

Newsletter - Holiday Edition 2017



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Happy Holidays from Welcome Change!

It's been a busy, action-packed year here at Welcome Change Productions.

Alice premiered her new documentary *Miracle on 42nd Street* at DOC NYC, America's largest documentary festival. The film, about affordable housing for artists, had its sold out world premiere on November 11th. Be sure to follow @miracleon42 on Twitter, where you can find articles about the film, interviews with the filmmakers, and exclusive trailers and clips. We are currently negotiating for distribution and will let you know once it is available.

Pictured below: the post-screening Q&A with Alice, Estelle Parsons, and producer/editor Lisa Shreve; the line waiting to get in, which stretched around the corner from the box office; Alicia Keys, one of the many stars featured in the film.



Diana and Alice continued their travels around the world with *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy*. In October, they visited Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council's "Partners in Policymaking" class in Oklahoma City. Partners in Policymaking is "for adults with disabilities, parents of children with disabilities who are too young to advocate for themselves, and advocates for persons with disabilities."

Pictured below: The group photo; Diana engaging with the partners during class, and bottom center is Diana with Erin Taylor, coordinator of Partners in Policymaking.



Can two people share one life?

BODY & SOUL

A new musical by Mary Liz McNamara
Based on the documentary by Alice Elliott

Staged Reading 6:30 pm, Thursday October 5th
\$20 for Admission, \$15 for students and seniors
Pearl Studios, Studio B (fully accessible)
500 8th Avenue St, New York NY

Also in October, Alice attended a staged reading of *Body & Soul: The Musical*, written by composer and lyricist Mary Liz McNamara and based on Alice's documentary. The reading had a great turn-out, and was performed wonderfully by the cast and musicians who brought the audience a glimpse of this promising musical.

Below: Mary Liz with Tracy Sallows, the actor who played Kathy.



In August, Alice and her family enjoyed a three week-long visit to Scotland! Alice was keen to take pictures of buildings and places with accessibility. Enjoy a collage of signs below.



As she does traditionally, Diana will be volunteering with the Victorious Missionaries at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Annual Way of Lights Christmas display in Belleville, IL. She attended the Indiana Governors Council for People with Disabilities Conference on December 4th and 5th in Indianapolis, where

she spoke, screened *Body & Soul*, and sold her hand-made knits.

Have a happy new year!

Hope you are staying warm and cozy this winter! We enjoy keeping our followers up to date with everything that is happening here at Welcome Change. If you like receiving updates, also subscribe to our Trusted source. Trusted Source is a free monthly newsletter from Welcome Change featuring media on life with disability.

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