

# AMDA Alumni Spotlight

## Spring 2007

### In the last year on Broadway ~

**Chryssie Whitehead** – “A Chorus Line – Revival” ~ Chryssie is now a part of that famous line, reviving the role of Kristine in her Broadway debut! Chryssie has also performed in the National Tours of *The Producers* and *Fosse* and can be seen (or not seen!) as Julia Stiles' dance double in *Save the Last Dance!*

**Kenita Miller** – “The Color Purple” ~ In the role of Celie in the Broadway Production! “Dessa Rose” ~ Understudy for La Chanze in the Lincoln Center Production! Was seen this summer in the Papermill Playhouse Production of *Ragtime* in the starring role of Sarah!

**Ward Billeison** – “Curtains” ~ in the role of Brick Hawvermale in this production also starring David Hyde Pierce.

**Shannon Durig** – “Hairspray” ~ Now starring in the leading role of Tracey Turnblad in the smash hit!

**Cassie Levy** – “Wicked” ~ understudy for Elphaba. Previously in “Hairspray” as Penny Pingleton with AMDA alum Shannon Durig. Cassie played Penny in the National Tour as well!

**Alexander Quirogo** – “Wicked”. Alexander was also recently seen on Broadway in “Taboo”.

**Tyne Daly** – “Rabbit Hole” (*Nat*) ~ Nominated for a Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Play! Limited engagement at the Manhattan Theater Club, this production also stars Cynthia Nixon, John Gallagher Jr. and John Slattery.

**Christopher Sieber**— “Monty Python’s Spamalot” (*Sir Galahad*) ~Nominated for a Tony Award for Best Featured Actor in a New Musical...SPAMALOT received 14 nominations! Starting in September, 2006, Christopher will also star in London’s West End production of SPAMALOT! Also performed in the benefit performance for Actor’s Fund of America, “On the Twentieth Century”, as well as the star studded Hurricane Relief Concert at the Gershwin Theater!

**Jesse Tyler Ferguson** – “The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” ~ Jesse will be leaving this 6 time Tony nominated Broadway show on July 23<sup>rd</sup> to begin filming a new sitcom for CBS – *The Class*! He is also starring in a television pilot for the New York Television Festival, *A/V Club*, running from Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>..

**Pamela (Jordan) Fabello** – “A Chorus Line – Revival” ~ Performing in the ensemble of this historic revival, Pamela also is ready as stand-by for the roles of Judy, Shelia, Kristine, and Val! Pamela’s previous Broadway credits include *The Boy from Oz* and *Dracula*!

**Soara-Joye Ross**— “Les Miserables – Revival” & “Dessa Rose” ~ In the ensemble cast of the Lincoln Center Production with Rachel York and La Chanze!

**Meredith Patterson** – “Lady On A Carousel” ~ Meredith is headed back to Broadway in 2007 to star in this new musical as the legendary Marilyn Monroe! Meredith also starred in the revival of “42<sup>nd</sup> Street” as Peggy Sawyer from 2001-2005!

**Sarah Stiles** – “The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” ~ Currently cast in her Broadway debut as first understudy for all female roles, including Olive Ostrovsky, Marcy Park, and Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre. Sara will now join the National Tour of this production as Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre.

**Marissa Jaret Winokur** – “Hairspray” ~ Went back in as the leading role of Tracey Turnblad for a limited engagement in the Broadway Production!

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**Albert Guerzon**—*Mamma Mia!* (role of Eddie)

**Amanda Kloots**—*Good Vibrations*

**Brandi Massey**— *Wicked*

**Eric Lajuan Summers** – *The Wedding Singer*

**Gabrielle Hatchett**—*Hairspray*

**Isaac Calpito**—*Mamma Mia!*

**J. Elaine Marcos** – *Sweet Charity* and *The Wedding Singer*

**Kylin Brady**—*The Lion King*

**Anastacia McClesky** – *Tarzan*

**Michael Mindlin** – *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*

**Moesha McGill** – *Rent*

**Ruben Flores** – *Two Gentleman of Verona* – *Shakespeare in the Park*

**Sean Samuels** – *Tarzan*

**Stephen Ward Billeisen**—*Fiddler on the Roof*, *Curtains*

**Tom Plotkin** – *High Fidelity*

**Tyrick Jones**—*Hairspray*

**Vasthy Mompont**— *Mary Poppins*, *Hot Feet*, *Good Vibrations*

## Film and Television ~

Jesse Tyler Ferguson – *The Class* (CBS), *co-starring with Jason Ritter!*

James Stevenson – *Passions* – *nominated for a 2006 Daytime Emmy for Best Young Actor in a daytime series! Also was seen in Sex, Love and Secrets* (UPN) *One of the stars on the former UPN Drama with Denise Richards!*

