



# SOCSA JOURNAL

## New SOCSA Board Members

Even before the school year began, the new SOCSA Foundation Board was already hard at work, ensuring financial support for all SOCSA activities in the coming year.

Please welcome these dedicated board members and let them know how much you appreciate their hard work throughout the year.

Alan Wickstrom, President  
Carla Bentson, Treasurer  
Kathy Vescera, Assistant Treasurer  
Steve Gross, Secretary\*  
Paula Kohl, VP Membership  
Mahyar Ghassemian, VP Publicity  
Carol Brillon, VP Corporate  
Daina Dillabough, VP Ways & Means  
*\*Pending vote at Sept. 17 Parents' Meeting.*

## Important September Dates

**Monday, September 17**  
**MANDATORY SOCSA Parents' Meeting**  
**7 p.m. Porthole Theater** One parent from each family **MUST** attend. (Students are welcome but not required to attend)

**Friday, September 28**  
**Broadway Night Auditions**  
**3-7 p.m. Porthole Theater**

## Brittany Longdon and Neil Sampson join SOCSA faculty

Another welcome to two people who are certainly not strangers to SOCSA; in fact, both of them are SOCSA graduates. Brittany Longdon, Class of 2000, and Neil Sampson, Class of 2003, are both now members of the SOCSA faculty.

Brittany will be teaching Musical Theater, Dance and Dance Production and coaching Actors' Rep; she'll also be teaching English III. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from UCLA's School of Theater, Film and Television and is receiving her Master of Arts in Education from Chapman University.

Neil will be teaching Theater Production, Stagecraft, Lighting and Sound. He is a graduate of the University of California, Riverside, where he was Theater Manager since his freshman year.

Their skills and enthusiasm make Brittany and Neil exciting additions to the SOCSA program.

View faculty bios online at [SOCSArts.org/staff.php](http://SOCSArts.org/staff.php).



## PERFECT WEATHER & DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS MAKE PICNIC A SUCCESS



SOCSA students and their families attended the annual SOCSA Picnic at Doheny State Park on Saturday, September 8. The weather was ideal and despite some sunburns and an unfortunate injury, a good time was had by all. Freshmen and seniors alike participated in such games as British Bulldog and of course, that endless pony riding game with the song that's still stuck in our heads.

SOCSA Foundation President Alan Wickstrom introduced the new board as well as the Drama Club and Thespian Society officers, kicking off what's sure to be SOCSA's best year yet.

There was something for everyone, from fabulous potluck entrees and desserts to face painting, a sale on "vintage" SOCSA clothing and even a hypnotist.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this event possible.



*New friendships were made —*



*and old friends reunited.*

## Congratulations to 2007-8 Drama Club & Thespian Society Officers

Drama Club Officers are Secretary Erika Peterson, Treasurer Justin LaForge, Historian Juliet Kaufman, Vice-President Ryan Healy and President Victoria Vitale.

Thespian Society Officers are Scribe Cherie Owen, Treasurer Max Kelley, Secretary Lucy Solie-Vilker, Vice-President Dominique Brillon and President Ryann Del Prado.

## Congratulations to SOCSA 2007 Senior Scholarship Winners!

At Showcase 2007, scholarships were presented to the following students, who will be representing SOCSA at these institutions this fall:

Tammy Kohan, University of California, Los Angeles; Jenny Santore, University of California, Irvine; Erika Harrell, Stanford University; Kalie Angle, University of Southern California; Joey Richter, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Mallory Cummings, Pepperdine University.

On behalf of the entire committee, best wishes as you start your college careers and continue to pursue your dreams. We'll miss you in the Porthole!



## DONATE TO THE RON & KELLY WOODS MEMORIAL FUND

The entire SOCSA family extends its deepest sympathies to the Woods and Seapin families on the loss of Ron (son of Ray and Amy Woods) and Kelly (wife of Ron and daughter of Richard and Christine Seapin). Please make your check out to "SOCSA Foundation" and add "RON & KELLY WOODS MEMORIAL FUND" to the MEMO of the check and send to:

SOCSA, P.O. Box 3174, Dana Point, CA 92629-8174

## Put the cart first

Please help by volunteering to work the SOCSA cart. It raises money for the program and ensures that all the kids who stay after school have snacks available. If you have any spare time in the afternoon, why not sign up to work the cart?

## Alumni News

SOCSA Alumni Adam Rigg, Heather Littany and Tessa Drysdale have started ArtBrawl Theatre Co-op. Their first production, *Metamorphoses*, will take place in L.A. in January. Get the details at <http://www.artbrawl.org/home.html>.

## Future Rising Stars Shine

“Catch a Rising Star,” a summer theater program, was launched by SOCSA students in summer 2007 at the Boys & Girls Club of Capistrano Valley, culminating in a performance at the club. In addition, SOCSA students lent their voices by singing at the club’s annual fundraiser at Mission San Juan Capistrano on Saturday, September 8. Sara Watchinski, Jessica Watchinski, and Jenny Santore sang the National Anthem; Chris Giordano sang “Being Live” from *Company*; and Sara Watchinski and Jenny Santore sang “I Will Never Leave You” from *Side Show*.

## Orange County Cappies

### (Critics and Awards Program for High School Theater)

A 2007 Cappies award was presented to: Joey Richter — Officer Lockstock *Urinetown, The Musical*

Congratulations to all the 2007 Cappies nominees, commendees & critics’ choices.

