Dear Stagebridge-rs,

The Fall session has kicked off in high gear and I am thrilled to finally feel the buzz of roaring voices, tapping tappers, emotive actors, and creative artists flowing all throughout Stagebridge! It’s been wonderful meeting students in the hall and classrooms and putting faces on the names I’ve read and written down so often. I am truly in awe of the passion and dedication the students have to performing and creating here at Stagebridge. I wish you all a fun and rewarding experience this Fall session!

Moreover, it’s been a successful Fall Registration! I want to thank everyone for adjusting to the slight changes I’ve made for online registration. I am still learning and appreciate all your patience. I’ve heard your constructive feedback and I want to make the registration process easier in the future! If you have any feedback about classes, the Performing Arts Institute (PAI) or Seniors Reaching Out (SRO) etc, please kindly write to me at lily@stagebridge.org or you can kindly contact me at 510-444-8511 x122. I am available in the Stagebridge office Mon-Thurs 9-5pm, Fri 9-3pm.

I’ve written and designed this newsletter as well as the past two newsletters. If you are a Stagebridge member and would like to feature your project in our monthly newsletter, please contact me.

Enjoy and please read on for more details about upcoming events at Stagebridge, events involving Stagebridge members, and a remembrance for our fellow Stagebridge student, Ann Fields.

Happy growing and learning,

Lily Nguyen
Director, PAI and SRO

Stagebridge is having an OPEN HOUSE and ALL are invited!

Come join the Stagebridge community and see what we're up to, meet the staff, students, and beloved Instructors of Stagebridge! Bring your friends, let's expand our community!

Wednesday October 24th, 2018 from 1:00-2:00pm
Stagebridge and Tell It On Tuesday at The Berkeley Marsh have partnered over the past decade to put on an evening show featuring just Stagebridge performers!

The date of this year’s show will be:
Tuesday, October 30th, 2018 at 7:00pm
Location: Marsh Arts Center
Music: 7:00pm
Kate Brubeck (vocals) and Geoff Van Linden (guitar)

Stories by Stagebridge Storytellers: 7:30pm
Jeff Byers, Bajan Budiman, Sharpshooter
Melissa Hobbs, *The Wife of Bath Tells the Truth*
Melinda Ginne, *Sam Meets Pearl, Montreal 1916*
Dana Sherry, *The City of Women (a Kazakh legend)*
Gerry Keenan, *Counting by Sevens*

Tickets are $8-$15, sliding scale at the door only. These stories contain adult material - not recommended for children.
Advisers: David Ford, Jeff Raz, Charlie Varon, Bruce Pachtman, Kirk Waller
Producers: Bridget Frederick, Rebecca Fisher

~Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Stagebridge!~

You are Invited to Celebrate with Stagebridge
40 Amazing Years! • 1978-2018
Saturday, November 3, 2018 • 3:00-6:00 pm
First Congregational Church of Oakland | Reidenbach Hall
2501 Harrison St, Oakland, CA 94612

Stagebridge's 40th Gala will feature
Silent Auction * Raffle Baskets * Souvenirs * Music * Food
Entertainment * Tributes * Program Ad/ Memory Booklet

Our program will begin at 4:15pm
The Angel Room & New Oakland Room
will be available for conversation & connecting
If you wish, please come dressed as your favorite Artist/Actor/Actress!
The event is wheelchair accessible and assistance will be available to you if needed.

WHEN: Saturday November 3rd, from 3:00pm - 6:00pm
WHERE: Stagebridge
ADDRESS: 2501 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Come celebrate with us 40 years of collaboration between Stagebridge staff members, board members, students, teachers, and community partners who are all dedicated to transforming the lives of older adults and our communities through the performing arts!

Follow the link below to our 40th Gala page for more information about purchasing TICKETS, SPONSORSHIP, PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENTS, and AUCTION DONATIONS

Click below to buy tickets!

*Avoid lines and purchase or reserve your tickets online by Wednesday October 17th!*
We will be honoring our very own, Barbara Johnson, Director of The Stagebridge Schools Program. Come honor Barbara’s commitment to Stagebridge for more than 18 years.

There will be food, entertainment, a silent auction, raffle baskets, and MORE.

VOLUNTEER for the 40th Gala Celebration!

The Gala committee is looking for ~30 volunteers to help prepare for the big day!

If you are interested in lending a hand with setting up tables, managing sign-ins, offering tote bags and more, please contact Tracy at tracy@stagebridge.org.

Come support fellow Stagebridge students in upcoming projects!

Encore Actors: Stormy Ladies

Coming November 8th and 9th at 7pm: Stormy Ladies - a project of Encore Actors under the direction of Michael French. It is a funny and thought-provoking play about a group of women left behind during serious flooding in a retirement home in Britain. Encore Actors is a group of Stagebridge acting students including Natalie Fay, Lynne Hollander, Ellen (Sprecher) Jay, Suzanne Latham, Ann Martin, Barbara Szudy, and Ken Woolfe. Stagebridge instructors, Jeff and Susan Dunn are providing the very important sound effects. There is no admission charge for this event which is being held in the Guild Hall at Piedmont Community Church, 400 Highland Ave, Piedmont. To reserve your seat please email suzlatham3@gmail.com.

