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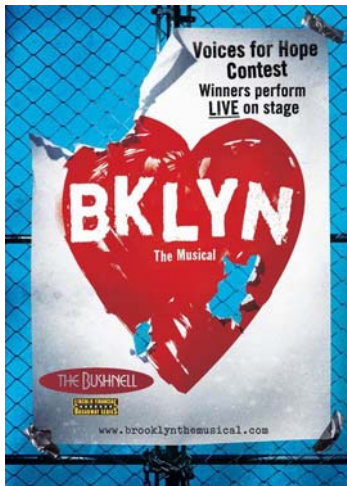
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*Voices for Hope Partners*

**BROOKLYN THE MUSICAL** - Direct from Broadway, *Brooklyn The Musical* is



a new musical by Mark Schoenfeld and Barri McPherson, directed by Tony® award nominee Jeff Calhoun, with music supervision, arrangements and orchestrations by Grammy® & Emmy® award winner John McDaniel. The cast will be led by *American Idol's* **Diana DeGarmo** as Brooklyn, and Tony® Award winners **Melba Moore** (as Paradise) and **Cleavant Derricks** (as Streetsinger). Derricks starred in the original Broadway cast of *Brooklyn The Musical*. Also from the Broadway production will be **Julie Reiber** as Faith and **Lee Morgan** as Taylor Collins. Please visit [www.brooklynthemusical.com](http://www.brooklynthemusical.com) for more information.

**THE BUSHNELL CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS** - The Bushnell is



Connecticut's premier performing arts center, hosting more than 350 events yearly, including major Broadway tours, symphony orchestras, family presentations, local arts and community events. In November 2001, The Bushnell completed a \$45 million expansion project that added a second, 907-seat theater to the existing historic structure. The new, state-of-the-art performance hall allows for expanded arts, entertainment and community offerings. The Bushnell's nationally-recognized arts-in-education program, PARTNERS (Partners in Arts and Education Revitalizing Schools), is a cross-community educational effort serving 20 schools in 12 districts throughout the Greater Hartford area. The Bushnell opened in January 1930 and is a non-profit organization. For more information, call The Bushnell at (860) 987-6000, The Bushnell Box Office at (860) 987-5900 or visit [www.bushnell.org](http://www.bushnell.org).

**NEW GENERATIONS** is a non-profit organization that provides a myriad of charitable contributions and volunteer work for the needy and homeless. New Generations organizes food drives, volunteers at soup kitchens, provides toys for needy children, maintains a college scholarship fund, and provides books for incarcerated juveniles.



**LUNCH (Local United Network to Combat Hunger)** is a 501(c)(3) organization founded by Bill Pere, an internationally published writer and recording artist, who has been in the forefront of the music industry for almost 30 years. A songwriter, lyricist, and music educator, Bill is the Executive Director of the CT Songwriters Association and President of the CT Songwriting Academy. Since 1989, LUNCH has been using the power of popular music to produce positive social action, working with thousands of kids to produce shows that have raised more than \$500,000 for local social services. In 1995, Bill was appointed as an Official CT State Troubadour by the Connecticut Commission on the Arts. LUNCH has provided support for more than 50 social service agencies.



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**MAESTRO MOVEMENT** of Maestro1 Enterprises is a production company devoted to creating great hip-hop music filled with positive and encouraging messages. Jason "DJ Maestro" Norfleet is a writer, disc jockey and producer - Connecticut's premiere gospel DJ. DJ Maestro and his group of talented artists aim to break outside the box of traditional music standards and deliver an authentic sound that reaches youth.



**DINNER AT SIX: VOICES FROM A SOUP KITCHEN** is a book written by Helen Hudson in collaboration with her son Tom Lane, to help raise awareness of people living in the margins of society. After years of volunteering at various New Haven, CT soup kitchens, the 82-year old Hudson began interviewing the "guests" that she served, and compiled their own words into a manuscript that today helps to raise funds for local non-profits that spread awareness for the homeless. The book does not have at a set price, but rather is sold at whatever contribution the buyer wishes to donate to the organization.



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