Gretchen Mol – *The Notorious Betty Page* (Film, Picturehouse - 2006) *Starring in the feature film as Bettie Page, "The pin-up sensation that shocked the nation!" Gretchen also completed Puccini for Beginners where she played the role of Grace in this recent film by Maria Maggenti. She can be seen in the television movie, The Valley of Light (CBS) .She recently completed filming 3:10 to Yuma with Christian Bale and Russell Crowe.*

Jeff Branson – *All My Children* (Jonathan Lavery) & *The Big Bad Swim* (Film, 2006) *Jeff has also appeared in the films Shaft and The Big Kahuna as well as TV's Law and Order & Strangers with Candy!*

Lee Tergesen – *Wanted* (TNT) *One of the stars of the hit TNT Drama in the role of Eddie Drake! Lee also appears on episodes of The Unit* (CBS), *Desperate Housewives* (ABC), *Wanted* (TNT), as well as in the films *Monster, Bark, and The Forgotten!*

Madison Weidberg – *Palmetto Point* (Pax/ "i" TV) *One of the stars of the new teen drama in the role of Lacy Timberline!*

Marissa Jaret Winokur—*Fever Pitch* (Film, 2005), *Stacked* (Fox) *Currently, Marissa can be seen starring with Pamela Anderson on the new hit sit-com!*

Meredith Patterson – *Before the Devil Knows Your Dead* (Film, directed by Sidney Lumet) *Meredith will share the screen with Philip Seymour Hoffman, Ethan Hawke, Albert Finney and Marisa Tomei in this upcoming thriller! Meredith can also be seen in the films Broken Flowers, The Princess Diaries II and on Boston Legal* (ABC) *co-starring with Tom Selleck and Candace Bergen as "Missy Tiggs!"*

Steven Glickman – *Deadwood* (HBO) *ensemble member for the third season of the hot HBO series!*

Troy Ruptash – *Friends with Money* (Film, Sony Picture Classics – 2006) *Troy can also be seen in episodes of Law and Order, The West Wing, Boston Public, Nash Bridges, NYPD Blue, ER, & Jag!*

David de Latour—*What I Like About You* (WB) *One of the stars of the former WB Series with Jennie Garth and Amanda Bynes!*

Victoria Cartagena – *The Bedford Diaries* (WB) *One of the stars on the former WB Series with Matthew Modine written and produced by Tom Fontana and Julie Martin and Executive Producer Barry Levinson!*

Alicia Sable – *The Notorious Betty Page* (Film, Picturehouse - 2006)

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Alicia Christian – *Rescue Me* (FX) *in a guest appearance*

Amy Victoria Parochetti – *Across the Universe* (Film, 2006) *as a puppeteer in Julie Taymor's upcoming film*

Anthony Ocasio – *Hannah Montana* (TV Show - Disney Network)

April Szykeruk – *Beirut* (Indie Film)

Ben Cotton – *Stargate: Atlantis* (Sci-Fi)

Bert Rotundo – *Overnight Sensation* (SAG Film)

Brett Davern – *Beautiful Ohio* (Film, 2006), *role of William Messerman, William Hurt's son in this up coming feature film*

Campbell Scarborough – *Cold Case* (CBS)

Ciaran McCarthy – *Henry May Long* (Independent Film, 2007 release)

Daniel Letterle – *The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green* (Regent Releasing) *the star of the hilarious comedy Camp, now stars in this newly released film*

Elizabeth Furtado – *30 Rock* (NBC), *SNL* (NBC), *Law and Order: SVU, The Accidental Husband* (film w/ Uma Thurman)

Emily Philio – *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit*

Eric Clark – *Justice* (FOX), *ER* (NBC), *Reasonable Doubt* (Discovery Channel)

Gabriel Hamilton – *Everwood* (WB)

Holly Rose – *Dema* (Sci-Fi series as Malandra)

Jake Speck – *The Producers* (Film, Christmas 2005)

Jeff Branson – *All My Children* (ABC)

Jeremiah Caleb – *He Walks With Me* (PBS Documentary based on his father's life in India)

Jonathan Kimmel – *Crank Yankers* (Comedy Central, Supervising Producer and Head Writer)

