

# The NEW THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP GUILD

September 2023



## Say Goodbye to Dodie Brown

Founder of The New Theatre Scholarship Guild

Heaven welcomed a KC legend on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. Dolores Katherine Myers Brown, known to all as DODIE, left this world as she entered it – with a bigger-than-life presence, delighting audiences...from the little girl dancing in front of her adoring grandmother to the vast number of theatre audiences who cheered her hundreds of stage performances. She founded the New Theatre Scholarship Guild, a not-for-profit organization that provides scholarships at four local universities. But as much as Dodie adored her life on the stage, it was her dear husband 'Buddy,' who preceded her in death, and daughters Jennifer and Melissa who stole the biggest part of her heart. One of Dodie's greatest joys was welcoming, each summer, all her grandchildren, Katherine, Robert, Reese, Maggie and Dean for Cousin Camp.

We ask that you take a look skyward, for we're sure there will be one cloud prettier, bigger, and vying for center-stage position in the vastness beyond – and blow a kiss to the heavens and our Dodie.

*The final bow is yours, Ms. Brown.*

Contributions in honor of Dodie can be sent to the New Theatre Scholarship Guild mailed to 9229 Foster, Overland Park, KS 66212.

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# A Message from the President

We dedicate this issue of our Guild Newsletter to our founder and friend, Dodie Brown. Dodie will be forever remembered not only for her talent as an actress, but also for her legacy of providing scholarships to talented and gifted performing arts students. Since the founding of TNTSG, we have raised more than \$1,000,000. To continue her legacy is the purpose of our organization and we are dedicated to carrying on in her absence. A Celebration of Dodie Brown will be held Monday, September 25, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. We invite our members to come enjoy a special evening of memories and affirmation of a life very well lived.

The Guild benefit, "40s Canteen Jazz Party" was a great success! A new record was set when more than \$20,000 was raised for our scholarships. Caryn Hastings and a team of helpers created an experience that took us back in time to the days of WWII and the USO organization. Our entertainment, The Brad Gregory Jazz Septet and the Kansas City Swingsters provided us with some of the era's best music and dance. We were especially pleased to have guests from the University of Central Missouri and The University of Missouri Kansas City! We love meeting the staff and students from our sponsored universities!

Thank you for your continued support of our Guild and the scholarship students we support.

*- Nancy Greenlee, President*

## Networking Photos - 1940's Canteen Jazz Party!

The 1940's Canteen Jazz Party on August 27 was a huge success, raising more than \$20,000 for scholarships!



Jon Bowers, Sharon Bowers, Lance Jesse, Pat



Sheila Jewell, Lynne Weilert, Barbara Wilson, Kathy Osbourn, Jackie Stokes, Susan Watkins



Melissa Cooper, Ed See, Jennifer Harnick



Penny Gamm, Bill Gamm



Barbara Holzmark, Jim Holzmark, Jawn Collins, Pam Meeker



(Back row) Ed See, Ashley Miller-Scully, Caryn Hastings, Jim Holzmark, (Middle Row) Sharon Pearce, Sheila Jewell, Marilyn Thompson, (Front Row) Linda Hartman, Nancy Greenlee, President, Don Watkins, Jackie Stokes

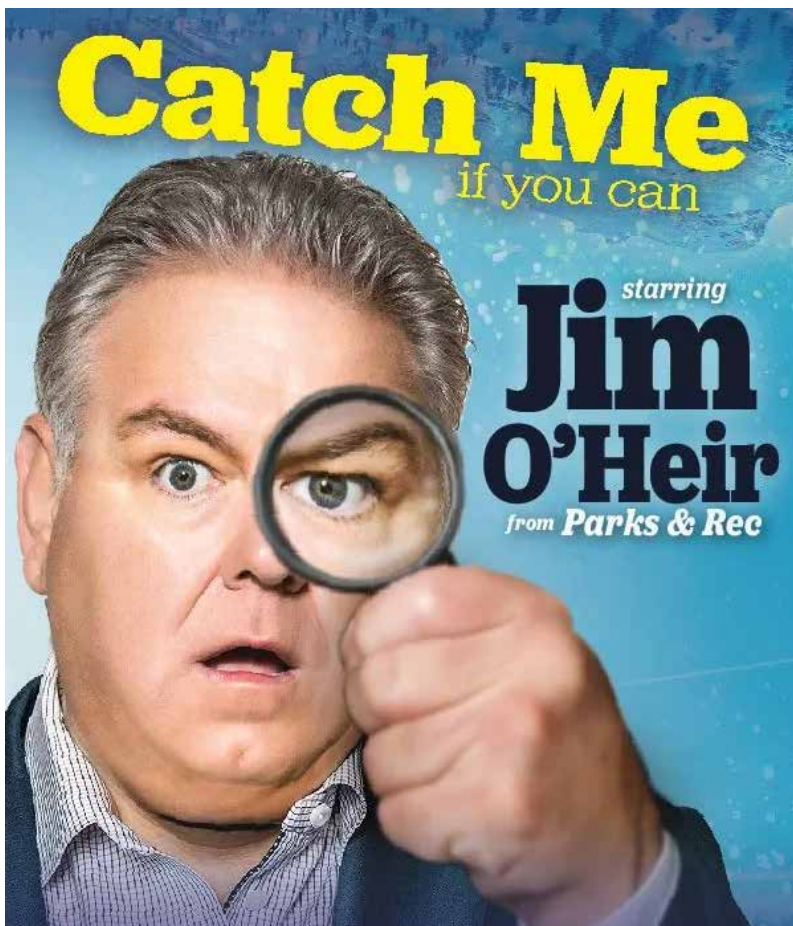


# News & Events

## The Guild welcomes new members

- Donna Burns
- Mary Beth Gentry
- Joe and Kelly Simpson
- Carl and Lynne Weilert
- Marsha Hunt
- Jenny Manka

## Upcoming Dress Rehearsal



**November 22, 2:00 pm.  
New Theatre & Restaurant**

Parks & Recreation Star: Jim O'Heir leads the charge in this edge-of-your-seat comedy murder mystery!

Pay at the door

A donation of \$10 for members  
\$15 for non-members



## *Dodie*

*By Seth McClintock*

We have admired her perfect aim,  
this actress of the theatre air.  
She voiced the world's absorbing game  
if it were not that everywhere.

Her aim was sure,  
her goal was to insnare.  
And urged us to do the same.

Your light will shine  
and your memory lives forever  
With each scholarship given each year.  
But It is goodbye for now  
You are leaving  
with many hearts forlorn  
Not to witness your last  
and final curtain call  
Which will be at heaven's door.

## *Celebration of Dodie Brown*

**Monday, September 25, 2023  
5:30 p.m.**

**New Theatre & Restaurant**  
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# *Save the Date*

**Save the date for these upcoming dress rehearsals**

**Elvis: Aloha From Vegas**

Thursday, February 8, 2024, 2:00pm

**Squabbles**

*starring George Wendt and Bernadette Birkett*

Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 2:00pm