

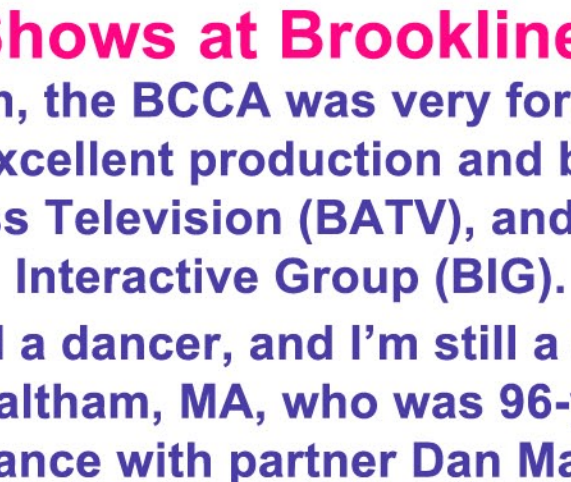
Historical Photos & Testimonials

The following are photos and testimonials, from our Classics Open Mic & Singalong, and You & Broadway! shows, that began at the Brookline Community Center for the Arts (BCCA) on September 18, 2003, co-founded by the late Paul Jordan (Saul Jordan Snyder) and Leon Alperin, and carried on as a legacy of entertainment and joy by seniors and for seniors, for 17 seasons and about 200 opens mics and shows throughout Brookline (BCCA, Brookline Senior Center, The Sussman House Lounge, 100 Centre Street Senior Living, etc.) and surrounding towns, and online and via Brookline Access Television (now B.I.G.)!

A great selection of videos, featuring our professional Happy Time Band and volunteer performers, as well as up-and-coming amateur senior performers and other community members, as young as 98, who had the pleasure of performing as well, can be seen on our website www.YouandBroadway.org

Classics Open Mic & Singalong:

Co-Founder Leon Alperin, and founding members Bill Hamill and Richard De Mone perform at the Brookline Community Center for the Arts (BCCA), where the show was born on September 18th, 2003.



Wonderful Shows at Brookline Access TV:

From its inception, the BCCA was very fortunate to have the full support and excellent production and broadcast services of Brookline Access Television (BATV), and later the Brookline Interactive Group (BIG).

"I was a singer and a dancer, and I'm still a dancer," recounted Doris Babbin of Waltham, MA, who was 96-years-young, when she had her last dance with partner Dan Marshall, after over a decade as one of the founding performers of the show. Babbin was a member of a Brighton choral group that performed at nursing homes, but stayed far from one herself, on Sunday belting out "Every Day of My Life" and dancing and twirling way down to the floor with Marshall.

"I work closely with Brookline residents by helping them learn how to make their own shows. But in this case, I don't think any of them are aware of how much their ideas have inspired me. It has just been a joy working with this community."

- Lawrence Hollie, Brookline Access Television Producer

Below are photos from our August 2010 show and broadcast session at BATV, featuring the late Doris Babbin, the Happy Band's Leon Alperin (Co-Founder), Richard De Mone, Steve Daisy, Mike Devlin, Co-Founder Paul Jordan (Saul Jordan Synder), the late L. B. Gratun, and Sharon Kaufman.



You & Broadway! at the Sussman House:

The Sussman House Lounge served as our show's home for over 10 years, thanks to Sussman House resident and Happy Time Band harmonica player, Steve Daisy.

"The four piece band along is worth the price of admission even though there is none. It's free. I like the piano player who seems to know every song ever published. He is a professional player who appears nightly in one of Cambridge's night clubs. You have great singers as well, as singing everything from familiar ballads all the way to operatic favorites."

- Steve Daisy, You & Broadway! Happy Time Band's harmonica player

"Paul Jordan's and Dan Marshall's stage show coming up this Sunday, March 25th (2:00 to 5:00 P.M.) is almost like an Ed Sullivan show. You get everything from rope tricks to a harmonica player who is the great granddaughter of the King of Scotland (What?) to an eight year old tap dancer, to a country singer, to a drum solo by Leon Alperin. It goes on."

- Eleanor Wendler

Below, pictured are Dan Marshall and Evelyn Gyro, Craig Sugerman, Bill Hamill, Robert Levine, Louise Synder, the late Felix Feuerstein, Eddie Pasco, Leon Alperin, and others.