Karly Rothenberg – *Recurring roles on shows this fall: The Office* (NBC), *Curb Your Enthusiasm* (HBO), *Big Love* (HBO), *7<sup>th</sup> Heaven* (WB)

Keith Kraft – *Beowulf* (Film, 2007) *Directed by Robert Zemeckis*

Kyle Taylor Breeding – *30 Rock* (NBC)

Lamont Thompson – *The O.C.* (Fox)

Les Brandt – *CSI: Miami*

Michael Salimbene – *Law and Order, Law and Order: Criminal Intent*

**Natalie Zea** – *Without a Trace* (CBS), *The Shield* (FX), *Eyes* (ABC)  
**Nathan Reid** – *The Mirror* (BSEG Film 2006, supporting role of Justin)  
**Nicola Anderson** – *Santa Clause 2* (Film), *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days* (Film)  
**Paul Sorvino** – *Mambo Italiano* (Film), *The Cooler* (Film), *Mr. 3000* (Film)  
**Peter Dominick** – *Colbert Report*, *The Daily Show* (Comedy Central) & Host of “Raw Dog” (Sirius Radio Show)  
**Sam Bailor** – *American Gangster* (Film, with Russell Crowe)  
**Sarah Zimmitti** – *Jane Doe* (Hallmark Channel Series)  
**Soara-Joye Ross** – *Garden State* (Film)  
**Tanya Memme** – *Sell This House* (A&E)  
**Tiffany Engen** – *Hairspray-Remake* (New Line Cinema)  
**Tim Maculan** – *Six Feet Under* (HBO), *Matchstick Men* (Film)  
**Troy Vajejan** – *Honor Deferred* (History Channel)  
**Tyne Daly** – *Judging Amy* (CBS), *Undercover Christmas* (CBS)  
**William Seymour** – *Crashers* (MTV), *Basquiat* (Miramax), *Joan of Arcadia* (CBS)

## Off-Broadway, National Tours & Regional Credits ~

**Albert Guerzon** – *The Wiz* (Currently in the pre-Broadway run!) *Times They Are-A-Changin* (Old Globe, San Diego)  
**Amanda Kloots** – *Spamalot*, Female Ensemble (1<sup>st</sup> National Tour)  
**Bradley Bass** – *Wicked* (Chicago)  
**Brandi Chavonne Massey** – *Sheba* leading role of Ni’ Cual (New York Music Festival)  
**Cassie Levy** – *Hairspray* role of Penny Lou Pingleton (1<sup>st</sup> National Tour)  
**Chandra Lee Schwartz** – *Hairspray* (Las Vegas Broadway Production, featured role of Penny Pingleton)  
**Christina Wolfe** – *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (National Tour, role of Lorelei)  
**David Surkin** – *Awesome 80’s Prom* (Off-Broadway, role of Beef the Football Player)  
**Erin Crosby** – *SHOUT: The Mod Musical*, *Yellow Girl* (Off-Broadway)  
**Gabriel (Tito) Canett** – *Oklahoma* (National Tour), *West Side Story* (European Tour)  
**Jake Speck** – *Jersey Boys* (National Tour)  
**Jason Bush** – *Jesus Christ Superstar* (National Tour, role of Simon and u/s Judas)  
**John Hoffman** – *Contact* (National Tour), *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* (Nashville)  
**Kristopher McDowell** – *Roar of the Greasepaint... Cocky* (42<sup>nd</sup> Street Moon Theater, San Francisco) & 45<sup>th</sup> Annual *Merced Music’s Guild’s Pops Concert* Guest Soloist  
**Leslie McDonel** – *Hairspray* role of LouAnn, understudying Amber (1<sup>st</sup> National Tour)  
**Margaret Feeney** – *Cats*, *Grizabella* (National Tour)  
**Marie France-Arcilla** – *SHOUT: The Mod Musical*, *Blue Girl* (Off-Broadway)  
**Meredith Patterson** – *Irving Berlin’s White Christmas*, leading role of Judy Haynes (Pantages Theater, Los Angeles)  
**Miki Berg** – *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (National Tour, role of Gloria), *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* (Nashville)  
**Nic Thompson** – *Tommy* (European and Japanese Tour), *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* (Nashville)  
**Mindy Wallace** – *Hello Dolly & Carnival* (Papermill Playhouse), *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* (New York City)  
**Paul Sorvino** – *The Most Happy Fella*, leading role of Tony (New York City Opera)  
**Pia C. Glenn** – *Spamalot* leading role of Lady of the Lake (1<sup>st</sup> National Tour)  
**Robert Ouellette** – *42<sup>nd</sup> Street* (National, Japanese and European Tour)  
**Sara Stiles** – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual *Putnam County Spelling Bee* (After u/s the Broadway Production, Sara now takes on the role of Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre in the National Tour of this show!)  
**Soara-Joye Ross** – *Single Black Female* (Playwrights Horizons), *Tick, Tick...BOOM!* Susan (Alliance Theater)  
**Terra MacLeod** – *Chicago*, *Velma Kelly* (National Tour)  
**Ward Billie** – *Curtains* (A new Kander & Ebb musical starring David Hyde Pierce is currently in a pre-Broadway run at the Amazons in Los Angeles!)

