sharon Pearce



The New Theatre Scholarship Guild
Invites you to celebrate our

30th

Year of the Guild
&
The Legacy of Dodie Brown

Please join us for a tour of the
Kansas City Symphony Alliance
Designer Showhouse, followed by lunch
in the glass-enclosed Pavilion

Friday, April 19, 2024 11:30 a.m.
1100 VALENTINE ROAD KC, MO

**\$40 Includes tour, box lunch,
champagne and cake!**

Please RSVP by April 10th:
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