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Acting Company Alums and Broadway stars in Noel Coward's *PRESENT LAUGHTER*

A sold out crowd cheered The Acting Company's February 22nd reading of **Noel Coward's *Present Laughter***. Acting Company alum **Kevin Kline** led an all-star cast including **Nina Arianda** (*Midnight in Paris*, *Venus in Fur*), **Stephen DeRosa** (*On the Town*, *Boardwalk Empire*), **Carson Elrod** (*Peter and the Starcatcher*), **Francesca Faridany** (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*), **Matthew Greer** (*Cabaret*), **Reg Rogers** (*You Can't Take It With You*), **Erika Rolfsrud** (*The Coast of Utopia*), **Susanna Stahlmann** (*Macbeth* with The Acting Company), **Michele Tauber** (*The Charity That Begins at Home* for Mint Theater). Kline co-directed the evening with Artistic Director **Ian Belknap**. The reading brought together an alum (Kevin Kline) from The Acting Company's first touring season in 1972 and an actor from the most recent tour (Susanna Stahlmann), spanning the organization's entire 43-year history!



(top) Susanna Stahlmann with Kevin Kline in rehearsal. (bottom, left to right) Susanna Stahlmann, Francesca Faridany, Erika Rolfsrud, Michele Tauber, Nina Arianda.

Up Next at The Acting Company



Gabriel Ebert,
Sara Topham,
Michael Urie,
Marcus Gardley..

The John McDonald Salon Reading Series

April 18 at 7pm AN IDEAL HUSBAND

by Oscar Wilde

directed by Moritz von Stuelpnagel (*Hand to God*)

featuring Gabriel Ebert (Tony winner for *Matilda*),
Sarah Topham (*The Importance of Being Earnest*),
and Michael Urie (*Buyer and Cellar*)

The Marjorie S. Deane Little Theater at the West Side YMCA

10 W. 64th St. btwn. Central Park West and Broadway, NYC

This reading is Sold Out. For waiting list information, call 212-258-3111.

Reception with director and cast follows the reading.

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May 16 at 7pm THE HOUSE THAT WILL NOT STAND

written and directed by Marcus Gardley

Lynn Redgrave Theater at The Culture Project

45 Bleecker Street, NYC

TICKETS \$35 general admission

Order Online at theactingcompany.org or Call 212-258-3111

Marcus Gardley has secured his place as one of the most promising contemporary playwrights, most notably with this piece about free women of color in 1836 New Orleans, where black Creole women enter into common-law marriages with rich white men. The house that Beartrice Albans built—on a foundation of wealth, freedom, and secrets—threatens to collapse. Premiered at Berkeley Rep January 2014.

"Wondrous! House will cast a spell on you! Dynamic female characters, grand passion, and high comedy." - Hartford Courant

Check updates on The Acting Company website: theactingcompany.org

All artists' appearances subject to availability.

*This season of Salon Readings is dedicated to the memory of
Gina Ingoglia Weiner, Chair of our Education Committee and our biggest fan.*

Alumni NEWS

Michael Stewart Allen in *Long Day's Journey Into Night* at Palm Beach Dramaworks... **Mia Barron** in *Modern Family*... **Beth Bartley** in Tennessee Williams' *Orpheus Descending* at St. John's Lutheran Church, NYC... **Frances Conroy** in Hulu's *Casual*... **Keith David** in the documentary *The Gettysburg Address*, TV series *Greenleaf* and *The North Star*... **John Greenleaf** in the US Premiere of Georges Feydeau's farce *Now You See It* at the North Coast Rep in Solana Beach, CA... **Dana Ivey** with **Henry Stram**, **Christian Conn** and **Derek Smith** in *The School for Scandal* at Lucille Lortel Theatre... **Kevin Kline** in *Dean*... **Michael Lluberes** receives ASCAP Foundation's *Adamson Lyric Award for Musical Theater*... **Patti LuPone** in *Penny Dreadful* and *Steven Universe*... **Jesse L. Martin** in CW's *The Flash*... **Dakin Matthews** in *Waitress* on Broadway... Jack O'Brien in HBO Documentary *Becoming Mike Nichols*... **Angela Pierce** in the film *Touched with Fire*... **Roslyn Ruff** in *Madam Secretary*... **C. J. Wilson** in the world premiere of Kenneth Lonergan's *Hold On To Me Darling* at Atlantic Theater Company, NYC... **Rainn Wilson** in *Thom Pain (based on nothing)* at Geffen Playhouse in LA and writer of the book *The Bassoon King*... **Jeffrey Wright** in HBO's *Westworld* and HBO's *Confirmation*...

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