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Mercedes Ellington to Speak at EAG's Annual Memorial Service

Sunday, November 14 | 3:00 pm ET | In Person and Online
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Since 1925, the Episcopal Actors' Guild has gathered members of New York City's performing arts community to honor and celebrate those colleagues we have lost in the previous year. EAG is honored to announce that this year's Memorial Address will be given by **Mercedes Ellington**.



Mercedes Ellington is a Broadway and television tap dancer, choreographer, director, and producer who has preserved and extended the musical legacy of her grandfather, Duke Ellington. Ellington's first professional role was in a production of *West Side Story* in Australia. She appeared in productions of *On the Town* and *Pal Joey* at the New York City Center. In 1963, Ellington became the first African American member of the June Taylor Dancers, the featured performers on *The Jackie Gleason Show*. She danced with the June Taylor Dancers for seven years, until she moved on to perform in Broadway shows like *No, No Nannette*, *The Night That Made America Famous*, *The Grand Tour*, *Happy New Year*, and *Sophisticated Ladies*. In 1983, she co-founded BalleTap (later named DancEllington). Ellington was nominated for a 1998 Joseph Jefferson Award for Choreography for *Play On!* at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago. She directed the Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS *Tribute to the Spirit of Harlem* in 2001. In 2004, Ellington founded Duke Ellington Center for the Arts. She is a recipient of Actors' Equity's Paul Robeson Award (2007), the Flo-Bert Lifetime Achievement Award (2009), and was awarded an AUDELCO award for Best Choreography for her work on the 2013 York Theater production of *Storyville*. In 2016, she co-authored a book entitled *Duke Ellington: An American Composer and Icon*.

You will be able to attend the 2021 Annual Memorial Service in person at the Church of the Transfiguration (1 East 29th Street, NYC 10016) or by watching on YouTube or the Little Church's Facebook page. Access is free and those of all faiths, and none, are welcome. Proof of full vaccination and a face mask are required to attend in person.

This heartfelt event will include music by Little Church organist and EAG Council Member Claudia Dumschat and the Church of the Transfiguration Choir of Men and Boys and Girls, a reading of the names, and a call for one final standing ovation. This traditional Evensong service will be led by Rector of the Little Church and Warden of the Guild, Father John David van Dooren.

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The 2021 Annual Memorial List

As part of EAG's legacy of celebrating the life and work of performing artists, we are pleased to invite you to this year's **Annual Memorial Service** which honors performing artists who have passed away in the previous year with music and reflection. The Annual Memorial Service will be happening in person at the Church of the Transfiguration (aka The Little Church Around the Corner, 1 East 29th Street, NYC 10016) and airing on the Little Church's YouTube channel and Facebook page on **Sunday, November 14, at 3:00 pm.**

Lee Aaker	Betty Bobbitt	Neil Connery	Dustin Diamond
Granville Adams	Frank Bonner	Michael Constantine	Marcia Diamond
Rick Aiello	Walker Boone	Alex Cord	Dena Dietrich
Bradley James Allan	Asher Brauner	Jill Corey	Eva Dolan *
Mildred Allen	Shane Briant	John Cornell	Tim Donnelly
Philip "Dean Parrish" Anastasia	Florence Bridwell	Charlotte Cornwell	Suzanne Douglas
Jennifer Anderson *	Johnny Briggs	Brian Cowan	Robert Downey Sr.
Robert W. Anderson *	Marty Brill	Arthur Cox	Olympia Dukakis
Marie Rupert Andrews *	Ed Bruce	Johnny Crawford	Veronica Dunne
Jack Angel	Dieter Brummer	Peter Craze	Virginia "Gini" Dustin *
Edwin Apps	Denise Bryer	Sandie "Goddess Bunny" Crisp	Marilyn Eastman
Rod Arrants	Keith Buckley	Stephen Critchlow	Josefina Echánove
Carol Arthur	Jeremy Bulloch	Norman Crosby	Burt Eckoff
Ed Asner	Wilhelm Burmann	Roger Cudney	Mark Eden
Bob Avian	Jeremy Burnham	Alan Curtis	Lucinda Edmonds
Christopher Ayres	Karla Burns	Biserka Cvejić	Avril Elgar
Norman Bailey	Joanna Cameron	Jacques d'Amboise	Mark Elliot
David Bailie	Jessica Campbell	Marcus D'Amico	Richard Evans
Carmen Balthrop	Nino Castelnuovo	Othella Dallas	Nola Fairbanks
Lisa Banes	John Challis	Abby Dalton	Ronald "Trader" Faulkner
Josette Banzet	Michael Champion	Stuart Damon	William "Bill" Fegan
Claudia Barrett	Tseng Chang	Henry Darrow	Tom Fenaughty *
Jean Bayless	Joseph D. Chartier	Bill C. Davis	Harry Fielder
Ned Beatty	Geoffrey Chater	Candy Davis	Ricarlo Flanagan
Patricia Beatty	Sonny Chiba	Anthony Dawes	Sonny Fox
Jean-Paul Belmondo	June Claman	Lois de Banzie	Carla Fracci
Fran Bennett	Shaaron Claridge	David de Keyser	Carol Fran
Warren Berlinger	Lawrence Clayton	Astad Deboo	Myra Frances
Ben Best	Willie Cobbs	Jo-Carroll Dennison	John Fraser
Val Bisoglio	Sir Robert Cohan	Lorrae Desmond	Arthur French
Skippy Blair	Al Cohen	Natalie Desselle-Reid	Jahmil French
	Don Collier		Seizō Fukumoto

