

Newsletter - Spring 2018



Welcome Change Productions

Happy Spring From Welcome Change!



Here's what we've been up to:

NEW YORK STATE PARTNERS IN POLICY

Last month, Diana & Alice were speakers at the New York State Partners in Policy 2018 Speaker Series in Long Island. The two gave a presentation titled "Never Give Up: the Essence of Self-Advocacy & Leadership" where they showed Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy and gave a workshop that featured role playing in advocacy interactions and how to develop your personal story. They loved attending the presentation and had a great time with project director Carol Blessing from Cornell University.

Diana stayed with Alice in New York for the weekend, where they saw a performance of the play *Amy and the Orphans*, starring Jamie Brewer, an actress with Down syndrome. They also had a lovely dinner with old friends



Mary Liz McNamara's musical *Body & Soul: The Musical* continues to preview in New York City. In January, several songs were previewed by the

Drama League as part of a showcase titled **She Persisted**, featuring performances from shows with strong women at the center. We will keep you posted on any upcoming previews and performances.

Miracle on 42nd Street continues its run on the festival circuit. In February, it screened as an official selection at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, with Alice and executive producer Ken Aguado in attendance. It also showed at the Syracuse International Film Festival last month, and has an upcoming festival screening at the Newport Beach Film Festival on April 29th, 12:30pm at the Triangle 5. If you're on the West Coast, be sure to buy your tickets [here](#).



There was also a screening in March for the Screen Actors Guild at the Robin Williams Theater in Manhattan. Alice and producer/editor Lisa Shreve gave a Q&A after the movie.



Diana continues to be an exhibitor at craft shows, where she sells her knitted hats and scarves. She has an upcoming one at the Hilton in Lisle, IL from April 24-26. If you are interested in purchasing any of Diana's crafts, please email info@welcomechange.org and we can arrange something!

Alice continues teaching at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. She is also on NYU's Council on Disability Studies. She just enjoyed a trip to Cuba for the NYU Documentary Area.



Hope you are enjoying the spring weather! We enjoy

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