Learn more about the OC Cappies Awards at: [cappies.com/occ/](http://cappies.com/occ/)

## MACY Awards 2007

### (Music & Art Commendation for Youth)

MACY awards were presented to the following:

*URINETOWN, THE MUSICAL*

DIRECTOR: PATTIE SEXTON

#### BRIGHT SPOT

MAX KELLEY

ASTON REYES

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

DREW PARKHILL

KERRI WATT

#### ACHIEVEMENT

RALEIGH BISBEE

#### OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

JORDAN KELLEY

NICK PAPAGEORGE

JENNY SANTORE

#### HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT

ERIKA PETERSON

JOEY RICHTER (COMEDIAN OF THE YEAR)

#### ENSEMBLE

*THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE*

DIRECTOR: ROBB RIGG

#### BRIGHT SPOT

RYAN HEALY

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

JUSTIN LA FORGE

EMILY PADDOCK

WILL REIDLING

#### ACHIEVEMENT

KERRI WATT

#### OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

ERIKA PETERSON

SOPHIA POZZI

#### ENSEMBLE

#### HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT

JOEY RICHTER

JENNY SANTORE

Learn more about the MACY Awards at [macyawards.org](http://macyawards.org).

## Your dues are due!

Have you paid your SOCSA fees for the current year? Please note: A late fee will be incurred after September 30.

## The Haunting of Hill House

Get ready for a chilling and intense experience in mounting terror with SOCSA’s fall play, *The Haunting of Hill House*. Separated from the outside world by its remote location and shunned by all who know its forbidding and sinister reputation, Hill House has remained empty until a group of psychic investigators probes its secrets! A psychological thriller in the tradition of Alfred Hitchcock, Shirley Jackson creates an amazing story that will have you screaming in terror. Join us Oct. 18, 19 & 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Porthole Theater.

## Fiddler’s Coming!

A dedicated cast and crew are working from sunrise to sunset to deliver an incredible production of *Fiddler on the Roof* in the Porthole Theater on November 29, 30, and December 1, 6, 7 and 8.

The story centers on Tevye, his wife, Golde, and their five daughters, and Tevye’s attempts to maintain his family and religious traditions while the world and civilization around him change rapidly in Tsarist Russia in 1905. The Broadway version of this amazing show won 9 Tony awards, including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book, and spawned four Broadway revivals and a successful 1971 film adaptation.

With powerful favorites like “Matchmaker,” “Tradition” and “If I Were a Rich Man,” *Fiddler* is one production you’d be meshuguna (crazy) to miss. Order tickets at [socsarts.org](http://socsarts.org) today!

## Broadway Night

Watch SOCSA students give their regards to Broadway in this annual audience favorite on November 1 & 2 at 7 p.m. in the Porthole Theater. From freshmen boys to senior girls, everyone gets involved in this memorable evening.

# SOCSA CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

17 Mon 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
MANDATORY  
Parents Meeting  
Porthole Theater

28 Fri 3:00 - 7:00 P.M.  
Broadway Night Auditions  
Porthole Theater

## OCTOBER

8 Mon 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
SOCSA Board Meeting  
DHHS Choir Room

18 - 20 Thu - Sat 7:00-10:00 P.M.  
Fall Play - *The Haunting of Hill House*  
Porthole Theatre

23 Tue 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Fall Instrumental Concert  
Porthole Theatre

## NOVEMBER

1, 2 Thur, Fri 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Broadway Night  
Porthole Theater

7 Wed 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
Choral Concert  
Porthole Theatre

14 Wed 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
SOCSA Board Meeting  
DHHS Choir Room

15 Thur 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
SOCSA Career Symposium  
On Campus

15 Thurs  
Visual Arts at  
Imagination Celebration

19 - 23 Thanksgiving Recess

29 - 12/1 Thur - Sat 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Fall Musical - *Fiddler On The Roof*  
Porthole Theater

## DECEMBER

6 - 8 Thur - Sat 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Fall Musical - *Fiddler On The Roof*  
Porthole Theater

10 Mon 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
SOCSA Board Meeting  
DHHS Choir Room

18 Tue 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Instrumental Winter Concert  
Porthole Theater

19 Wed 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Choral Concert  
Location TBD

24 - 1/4 Winter Holiday

## JANUARY

11, 12 Fri, Sat 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
Actors' Rep Night  
Porthole Theatre

18, 19 Thur, Fri 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
SOCSA Dance Concert  
Porthole Theatre

## FEBRUARY

4 Mon 3:00 - 7:00 P.M.  
Spring Musical Auditions  
Porthole Theatre

11 Mon 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
SOCSA Board Meeting  
DHHS Choir Room

29 Fri 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Oldies Night  
Porthole Theater

## MARCH

3 - 7 Mon - Fri  
Call for 2008-9 Foundation  
Board of Directors  
Nomination Committee

10 Mon 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
SOCSA Board Meeting  
DHHS Choir Room

27 - 29 Thur - Sat 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Spring Play  
Porthole Theatre

## APRIL

1, 2 Tue, Wed 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Opera Night  
Off Campus TBA

7 - 11 Mon - Fri  
Spring Holiday

14 Mon 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
SOCSA Board Meeting  
DHHS Choir Room

24 - 26 Thur - Sat 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Spring Musical  
Porthole Theater

29 Tue 3:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
Showcase Auditions  
Location TBD

## MAY

1 - 3 Thur - Sat 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Spring Musical  
Porthole Theatre

12 Mon 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
SOCSA Board Meeting  
DHHS Choir Room

19 Mon 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
SOCSA Foundation Board of  
Directors Election  
DHHS Choir Room

## JUNE

2, 3 Mon, Tue 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Actor's Rep Night  
Porthole Theater

4 Wed 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Spring Choral Concert  
Location TBD

9 Mon 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
SOCSA Board Meeting  
DHHS Choir Room  
TBD SOCSA Showcase

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Buy tickets for SOCSA events online at [SOCSArts.org](http://SOCSArts.org).