Mira Furlan	Sue Porter Henderson	Jacqueline Kroschell *	Ray McBride
Cecilia Fusco	Tony Hendra	Jean Kraft	Robbie McCauley
Vera Fusek	Gloria Henry	Yevgeny Sergeevich Kulesh	Helen McCrory
Robert Fyfe	Martha Henry	David Lander	Joseph McGrath
John Gabriel	Bob Herron	Jackie Lane	William "Biff" McGuire
Willie Garson	Sadelle Hershey-Miller *	Joe Lara	Robin McNamara
Charlene Gehm	Tom Hickey	Mal Z. Lawrence	Wendel Meldrum
Larry Gelman	Chuck Hicks	Janet Lawson	Art Metrano
George Gerdes	Gerald Hiken	Donal Leace	Allen Midgette
Richard Gilliland	Pat Hitchcock	Cloris Leachman	Diana Millay
Arlene Golonka	Antoine Hodge	Sara Leland	Frank Mills
Chris Goode	Basil Hoffman	Gunnel Lindblom	Matthew Mindler
Reg Gorman	Robert Hogan	Joanne Linville	Peter Miner
Desiree Gould	Hal Holbrook	Tommy Lister, Jr.	Martha Mishcon
Craig "muMs" Grant	Gerald Home	Ernie Lively	Noé Yaocoatl Montoya
Micki Grant	Roy Horan	Norman Lloyd	Paul Mooney
Saginaw Morgan Grant	Richard Husson	Sean Lock	Kaycee Moore
Andy Gray	Ken Hutchinson	William Eugene Lowery	Trevor Moore
James Greene	Alan Igbon	Christa Ludwig	Barry Mora
Leon Greene	Alvin Y.F. Ing	Rebecca Luker	Patricia Morinelli
John Gregg	Ravil Isyanov	Betty Lynn	Kay Morley
Charles Grodin	Sondra James	David Maas	Basil Moss
Edita Gruberová	Rick Jensen	Karin MacCarthy	Douglas Mossman
Andréa Guiot	Anthony "AJ" Johnson	Norm Macdonald	Francis Mossman
Jean Hale	Rafer Johnson	Ray MacDonnell	Peg Murray
Sam Hall	Amy Johnston	Jim MacGeorge	Erik Myers
James Hampton	Colin Jones	Joyce MacKenzie	Michael Nader
Haya Harareet	Nathan Jung	Gavin MacLeod	Trisha Noble
Sarah Harding	Alan Kalter	Frank MacRae	Rae Norman
Marie Harmon	Hugh Keays-Byrne	Ginny Mancini	Rynagh O'Grady
Al Harrington	Lynn Kellogg	Jane Manning	Colette O'Neil
Cynthia Harris	Ava Kaye Kevy	Andréa Maranne	Cara O'Sullivan
Eddie Hassell	Bruce Kirby	Don Marion Davis	Walter Olkewicz
Kay Hawtrey	Tommy Kirk	Biz Markie	Brian Osborne
Billie Hayes	Tawny Kitaen	Freddy Marks	Nicola Padgett
Damaris Hayman	Gary Howard Klar	Jackie Mason	Louise Pajo
Patricia Healey	Rosalind Knight	Joan Howard Maurer	Geoffrey Palmer
David Hemblen	Yaphet Kotto		Peter Palmer