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**Adam Brown** – *The Producers* (National Tour)  
**Al Gillespie** – *Miss Saigon*  
**Albert Guerzon** – *The Wiz* (La Jolla Playhouse)  
**Alexandra Cassens** – *Carnival* (Papermill Playhouse, role of Greta and understudy for Lili)  
**Alicia Christian** – *Seussical the Musical* (Media Playhouse)  
**Alli Bivins** – *Will Rodgers Follies* (National Tour)  
**Alonzo Saunders** – *The Rat Pack Live from Las Vegas*, Sammy Davis Jr. (UK and European Tour)  
**Anabel Duenas** – *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Mexico)  
**Anastacia McCleskey** – *Hairspray*

**Annika Bruhns** – *Mamma Mia!* (Germany Production, role of Donna)  
**Antoinette Dipietropolo** – *Annie*, Dance Captain (National Tour)  
**Ashley Peacock** – *42<sup>nd</sup> Street* (National Tour)  
**Atsuhisa Shinomiya** – *The King and I*  
**Benoi Boyd** – *Beehive* (Carousel Theatre)  
**Brent Schindele** – *Musical of Musicals* (Laguna Playhouse)  
**Camryn Zelninger** – *Footloose* (role of Ariel at Saddleback, CA's Civic Light Opera)  
**Carrie Diede** – *Oklahoma* (National Tour)  
**Carolina Burdo** – *West Side Story* (European Tour)  
**Christine Hudman** – *The Full Monty*  
**Cindy Grabowski** – *Mame* (National Tour)  
**Corey Ranallo** – *Singin' in the Rain* (Carousel Theatre)  
**Daniel Plancarte** – *FAME* (European Tour)  
**Daniel Robinson** – *Oklahoma, Hairspray*  
**Daniel Shevlin** – *Rent*  
**David de Latour** – *Stuck* (Los Angeles Elephant Lab Theatre)  
**David Kelly** – *Johnny Guitar* (Actor's Playhouse, role of Johnny)  
**Derek Pay** – *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*  
**Ebony Marshall** – *Seussical the Musical* (Theatreworks as "Sour Kangaroo")  
**Edward Anthony** – *A Stoop on Orchard Street* (Off Broadway Original Cast as Sid Lipschitz)  
**Emily Cawrse** – *Copacabana*  
**Eric Hayden** – *Thoroughly Modern Millie*  
**Eric Schneider** – *The Full Monty, Altar Boyz*  
**Erica Robinson** – *FAME* (Nat'l and Asian Tour)  
**Gabrielle Hatchett** – *Hairspray* (Las Vegas Production, ensemble and asst. dance captain)  
**Graham Harvey** – *Starlight Express*  
**George Pappas** – *Sugar* (Naples FL)  
**Holly Rose** – *Anything Goes* (Second Story Rep in Seattle, WA as Charity), *Moon Over Buffalo* (Bellevue Civic Theatre as Eileen)  
**Ian Tooley** – *Not Yet Diagnosed "Nervous" 1918 & Hospital* (Off Broadway, Axis Theater Company)  
**Jason Blane** – *Pippin* (Goodspeed as "Theo")  
**Jason Desrouleaux** – *Apollo Theatre Talent Night Winner!*  
**Jenny Florkowski** – *Cats*  
**Jeremy Dumont** – *West Side Story* (Asian Tour)  
**Jodi Vaccaro** – *A Christmas Carol* (National Tour as "Millie")  
**Joel Halstead** – *Fiddler on the Roof*  
**John Boy (formerly John Richmond)** – *Cats*  
**Johnathon Michael Hanson** – *42<sup>nd</sup> Street* (Germany)  
**Jonathon Grant (Berg)** – *Oklahoma*  
**Juan Betancur** – *Chicago* (China)  
**Julia Lancione** – *Cats* (US National Tour)  
**Julie Brooks** – *Fiddler on the Roof*  
**Justin Wilcox** – *Oliver!*  
**Kara-Tameika Watkins** – *Hairspray* (Las Vegas Company, role of Dynamite/Ensemble)  
**Karen Paulemon** – *Aida, Sugar* (Naples FL)  
**Karolina Blonski** – *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (National Tour)  
**Kia Lee** – *Hot Mikado*, Westchester Broadway Theatre (Peep Bo)  
**Kim Stengel** – *The Phantom of the Opera*, Carlotta (US National Tour)  
**Kristy Cavanaugh** – *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (National Tour)  
**Kristin Ewing** – *42<sup>nd</sup> Street* (National Tour)  
**Kyle Taylor Breeding** – *1776* (National Tour), *Babes in Toyland* (National Tour)  
**Lady Altovise** – *Penny-4-Eyes* (Hit Factory, Gibson Guitar Showroom)  
**Laura Leitheiser** – *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (National Tour)  
**Lindsey Bethea** – *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (National Tour)  
**Lisa Abreu** – *Pocahontas* (Disney Tour as "Pocahontas")  
**Maria Vassallo** – *The Full Monty*  
**Melvin Shambry** – *Miss Saigon, Big River*  
**Michael Cedar** – *Fiddler on the Roof*  
**Michael Gellert** – *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*  
**Michael Indeglio** – *Titanic*  
**Michael Salimbene** – *A Christmas Carol* (National Tour as "Bob Cratchit")

