

Cow Bay Theatre Company's New Team Takes Charge

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The new team for the Cow Bay Theatre Company: front row, left to right, are Elizabeth Kott, vice president; Alyssa Negri, president; and James Avena, treasurer. Back row, left to right, are board members-at-large Laura Leigh Carroll, Kiki Lane, Arthur Spellman, Clifford Bice and corporate secretary and legal counsel, Daniel Millman, Esq. (Missing are board members Steven Hoffman and Richard Levin.)

Coincidentally, with the new public school year underway, Port Washington's Cow Bay Theatre Company (CBTC) elected a new cadre of leaders that will serve the remainder of this year, as well as its coming 2012-2013 season. The community theater group was founded in the fall of 2011.

According to Alyssa Negri, CBTC's new president, "The official change in leadership at this time rather than on January 1, 2013 will do away with the time it takes for new officials to get acclimated to their responsibilities. This way, we look forward to greeting the New Year with a full head of steam."

Elizabeth Kott now serves as vice president, with Daniel Millman as secretary, and James Avena as treasurer. The CBTC's new directors-at-large are Cliff Bice, Laura Leigh Carroll, Stephen Hoffman, Kiki Lane, Richard Levin, and Arthur Pellman. Millman also serves as legal counsel and corporate secretary. The officers and board members-at-large constitute CBTC's Board of Directors.

The company's buoyant president, Alyssa Negri, said she is both pleased and enthusiastic about the recently elected officers and board members. "It's an excellent mix of talented people, who share the same goal," she said. "Some are professionals, others have community theater experience, and a few are new to Port Washington. For example, Liz and Arthur both teach, act and direct. Laura directs and performs

professionally. Kiki's versatility and theater expertise is a blessing; Richard and Steve are actors, and Cliff can handle multiple backstage jobs (not at the same time, of course).

Negri continued to say, "We're also fortunate to have an experienced financial hand like Jim Avena, a treasurer who would rather watch our finances than act. Jim was a president of Cantor-Fitzgerald. Another welcome addition is Dan Millman, a relatively new resident of Port Washington, who is a music buff and a highly regarded attorney. And let's not forget the great job Laura Leigh Carroll did as director of this year's acclaimed CancerCare's annual *Red Stocking Revue*. Who would not be looking forward to working with such talent?"

Within the coming months, Negri said the Cow Bay Theatre Company would announce its immediate plans. Meanwhile, she said, "We're always looking for new members who share a love of the theater. You don't have to be a performer, just a participant."

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