John Paragon	Robert Rodan	Richard Stoker	Kariamuwelsh
Eddie Paskey	Gil Rodgers	Dudley Stone *	Ricki Wertz
Trevor Peacock	Gianna Rolandi	Tempest Storm	Thea White
Wilma Pelly	David Romano	Una Stubbs	Carolyn Wilcox
Christopher Pennock	Rossando Rubicondi	Carol Sutton	Patricia Wilde
Morris Perry	Antonio Sabáto, Sr.	Vicki Taylor	Michael K. Williams
Rod Perry	Robert Sacchi	Kamen Tchanev	Clarence Williams III
Lenka Peterson	Mort Sahl	Andreas Teuber	Marc Wilmore
Caroline Peyton	Debra Philece Sampler	William Thomas, Jr.	Mark Wilson
Paul Phillips	Camille Saviola	Dearon "Deezer D" Thompson	Dame Barbara Windsor
Jay Pickett	Roy Scammell	French Tickner	Jane Withers
Ronald Pickup	Liam Scarlett	Pamela Tiffin	Samuel E. Wright
Christopher Plummer	Louis Scheeder *	Pauline Tinsley	May Wynn
Eileen Pollock	Peter Scolari	Vicki Trickett	Ned Wynn
Arthur Pomposello	Alfie Scopp	Cathy Trien	Mark York
Wakefield Poole	Geoffrey Scott	Maria Tsien	Teresa Żylis-Gara
Markie Post	Ken Sedd	Houston Tumlin	*member of EAG
Jane Powell	George Segal	James Michael Tyler	
Gigi Proietti	Tony Selby	Michael Tylo	
David Prowse	William "Bill" Sensenbrenner	Cicely Tyson	
Kay Purcell	Dinah Shearing	Buddy Van Horn	
Carmel Quinn	Barbara Shelley	Melvin Van Peebles	
Marion Ramsey	Jan Shutan	Chick Vennera	
Eugenia Ratti	Gregory Sierra	Peter Vere-Jones	
Elsa Raven	Felix Silla	Philip Voss	
Marguerite Ray	Earl "DMX" Simmons	Jewel Walker	
John Reilly	Cliff Simon	Lee Wallace	
Ann Reinking	Joseph Siravo	Jessica Walter	
John Richardson	Melissa Yandell Smith	Douglas Turner Ward	
Peter Mark Richman	Todd Michael Smith	Mary Ward	
Paul Ritter	William Smith	Gloria Warren	
Margherita Roberti	Paul Soles	Dilys Watling	
Ben Roberts	Alice Spivak	Erica Watson	
Marilyn Joan Roberts	Anne Stallybrass	Barbara Weisberger	
Tanya Roberts	Tom Stechschulte	Vin Welch	
Wynn Roberts	Dorothy Steel	Joan Weldon	
Charlie Robinson	Martha Stewart Shelley	Dawn Wells	
Terrell "Terry" Robinson			

If you have any corrections to this list or would like to add the name of a performer or Guild member to be read at this year's service, please email the name to office@actorsguild.org no later than Tuesday, November 9, 2021.



A Prayer for Actors

Dear Lord, to be an actor/actress is to be your instrument in showing the beauty, drama, and meaning of life you have given us here on earth. As I take on the demanding responsibilities of being your servant, grant me a healthy body to welcome the Holy Spirit, and be my strength against stress, pressures, and any physical threats; a clean soul to battle the temptations of fame, fortune, selfishness, and vanity; and a sincere heart to effectively communicate your message in every scene that I do to all who are watching. I humbly ask these qualities from you, Lord, for it is with a healthy body, a clean soul, and a sincere heart that I can truly serve you as an actor/actress. Thank you for giving me the chance to be who you want me to be. I offer everything back to you. May your glory remain in my heart forever and ever. Amen.

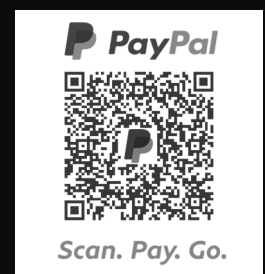
—Father John David van Dooren

For nearly 100 years, EAG has been a force for good in NYC's performing arts community. And that has only been possible because of people like YOU!

As we gather together in person and online to honor the lives and work of our fellow performers who we lost in the past year, we hope you will support us as we continue to provide a lifeline to the actors, singers, and dancers who are still with us. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to EAG today at actorsguild.org/make-a-donation.

Or, a quick scan of the QR code below with your smartphone camera will take you to EAG's donation page on PayPal where you can give today!