Musical Conversations: Challenging Our Notions of Creativity...Together!

with Helen Abel & Sean Garrett

Saturday, November 10, 2018
11:00am - 1:00pm
274 14th Street, Suite 301, Oakland
$25 ($15 for Seniors, Students, Unemployed)

Helen Abel is a life performance coach on staff at Life Performance Coaching. She leads many play-based workshops and encourages development by teaching participants to use their capacity to create and
healthy dose of creativity. Discover how play helps develop environments that vibrate with creative and emotional growth.

Play is at the heart of the social therapeutic approach used at Life Performance Coaching. It allows us to challenge the idea that the creative process is individual-based, and sets us free from the notion that we must "put on a show" as our end product.

For more information, contact: Helen Abel at 415-846-8739 or habel@lifeperformancecoaching.com

Sean Garrett is a local singer who recently auditioned for television's "The Voice", and is the former co-leader of the David Bowie tribute band "Cat People". He has developed and participated in Life Performance Coaching workshops.

Click below to see the flier on: Life Performance Coaching

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Stagebridge Storytelling: Tales of Oakland
Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente

This is a FREE event put on by our friends at Kaiser! This will be a fun night filled with food, drinks, and Tales of Oakland featuring Stagebridge Storytellers.

Come out and support Stagebridge!

WHEN: November 14th @ 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30)
WHERE: New Parkway Theater, 474 24th Street, Oakland

Stay tuned for more information...

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Bridges Together:
2018 Fran Pratt Award

Congratulations to our very own Barbara Johnson for winning the 2018 Fran Pratt Award!

"Barbara is the Program Coordinator at Stagebridge’s Storybridge program in Oakland, California. Stagebridge’s Storybridge program has been nationally recognized for its work by the MetLife Foundation and the US Department of Education, largely due to Barbara’s focus and commitment. The program builds literacy and confidence in elementary school youth through teaching and demonstrating storytelling techniques. Older adult and master storytellers visit classrooms through..."
months-long residencies, during which time they give the gift of storytelling to young people in under-resourced neighborhoods throughout the Bay Area. Additionally, Barbara started Stagebridge’s Grandparents’ Tales Contest, for which young people interview an older adult in their lives and then re-tell that story. Grandparents’ Tales winners have told in bookstores, on local television, and have been featured by such companies as Coca-Cola. Barbara is also a proud grandmother of two, but she has been dedicated to bringing together young people and older adults for over twenty years. One of this year’s judges stated that they recognized that “Barbara has opened doors for children who are less fortunate, giving them more opportunity to gain knowledge and to learn not only from their peers but from seniors as well. Children learn from storytelling from a senior’s perspective, and seniors also gain perspective of the children’s lives, and they bond on those levels. I chose her as #1 because she has had a strong commitment to her community throughout her whole life.”

Fran Pratt was a true pioneer who wrote one of the first manuals on aging education for children. He then went on to form the Massachusetts Intergenerational Network—one of the first networking communities within the US for those involved in intergenerational work. This award is dedicated to individuals who are creating and maintaining opportunities for our older adults and young people to engage with each other in meaningful ways and foster a culture of age-integration.

Read more about the Fran Pratt Award here: Bridges Together: Fran Pratt Award

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**Remembering Ann Fields**

Dear Stagebridge friends and family,

We are all very saddened to inform you that Ann Fields, an admirable member of the community, passed away on September 30, 2018. She is survived by her two daughters, Tamera and Leslie, and three grandchildren, Scott, Bryan and Katie. We want to extend our condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues.

Ann was a writer and a storyteller; she was a student in Anthony Clarvoe’s Playwriting class and Jeanne Haynes’ Storytelling class. Her enthusiasm for learning and her warm smile will be greatly missed at Stagebridge.

“Ann’s gentle manners, soft voice and slight build belied her fierce passion for stories and performance. How we shall miss the commitment to her own stories and those of everyone else in our Art of Storytelling Class. With her excitement and insightful remarks she was a constant contributing joy. And oh - that unforgettable smile - especially the mischievous one that punctuated her humor.” - Jeanne Haynes, Instructor/Coach

If you would like to attend the Viewing and/or Memorial Service for Ann Fields, the information follows:
SPIRITED AWAY
FCCO MOVIE NIGHT
Hosted by Ronnie Casey

FREE MOVIE! FREE POPCORN! FREE PRIZES!

Chihiro's family is moving to a new house, but when they stop on the way to explore an abandoned village, her parents undergo a mysterious transformation and Chihiro is whisked into a world of fantastic spirits ruled over by the sorceress, Yubaba. Put to work in a magical bath-house for spirits, Chihiro must use all her wits to survive in this strange new place, find a way to free her parents and return to the normal world. Overflowing with imaginative creatures and thrilling storytelling, SPIRITED AWAY became a worldwide smash hit, and is one of the most critically acclaimed films of all time.

Friday October 19th, 2018
7:00pm—please arrive on time!
2501 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612
Enter thru Blue Door off back parking lot.

Donate to Stagebridge!
Make a one-time donation or donate monthly.

You can make a direct donation to Stagebridge by mailing a check to:

Stagebridge
2501 Harrison Street
Oakland, CA 94612

You may also donate through Stagebridge's PayPal or through Beneficial State Bank.

Beneficial State Bank
1438 Webster Street, Suite 100
C/O Stagebridge Senior Theatre Company
Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: 888 326 2265

Payee Account #: 0820009870

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Stagebridge's nonprofit Employee Identification Number (EIN) is:
We thank you for donating monthly or as you can to support our 40th year and our shared mission to transform the lives of older adults and their communities through the performing arts.

PAYPAL: Donate to Stagebridge!

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