

CockEyed Optimists is Excited to Announce our Spring Show!

Following our successful production of *ALMOST, MAINE* last summer, CockEyed Optimists will be back on stage this April with *ONE THING I LIKE TO SAY IS*, by Amy Fox.

With over a dozen theatre productions and a Merchant Ivory film to her credit, Amy Fox's crisp, quirky writing has been garnering accolades from audiences and critics alike since 1999. *TimeOut New York* has called her "a ferocious talent" and *The New York Times* has praised her "warmth of understanding."

(For Amy's complete bio click here <http://www.amyfox.net/bio.html>)

Director Terry Berliner's Broadway credits include *THE LION KING*, *THE TALE OF THE ALLERGIST'S WIFE*, *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* and *THE RED SHOES*. Off-Broadway: *TIME AND AGAIN*, *THE TALE OF THE ALLERGIST'S WIFE*, *CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS*, *VIOLET* and *MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG*. Regionally, she has worked at such theaters as the La Jolla Playhouse, McCarter Theatre, Geva Theatre Center and Arena Stage.

ONE THING I LIKE TO SAY IS tells the story of adult siblings clinging to the remains of a rich, imaginative world they created as children to escape the harsh realities of their upbringing: a world with Scottish butlers, a dollhouse and a place called Nantucket that is not in Massachusetts. *The New York Times* has said the play "nicely captures something of the loneliness and childlike joy of letting your imagination wander." It is a perfect fit for our ensemble; we are delighted to have the opportunity to present this gem of a play to kick off our 2009 season.

This wonderful play needs your help. Ticket sales from our [acclaimed production of *ALMOST, MAINE*](#), events and fundraisers have already yielded half of our total budget. We are asking you, our friends and family, to make a tax-deductible donation to help us reach our financial and artistic goals.

REMEMBER... It doesn't take much to make a big difference:

A donation of **\$20** can pay for one hour of **rehearsal studio rental**.

A donation of **\$40** can pay for the **rights for one performance**.

A donation of **\$100** can cover the cost of **set paint**.

A donation of **\$200** can contribute to **costumes** or **lighting and sound equipment** or **post cards** or **lumber** or **soft goods** or **designer fees** or **props** or **insurance** or **programs** or **publicity** or **transportation** or **posters** or **web hosting** or **stamps and envelopes** or **union fees** or **ticketing services** or **theatre rental**

OR... If you're as Optimistic about the future as we are, elect to support one of our "Stimulus Packages":

Ambassadors of Optimism receive two VIP Reserved Tickets to the Opening Night & Gala Celebration of *ONE THING I LIKE TO SAY IS*[†], and recognition in our program and Web site for your contribution of \$500 dollars or more.^{††}

Optimistic Emissaries receive all of the above **plus:** two additional VIP Reserved Tickets to the Opening Night & Gala Celebration of *ONE THING I LIKE TO SAY IS*[†], a framed production poster autographed by the entire cast and creative team, and a photo of **you** on set with the cast for your contribution of \$1000 or more.^{†††}

[†]Or any performance of The CockEyed Optimists' production of *ONE THING I LIKE TO SAY IS* between April 15th and May 3rd 2009.

^{††}All but \$50 of this donation is tax-deductible.

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<http://www.ceotheatre.org/support.html>

Thank You,
CockEyed Optimists

Donations can be made by check or credit card to our fiscal sponsor, The Field, on behalf of CockEyed Optimists.

To donate by credit card:

- Go to www.thefield.org/t-sponsoranartist.aspx
- Enter Artist name (Brenda Foley) and Company name (CockEyed Optimists)
- Click *Contribute* and follow the prompts

To donate by check:

- Please make all checks payable to The Field.
- Write Brenda Foley/CockEyed Optimists in the memo line.
- Checks can be mailed to: Brenda Foley 47-33 44th Street #1R, Woodside, NY 11377

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