

EHSYF News

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2016 Recap



The Board had a busy year planning and executing fundraising, social and artistic events, the most important of which was our 2016 summer production of *Babes in Arms*. In the months before the show, members danced the night away at our Annual Show Reveal Dance Party, where we announced our show selection. Then, they had a chance to perform as part of the entertainment for the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year, our Cabaret and Silent Auction. This winter, members spread holiday cheer in our Holiday Fest show, Excerpts from *Deck the Stage*. Bravo to all who participated this year onstage as well as behind the scenes and a big thank you to the parents and others who volunteered their time and talents! Here's to 2017- Let's make some memories, art and new friends!

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Upcoming Events

High Notes and High Tea

February 19, 2017 3:00pm- \$10

The East Hartford Fine Arts Commission is pleased to present Members of the New England Chamber Choir and Chamber Ensemble performing a "High Notes and High Tea" concert featuring Henry Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas and A Bouquet of songs." EHSYF will be offering a tea buffet before the concert at 3:00pm featuring tea, sandwiches, scones and cookies for \$10. Reservations are necessary; seating will be limited. Please call (860) 528-0176 by Thursday, February 16 and leave a name, phone number and how many people will be attending. The concert, following the tea, will begin at 4:00pm and will feature EHSYF's own, Anna Cairnduff!

For more information about the New England Chamber Choir, check out their website:

<http://www.newenglandchamberchoir.org/>

Rural Legend Concert Fundraiser

March 10, 2017 7:30pm Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse- \$10

Connecticut based band Rural Legend will present a concert in March which will benefit EHSYF...and be great fun for all! Check out their website, and then come enjoy a night of music with us!

www.rurallegend.net

Upcoming- Dates TBA so keep an eye out!

Roma Pasta Sauce

April

Dining Out Fundraisers

Game Tournament FUNdraiser

Auditions for Summer Show

End of May/Beginning of June

Summer Show Rehearsals and Social Events



**Blast from the
past!**

**The cast of
EHSYF's 2009**

NAME THAT NEWSLETTER

“EHSYF News” may be what is contained in this newsletter, but let’s be honest- it is not a very exciting title! That’s where YOU come in! Think you can come up with a better title? Let’s hear it! Submit your idea for a title by emailing it to EHSYF.INC@gmail.com or by clicking [here](#) by March 6th and YOUR idea might be chosen!

Summer 2017 Show Selection

It is with great excitement that we announce that our selection for this summer’s EHSYF production is...

Disney’s The Little Mermaid!

DISNEY’S THE LITTLE MERMAID
Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.MTIShows.com

Thank you to all who participated in our show selection survey in November! Your feedback was invaluable as the board made this decision.



MEET THE MEMBER

Introducing...**Jenny Tran!**

Jenny is one of EHSYF's shining stars! She is 16 years old and lives in Manchester where she attends Manchester High School. There, she is involved in the marching band and plays violin in the orchestra.



She became a part of the EHSYF in 2015 when she heard about auditions through the music wing of her school and thought she would give it a try! She was cast and performed the role of Jojo in our production of *Seussical*. Most recently, Jenny was seen onstage with EHSYF in this past summer's musical, *Babes in Arms!* **Way to go, Jenny!**

Jenny says that what she likes most about participating in musical theater is learning how to improve her acting and singing skills. As for what she says she most loves about EHSYF, she says that the people are all so nice, caring, welcoming, and just generally nice to be around! **Back at you, Jenny! We are so glad you are a part of the family!**

Fun Facts about Jenny:

Her favorite roles that she has played are Molly in *Annie* and Jojo in *Seussical* and she likes to bring her ukulele with her everywhere so she can randomly break into song!

We'd love to hear from you!

Are you performing in any shows coming up? Let us know and we'll post it on Facebook! Do you have questions about the group or want to know how you can help out at event? Have ideas for the next newsletter or want to be featured in our Meet the Member section?

Please drop us a line at ehsyf.inc@gmail.com or contact us through our website at www.ehsyf.org

If you are not already a member of our online group, please connect with us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ehsyf)

MEET THE BOARD

Introducing...**Al Girard** **President/Producer**



Al is the president and producer of our organization. He has been a part of EHSYF for many years with roles both on and offstage, but his love of theater began his junior year of high school. His friends thought it would be cool if he did the musical with them but no one knew he could sing! So when he sang at the audition, you could have heard a pin drop when he was finished! The chorus teacher, who also directed the musicals, said "Where have you been?" He had a great time in the ensemble and even had a solo!

His first EHSYF show was *Brigadoon* in 1991. He was originally cast in the ensemble but when the guy who was cast as Charlie never showed up, he was his replacement and, as they say, the rest is history! Al joined the EHSYF Board in 1996 as a Member at Large. Two years later, the Treasurer decided to step down, so he ran, was elected and served for 16 years until he became President in 2014. Twenty consecutive years on the EHSYF Board is quite a long tenure, and top it off, he has also been a Stage Manager for EHSYF!

Al says that the thing that he loves about EHSYF and what makes it so unique is our commitment to ensuring that each cast member is featured in some way and living up to our motto that "everyone is a star"! EHSYF has evolved over the years and it's great to see how we try and incorporate our membership with activities throughout the year. It can be a struggle at times to get members involved during the year but we do what we can to make it work!

Fun Facts about Al: He's the youngest of 5 boys and has 8 nephews! There are no girls in his family (except for his mom). He was born on his brother Steve's 4th birthday - and Al tells him he was his birthday present!

DID YOU KNOW?

EHSYF provides and sells the concessions for the Saturday Night Cinema! series presented by the East Hartford Fine Arts Commission each year. These foreign films are shown (free of charge!) at 7:00pm on the third Saturday of the month from January through April in the auditorium of the East Hartford Community Cultural Ctr- 50 Chapman Pl