

# 2017 THANK YOUS

## HUGS TO EVERYONE for EVERYTHING!!



It is impossible to express how thankful we are to all of you who participated in making this an amazing event this year ... despite the "iffy" weather! However, we will try with the following SHOUT OUT list below (in no particular order). (*Thank yous to the youth performers and groups include the parents too.*) THANK YOU to ...

- All the performers – returning and new – professional and amateur! You provided your own sunshine when it rained and everyone shined throughout the day. Your spirit was infectious. It is always amazing to us that despite the weather or distance (this year many of you coming from Colorado, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia), you show what it means that "the show must go on!"
- We missed the two of you who were sick and could not make it. Hope you are well now and to see you next year.
- NCDA – Thank you for your financial and spirited support in spite of the fact that your dance troupe could not perform. See you in 2018.
- Alex Curtis (doing two numbers from his show *CHALK*) and Bronwyn Tarboton who both signed on at the "last minute" to fill an unexpected gap.
- Our volunteer coordinators, Connie Piotroski and Liz Keogh, who organized the volunteers for the day.
- Laura Badaracco for helping with logistics.
- Robin Guynn's help with the bio cards and her family's amazing efforts with clean up and haul away after

the event.

- Mindy Poon for helping me before the event and as our Broadway stage tent coordinator for both shifts at TUNES.
- All the volunteers who worked the day of the event. We especially appreciate all those who came to help set up and broke down – these are not the fun jobs, but so needed.
- Carter Norton for her help with the TUNES "to do" list items and running the performance / stage aspect of the event.
- Samantha O'Brien for volunteering all day to help with the music and keep things running smoothly.
- Gary Vorwald for volunteering to take photos all day – rain or shine – and posting the photos for everyone to have for free.
- Jason Sommers – our amazing emcee – along with the cast members from Magical Music's *The Adventures of Zak*.
- Jay Morascini for joining us every year to do the sound and stage.
- The Magical Music *Two Little Snowflakes, A Day in the Life* Magical Music Singers.
- Our water safety song singers who performed frequently
- Don Rickenback and Carter Norton for their preparation Magical Music singing groups.
- The American Swiss Ballet – a welcome new addition.
- Joe Baker and the Broadway Youth Ensemble – great to again.
- Lorah Haskins for her rehearsal space and bringing The
- Our "expert" tent set-up team – P. J. and Zak Tokash.
- The *A Bronx Tale* cast & "crew" and Chazz Palminteri for appearance.
- Kathryn Crum who did the social media for our event and worked the auction tent all day in addition to singing.
- National Charity League for blowing up and bagging the balloons.
- Everyone who picked up and drove in balloons and boxes – Zibby Perkins, Liz Keogh, the D'Onofrios, Tracie Curcio, and John Crum (who also drove back into NYC to take boxes back to CT).



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- Joseph Baker, Monica & Gaby Bradbury, Tracy Butler, Annie Chun, Josh Franklin, Lorah Haskins, Jodi Loverro, Corey Mach, Matt Melucci, Kim & Jim Moye, Jim Musante, Samantha O'Brien, Gianna Palminteri, Don Rickenback, the Turchins, and Gary Vorwald for recommending performers.
- Everyone who "advertised" the event on their social media, etc., as well as, encouraged donations to be made and friends to come.
- Everyone who pledged individually and as a group, including the Broadway performers who donated pledges and/or merchandise for the auction/raffle and in some cases bid on the items.
- All of the contributors during and after TUNES IN TIMES SQUARE.
- All those who bid on the auction.



- Our generous auction and raffle donors, including:
  - Disney
  - LEROS Point-to-Point
  - Total Wine & More
  - Fairway Market
  - Vineyard Vines
  - Just Shades
  - Gotham Dream Cars
  - The Poon Family
  - The Bin family
  - Dina & Shahadi Wright-Joseph and Lia Neal
  - Maria Mendoza Smith and the Mendoza family (Hotel Marseille, South Beach, Florida)
  - Broadway Theater - *The School of Rock*, *CATS*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *Cagney*, *Cate Elefante* and *Waitress*, Colin Ryan from *Dear Evan Hansen*, Giuseppe Bausilio from *Hello, Dolly!*, Jed Resnick and *Avenue Q*, Jonathan Freeman from *Aladdin*, Josh Franklin, The Palminteris with *A Bronx Tale*, Lilyana Cornell from *Everybody*, Matt Melucci, Mehret Marsh from *The Lion King*, Mia Gentile and *Kinky Boots*, Preston Boyd from *Sunset Boulevard*, Tari Kelly from *On Groundhog Day!*, the Poon family from *The King and I*, Annie Chun and *The School of Rock: The Musical* performers, Timothy Yang from *The King and I*, Zach Thomas from *The Lion King*, and ... Mckayla Twiggs and Nicole Scimeca from *Anastasia*.
  - In Fairfield & Westchester Counties - Badaracco Plumbing, Baldanza, The Beach Corner, BMW of Darien, Ching's Table, Copia Home & Garden, Fjord Fish Market, Gofer Ice Cream, Harry's Wine and Liquor, Healthfare, Ladd Design, La Vista Ristorante Italiano, Le Pain Quotidien, Locali, New Canaan Diner, New Canaan Olive Oil Company, Pennyweights, Pinocchio Pizza, Ridgfield Playhouse, Salon 5 East, Sandy's Hair Studio, Solé Ristorante, State of the Art Cleaners, The Studio, That Personal Touch, True Grace Spa, and Walter Stewart's Market
  - In New York City - 54 Below, Bâtard Tribeca, David Bouley and Brushstroke Restaurant, Chez Josephine, Ellen's Stardust Café, The Greenwich Hotel, Il Mulino, New York Broadway Tours, New York Rangers, Restaurant Marc Forgione, and VYNL
  - In Saratoga Springs - National Museum of Dance, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and Saratoga Tea and Honey Company
  - Our anonymous Magical Music family donors