

# Jerry DeBono Scholarship

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### **JERRY DEBONO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED**

The Monterey Peninsula Community Theatre Company Charitable Trust announced that the 2007 Jerry DeBono Scholarship has been awarded to Allison Combs.

A 2007 graduate of Monterey Peninsula College, with her Associates of Arts in Theatre, Ms Combs received a \$500 scholarship for continuing her studies in Theatre at San Francisco State University. Ms. Combs wants to earn her masters degree in Theatre Arts and pursue a career as a Director.

Ms. Combs earned her degree at MPC after taking a broad range of courses, including Acting, Acting for the Camera, Directing, Movement, Voice, Stage Make Up, and Lighting. During her years at MPC Ms. Coombs appeared in *All In The Timing*, *The Good Show*, *Rebuilding Renee*, *subUrbia*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Our Town*, and *Seussical*.

The Jerry DeBono scholarship was established in 2006 to remember Jerry DeBono, who enjoyed a long career in film, stage and television, beginning in 1953 as writer for the "Kraft Television Theatre". Although he started in the early 50's, he wrote mostly for television in the 60's and 70's, including episodes of *Dr. Kildare*, *Marcus Welby M.D.*, *Police Woman*, *Quincey M.E.*, and *Hunter*. Peninsula residents may best remember Jerry for his highly successful "*The American Musical*" which was first produced at Monterey Peninsula College in 2000, reprised in 2001, and again in 2006. In addition, Jerry directed numerous musicals at MPC, and appeared on stage in the 2003 production of "*Merry Christmas, George Bailey*", alongside his brother Peter DeBono, co-chairman of the MPC drama department.

The Monterey Peninsula Community Theatre Company Charitable Trust founded in 1999 as an independent non-profit to support the endeavors of the Monterey Peninsula College Drama Department. In addition to scholarships, the trust provides additional funding for all productions and projects of the MPC Drama Department.

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