

The Kathryn Joosten Project

“Silver Stars”

Providing services for seniors to enrich their artistic lives, expand their knowledge and improve the theatrical community as a whole.

The Silver Star Development Program Goals:

- ★ Provide funding for senior-friendly projects.
- ★ Create an Art Cart providing transportation for seniors to theatrical productions in and around Los Angeles.
- ★ Lead seminars for seniors including cold-reading and monologue workshops, scene study classes, tutorials in audition technique and career management programs.
- ★ Bring entertainment to senior homes, providing sing-alongs, staged readings and variety shows.
- ★ Launch a capital campaign to build and operate a theatre within a senior complex.

Kathryn Joosten

began acting in community theatre at the age of forty-two and became a founding member of Theatre Neo. In her mid-fifties, she broke into television appearing on such shows as *Roseanne*, *Home Improvement*, *Picket Fences*, *Murphy Brown*, *ER*, *Seinfeld*, *Frasier*, *Just Shoot Me!*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Dharma & Greg*, *Las Vegas* and *The Drew Carey Show*. Later she had a recurring role on *The West Wing* and received two Emmys for her work on *Desperate Housewives*. In her sixties, Kathy's career continued to flourish as she appeared on *Scrubs*, *My Name is Earl*, *Spin City*, *The X-Files*, *Judging Amy*, *Monk*, *Charmed*, *Will & Grace*, *Malcolm in the Middle*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*, *Reba*, *So Little Time*, *Gilmore Girls*, *The Closer* and in the film *Wedding Crashers* starring Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson. Kathy blossomed in her senior years and was an active member of Theatre Neo and Neo Ensemble Theatre. In tribute to her commitment to the company and in celebration of a career that started after her children were adults, Neo Ensemble Theatre has launched this community outreach project in her honor.

The Kathryn Joosten Pledge:

In carrying on Kathy's legacy, the KJP promises to:

1. Make sure meetings "Move on!"
2. Maintain a sense of humor.
3. Make our opinions known.
4. Be an advocate for actors.
5. Never give up.

Neo Ensemble Theatre is an advocate for seniors, an often-overlooked population in Los Angeles. Our official launch in 2010 helped raise money for Saving the Lives of Our Own, an advocacy group raising awareness regarding the displacement of long-term residents of the Motion Picture Nursing Home. This resulted in the preservation of the hospital wing at a time when retired performers needed it most.

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Join our efforts! Donate today!

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