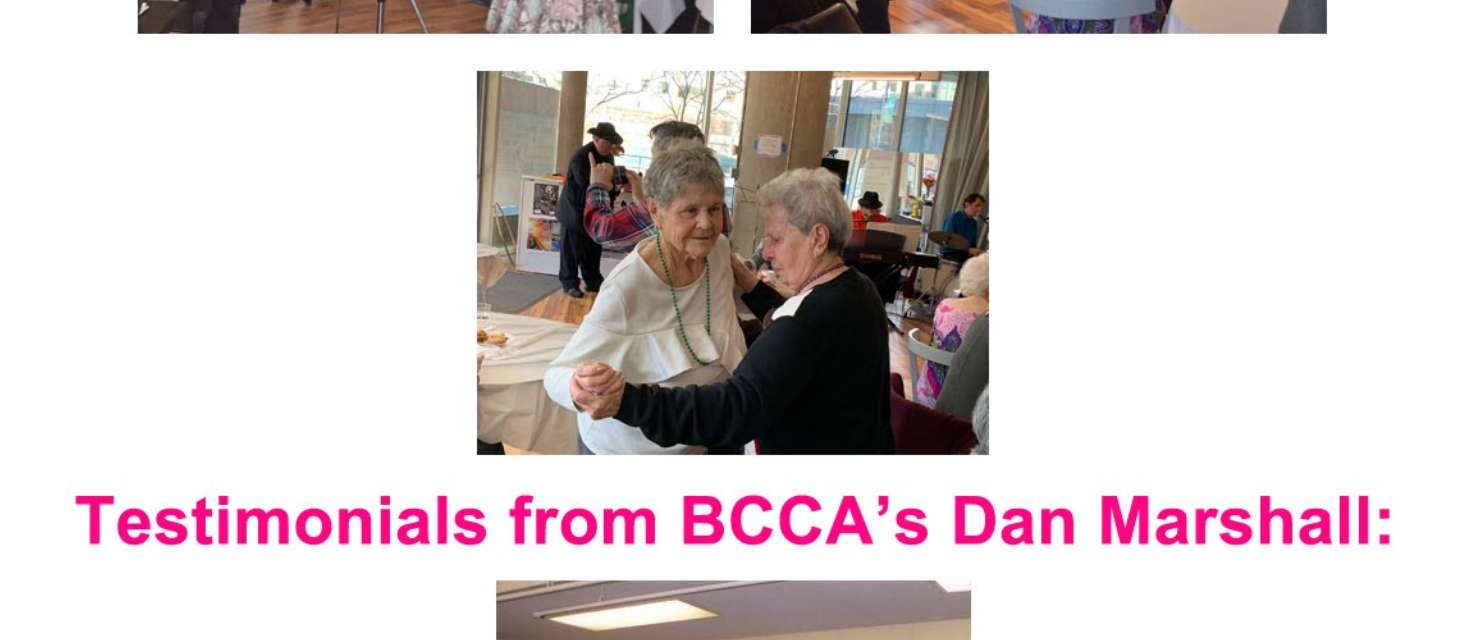


September 26, 2010:

You & Broadway Co-Founders, Paul Jordan (Saul Jordan Snyder) & Leon Alperin, with producer Dan Marshall, band leader Richard De Mone, and founding member Bill Hamill

"[Speaking about his lost friend Paul Jordan] I always thought of him as like a movie star. He was a very charismatic individual."

- Bill Hamill of Cambridge, who had graced the Hotel Lenox in its halcyon days, a wonderful baritone singer, and who often sang in contra tenor.



"[When I grew up] Everyone in the house spoke Yiddish. Long before Karaoke, there were piano bars. My father is still able, at age 88, to sing. He was featured in the 70s on WBZ-TV's "Evening Magazine" as a top singer. In his prime, few big-name opera singers were in his class. He had the talent, but never got his big break. [Remembering his father's last days at the hospital] My father sang to the whole staff while being wheeled to the operating room. [Speaking about "You & Broadway!"] It is like a friends-and-family-show to entertain, and as my father Paul always says, to make people happy. Dan Marshall kindly allowed them to take the music out of the bars to a friendly, more family-type place."