**Michael Scibilia** – *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*  
**Michelle Johnson** – *Grease* (role of Sandy at Fullerton, CA's Civic Light Opera)  
**Minami Yusui** – *The King and I* (International Tour)  
**Nicole Alesi** – *Hair* (European Tour)  
**Patrick Maulbert** – *Me and My Girl* (Musicals Tonight!)  
**Peter Jorgenson** – *Dirty Blonde* (Vancouver)  
**Renee Barnett** – *Me and My Girl* (Musicals Tonight!)  
**Robby French** – *Complete Works of William Shakespeare – Abridged* (National Tour)  
**Robert Micheli** – *Sugar* (Naples, FL)  
**Romney Piamonte** – *The Full Monty*  
**Ryan Egan** – *Tony and Tina's Wedding* (Vancouver)  
**Sade Moore** – *Demeter in the City* (Los Angeles Cornerstone Theatre Company)  
**Sara Baggaley** – *42<sup>nd</sup> Street* (Japanese and European Tour)  
**Sean Richmond** – *The Full Monty*  
**Sean Schwebke** – *Sugar* (Naples FL)  
**Shannon Antalan** – *Hairspray*  
**Stephanie Sylvester** – *The Second City National Touring Company*  
**Steve DeBruyne** – *The Full Monty*  
**Steve Krane** – *Hairspray* (National Tour)  
**Steven Incammicia** – *Grease* (European Tour)  
**Theresa Fowler** – *Oliver!*  
**Tim Dolan** – *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (National Tour), *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* (Arizona B'way Theatre)  
**Tobia D'Amore** – *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*  
**Tory Schaefer** – *The Last Work Spoken* (NYC Fringe Festival)  
**Troy Scarborough** – *For the Glory* (Majestic Theatre, Gettysburg, PA), *The Full Monty*  
**Troy Valjean Rucker** – *Jesus Christ Superstar* (National Tour)  
**Yamil DeJesus** – *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (National Tour), *Cats*  
**Zahif Corkidi** – *Chorus Line* (Carousel Dinner Theater dir. Donna Drake), *Moulin Rouge Das Musical* (German Tour)

**Special congratulations to:**

The following AMDA alums involved with The Arts Center for Coastal Carolina's production of *West Side Story*.

<b>Matthew Poitras</b> – Snowboy	<b>Jessica Herrmann</b> – Rosalia (u/s Anita)
<b>Yamil DeJesus</b> – Chino	<b>Tiffany Wrightson</b> – Velma
<b>Seth Heideman</b> – Indio	<b>Laura Leitheiser</b> – Francisca
<b>Nic Thompson</b> – Arab	<b>Paul Flanagan</b> – Baby John

**Dawn Basham** – recently won Ms. United States 2006 representing Florida. She has been in films such as MINOTAUR, DOWN TO YOU and has been on TV in LAW and ORDER and SEX AND THE CITY. She has also appeared on FOX AND FRIENDS, THE EARLY SHOW and DATE LINE.

**James Stevenson** – nominated for a Daytime Emmy, Best Young Performer, for his role in *Passions*.