



Dear SMA Members,

Happy 2019! How was 2018 for you? What did you achieve? What was your favorite stage managing moment? Did you have any amazing stories to tell at the numerous holiday gatherings?

This year was a productive time for the SMA. We made appearances at SETC, USITT and Broadway Stage Managers' Symposium. The annual meeting in NYC was held in June with a panel discussion about PAs on Broadway shows. We participated at the annual BC/EFA Flea Market (where we raised over \$1800 at our table), honored 3 fantastic Stage Managers at the Del Hughes Awards ceremony, had a symposium for Cirque du Soleil KÀ Symposium and a conversation with the Hamilton SM Team in California. There were Holiday Parties galore in NYC and Las Vegas and a Stage Manager Bootcamp in Seattle, SM Speed Dating in NYC, plus several SMA gatherings across the country: Boston, Berkshires, DC, Raleigh, Orlando, Chicago (including their famous "SM walks into a bar and shares a story" gathering), Texas, Denver, Las Vegas, San Diego, LA, and Portland.

Our Officers, Directors at Large, Regional Directors and Vice Regional Reps are working hard to organize events of a social, networking, and upskill nature. Around their busy schedules, they are volunteering their time to help make the SMA a valuable resource for Stage Managers across the country. And with the help of all of you in the membership, we can do more. Below are some of the major highlights:

Host an Event or Gathering

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Have an idea for an event and need help? Contact one of us to help guide you. Want to hold a social gathering for Stage Managers in your area? The SMA can help fund the costs of food. Go to [Host an SMA Event](#) page to let us know what you want to plan and we'll help to make it happen.

Mentoring

Our magnificent Education Committee continues to expand the mentoring program. Want to be a mentor or need one? Go to the [Collaborative Connections](#) page for further info.

Operation Observation

Operation Observation is in need of listings. Are you stage managing a show and if so, are you willing to have someone shadow you? This is a useful opportunity to offer for our members. Please go to the [Operation Observation](#) page to learn more and submit an opportunity.

Podcast Interviews with Stage Managers

Standing in the Dark:
SMA Podcasts



Women of Broadway.
The Legacy Project

As you begin your New Year, what resolutions have you made? May we suggest listening to the 25 (so far!) podcast interviews with professional Stage Managers? Begin with the recently uploaded podcast interview by David McGraw. He speaks with Stage Manager and 2018 Del Hughes recipient Lyle Raper. Click [here](#) to listen. And to get to the other podcasts, click [here](#). These will help to scare away the winter doldrums.

News and Blog Posts

Have you been keeping up with the [Member News](#) and [SMA Blog](#) pages? We also have a page dedicated to [Stage Management in the News](#) – articles from various resources around the world that pertain to our profession. We are always looking for members to write articles for the Member News page and blurbs for the SMA Blog. You can submit to the [Submit a News Article](#) page. And if you want to write something but need help, contact Hope Rose Kelly (hoperosekelly@gmail.com).

What's next?

Looking ahead for the SMA, we have started planning some amazing events. We will be kickstarting with a 5 part NYC Lecture Series that will give you the upskills that you are looking for – Excel, Qlab, Stage Write, Final Draft, and a panel on jobs outside traditional theatre. This series begins January 6th (this Sunday!). So if you are in NYC, sign up for one or all of these courses. More info can be found on the scroller of the [Member News](#) page and click [here](#) to sign up for the first lecture. And, as always, we will have a presence at USITT (in Louisville, KY this March). Keep an eye out for news about SMA gatherings there and if you are attending, visit the SMA booth on the Expo Floor.

We wish you an adventurous and spectacular New Year. Keep those pencils sharpened and the communication lines open!

Ever yours,

Hope Rose Kelly (Editor in Chief, SMA website) & the entire Board of the SMA



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