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ASTORIA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER INVITES SENIORS TO SHINE – 3rd year of Senior Stars Program

Announcing OPEN AUDITIONS FOR QUEENS SENIORS (60 or older) to
tread the boards and showcase their talents!

- What:** The Astoria Performing Arts Center (APAC) will be holding auditions for their popular “Senior Stars” Program on March 20th, 2008. All 60 and older Queens residents are invited to audition for this unique performance program (3 years running!). Seniors need only come prepared to show off their talents - by singing, telling jokes, tap dancing, or even break dancing! All acts are welcome and encouraged, with no formal experience required! Those chosen for Senior Stars will have a chance to develop their talents through musical and theatrical performance training, rehearsals, and ultimately professional performances for the public. For additional information, visit www.apacny.org
- Where:** Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens, 21-12 30th Rd., Astoria, NY 11103
- When:** **Thursday, March 20th, 2008, 11:00am-3:00pm. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.**
- Why:** With the support of Council Member Peter Vallone Jr. and the NYC Department of Aging, among other sponsors, the Senior Stars Program is *free* for all participants. The selected seniors will receive 7 weeks of musical theatre training, rehearsing Thursdays, April 4th to May 15th, working with a professional director and musical director. They will showcase their talents in two spectacular performances, May 17th at 4 and 7pm.
- Contact:** For press inquires, please contact **Taryn Drongowski**, APAC Executive Director, at **917/566-0969** or e-mail taryn@apacny.org.
- APAC:** Founded in 2001 by actress Susan Scannell, the Astoria Performing Arts Center is an Off-Off Broadway theater company that complements mainstage productions with community programming, including writing and performance programs for Queens youth and senior citizens. APAC's 2004 production of *Is There Life After High School?* was recognized with an Off-Off Broadway Review Award. APAC's 2006 production of *Forever Plaid* was honored with three New York Innovative Theatre Award nominations, in the categories of Production, Direction, and Choreography. Most recently our production of *A New Brain* received a nomination for Outstanding Set Design. For more information about APAC, including a downloadable media kit, visit www.apacny.org.