—Karen, Rebecca, and Jamie



Turnley's Turns...EAG Members Appear on Stage and Screen | Rebecca Lovett

SEPTEMBER 2021...

Here Comes Frieda (Ripple Effect Artists, Executive Producer **Jessica Jennings**) was shown at the Philip K. Dick Film Festival during Climate Week in September. Their second short *Sin Fondo* is now in post-production.

VANGARI: Cautionary Tales with **Evangeline "Vangie" Johns** and **Ariana Johns**, a LIVE mother-daughter show with the fab **Darryl Curry** on piano, was on stage at Don't Tell Mama on September 23 and October 3

GW Reed's new play *L'Amour A Passy* had a staged reading at Guild Hall on September 23.

Leslie Middlebrook appeared in New Camarata Opera's *Cav + Pag*, an operatic 'mash-up' of the traditional double bill of *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *Pagliacci*, at The Muse on September 23, 25, 30, and October 2.

Jo Yang appeared as Yuri Kochiyama and **Dara O'Brien** appeared as Dorothy Parker as part of *StatueFest on Stage* at the Puerto Rican Traveling Theatre on September 30 and October 1.

OCTOBER 2021...

Fran Sisco and **Amelia V. "Mimi" Anderson** starred in Chill Bucket Productions presentation of Sisco's play *It's an Italian Thing. No, It's a Black Thing.* at Guild Hall on October 1 and 2.

Tulis McCall starred in *Tulis Talks and Sings* at Pangea on October 3.

Mary Goggin appeared in her solo show *Runaway Princess* at Guild Hall on October 10.

Michael Freeman presented portions of his solo work-in-progress, a "choreopoem" titled *Butterfly Strokes*, at the City College on October 13, and the Argentine Consulate on October 14. Portions of *Butterfly Strokes* were also published in *Artepoetica* in October.

Joan Kane appeared in Ego Actus' presentation of her solo show *Almost 13* (directed by **Bruce A! Kraemer**) at Guild Hall on October 14, 15, 16, and 17.

Paul Bedard co-directed Theater in Asylum's *Occupy Prescott* at Jalopy Tavern, October 16-31.

Antonia Kasper was a guest on the Jim Masters Show via Streamyard on October 19. She appeared in her solo show *45 Coffee Dates* on October 21, 22, and 25 at Guild Hall.

Ann P. Meredith's award-winning stage play and motion picture feature film project *SPECIAL* received a staged reading at The New Perspectives Theatre as a part of the League of Professional Theatre Women's Julia's Room series on October 21. The Academy of Motion Pictures

Arts & Sciences has inducted *SPECIAL's* script into their permanent core collection at The Margaret Herrick Library in Hollywood.

Joseph Small was a part of the cast of the staged reading of the madcap new comedy *The Really Invisible Man* at Guild Hall on October 24.

Break A Leg Theatre's *One Act Slam* returned on October 25 at The Unity Center. The featured pieces included **Fran Handman's Abuse From Another Life** and the slam showcased the talents of **Teri Black**, **Eric Kuzmuk**, and **Susan Richard**.

Danny Bolero appeared at Guild Hall in his solo show *They Call Me Cuban Pete!*, inspired by the music and genius of Desi Arnaz, on October 26.

Ever Young with **Jane Buchanan**, **Ginnine Cocuzza**, **Ariana Johns**, **Evangeline Johns**, directed by **Patricia Magno-Holt** played at Guild Hall on October 27 and November 3.

NOVEMBER 2021...

Amelia V. "Mimi" Anderson and **Mary Jane Gocher** are in the cast of The Black Orchid Theatre Groups' upcoming presentation of *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*, November 12-14 at the Church of the Resurrection. Tickets are available now at black-orchid-theatre.ticketleap.com.

Cynthia Shaw will be appearing in the new musical *Full Circle* at The American Theatre of Actors' Sargent Theatre November 17-21. Tickets are available now at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5241549. Shaw also shot the film *Save the Date* in September, and her comedy web series *Dr. Ivory von Tickle: The Perceptive Piano Teacher* has been made an official selection at three film festivals.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Davon Williams has been named Executive Director of Broadway Black, a one-of-a-kind multimedia platform which is dedicated to highlighting the achievements and successes of Black theatre artists on and off the Broadway stage.

Welcome, New Members!

Danny Bolero

Patricia Magno-Holt

Jane Buchanan

Kat Morgo

Tanya Chebotarev

Julia Rand

Ginnine Cocuzza

Anthony Scialli

Philip Holt

Rosalie Wong