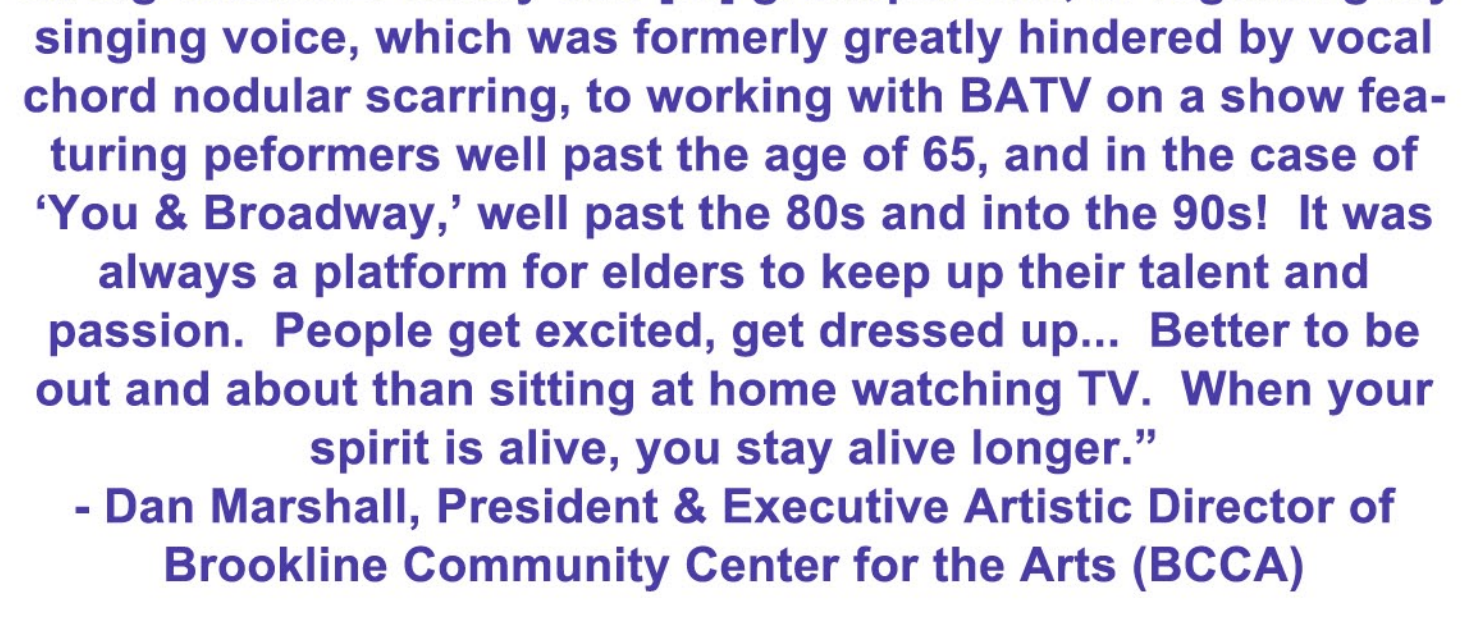
- Howie Jordan (Snyder)

"[Speaking about Paul Jordan] I'd be playing, and Paul would be sitting quietly in the front. All of the sudden it would be Paul Jordan's turn and bam, he became a different person. [Speaking about the elderly performers in the show] A lot of them have never gotten up in front of a group of people and sung before. That's not an easy thing. I feel good for them when they get up and get through a song."

- Eddie Pasco, The You & Broadway! Happy Time Band leader, and 50-year veteran leader of The Festival Band

August 23rd, 2015:

Louise Synder, the late co-founder Paul Jordan's (Saul Jordan Synder) wife, and long-time music teacher, producer, and singer, Carlton Doctor, perform with the Happy Time Band's Steve Daisy, Eddie Pasco, Mike Devlin, and a guest drummer.



May 19th, 2019:

BCCA's 2nd to last show at the Brookline Senior Center, plays to a packed house, who joined the show, singing and dancing, here seen entertained by Shira, Dan, and Adina Marshall, accompanied by the Happy Time Band's Eddie Pasco, Sir Cecil, and Louise Myers.

February 24th, 2020:

The BCCA/CCCA partners with BioMed Realty as the event sponsor, to present it's special "You & Broadway!" musical variety show to the seniors of the East End House, and a delicious lunch complements the entertainment!

Testimonials from BCCA's Dan Marshall:

"Our 'Classics Open Mic & Singalong: You & Broadway!' held regularly since 2003, honors and features seniors. The average performer age exceeds 65, and the event is run by seniors as well. Broadcast numerous times on Brookline Access TV, it is a definite hit with Brookline viewers, as well as our large senior community! The show, one of the only regular night-time entertainment events for seniors in our region, had a steady attendance of 25 to 50 community members and at least ten senior entertainers each time. Some traveled as much as two hours each way to attend and/or perform, helping to keep the dream of music and happy times alive. It has been Jordan, Alperin, and DeMone, throughout our [first] seven years, who have served as the backbone of this event, with me as the producer and soundman, and shortly after the inception, one of the entertainers. This unique show, by seniors, for seniors, is enjoyed by all, from kids, to college students, to professional and amateur performers, and seniors of all backgrounds. Our show has always [also] featured a diversity of Jewish personalities, entertainment, and audience members, who perform Russian and Yiddish nostalgic tunes to Chassidic hymns, and clearly demonstrate the Chassidic and multi-ethnic adage that music, song, dance, and rejoicing are food for our souls. [Paul Jordan's rendition of] "When You Wish Upon A Star" at a benefit show for Brookline Community Center for the Arts (BCCA), was better than the Jiminy Cricket version... in a great crooner voice. We had tears in our eyes. This event has been a multi-faceted blessing for me. From gaining a caring extended family and [of] grandparents, to regaining my singing voice, which was formerly greatly hindered by vocal chord nodular scarring, to working with BATV on a show featuring performers well past the age of 65, and in the case of 'You & Broadway,' well past the 80s and into the 90s! It was always a platform for elders to keep up their talent and passion. People get excited, get dressed up... Better to be out and about than sitting at home watching TV. When your spirit is alive, you stay alive longer."

- Dan Marshall, President & Executive Artistic Director of Brookline Community Center for the Arts (BCCA)