



# Newsletter

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## **“Hello, Dolly!” Draws Record-Breaking Crowds** *Audiences Rave About MSM’s 2011 Production*

“How blessed we are to have such talent...”

“Everyone was amazing!”

“Fantastic voices and dancing. Loved it!”

These are just a few of the many overwhelmingly positive comments we received from audiences after “Hello, Dolly!” opened in a new venue, McKinney Boyd High School, in July — and went on to break all attendance records for MSM. One audience member noted, “I am very surprised every seat was not filled.”

Speaking of 2012, how would you like to be one of the first to know what our show will be next summer? Find out at our:

### ***2012 Show Announcement Party!***

**Thursday, November 10—7:00pm**

**Robertson home: 2600 Bunker Hill, McKinney, TX 75070**

Share the excitement with us as Kevyn Robertson, our director, reveals the name of next summer’s show. We’re also taking this opportunity to collect items for gift baskets for our February benefit, and we need your help. **Please bring a gift basket item with you to the party!** Here are some of our basket ideas, but use your imagination: Men’s Makeover (men’s cologne, after shave, gift cards), Women’s Makeover (women’s perfume, lotion, gift cards), Movies (movie gift cards, DVDs, microwavable popcorn, candy), Chocolates (gourmet chocolate bars, cocoa, gift cards for chocolate shops), Coffee (coffee, tea, Starbuck’s gift card, coffee mug), Night Out (restaurant gift card, theater or movie tickets), Cooking (recipe book, gift card, utensils, oven mitt). Thanks, and see you on November 10th!

### **Meet the Phantom at Our 2012 Benefit**

**February 10, 2012—7:00pm**

**Location: To Be Announced**

The annual MSM benefit is always a highlight of McKinney’s performing arts calendar. This year promises to take the event to a new level, with a very special guest—internationally renowned vocalist and stage performer David Gaschen, who starred as the title character in Andrew Lloyd Webber’s *“The Phantom of the Opera”* throughout Europe and on Broadway. In 1995, at age 26, Gaschen, now a Frisco resident, became history’s youngest performer cast as the Phantom in a professional production. All told, Gaschen has performed the role of the Phantom in professional productions more than 1,300 times.

In addition to enjoying entertainment by Gaschen, guests at the benefit will have the opportunity to bid on a once-in-a-lifetime experience: to be serenaded by the Phantom, in a re-enactment of his famous scene with Christine. Be the envy of all your friends and neighbors, while helping support our 2012 production!

Save the date now, and watch your mail for full details.

«Salutation» «First» «Last»  
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«City», «State», «Zip»

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**Where Are They Now?**

MSM cast and crew members are staying busy. Here are just a few of their latest endeavors:


**Travis Barrett**, crew member, has begun working on his Masters in Technical Theatre/Technical Direction at San Diego State University.

**Victoria Olson**, assistant choreographer, recently choreographed her sorority's winning entry in S.O. Sing at Texas Tech University.

**Michael Williams**, cast member (*Hello Dolly's* Ambrose Kemper), landed the role of the Phantom and Elisabeth Mays (Ermengarde) is assisting with choreography. in McKinney Boyd High School's upcoming production of "*The Phantom of the Opera*".

**Cory Saba**, cast member, has been cast as Kurt in McKinney North's upcoming production of "*The Sound of Music*".

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