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Martins Run Residents Hit High Note With Old-Time Radio Show



Members of the Martins Run Drama Club rehearse for their upcoming performance "The Old Time Radio Revue," which they will perform for other residents of the community, as well as staff, family and friends. (L-r) Ethel Hamburger, Marvin Rosenweig and Doris Levy stand at the microphones while (seated) Bill Niemeyer and Lillian Friedenreich review their lines while seated.

Residents at Martins Run Senior Living Community are tuning up to debut their performance of "The Old Time Radio Revue," a recreation of a live recording from the Golden Age of live radio. Fanny Brice, Gracie Allen, Jack Benny and other 1940s icons will be as brought to life by members of the senior living community's drama club. The hour-long performance will be broadcast live in the Martins Run Auditorium 7p.m., Tuesday (March 8).

The performance will lead attendees on a musical journey through the Golden Age of live radio with well-known jingles from companies and products such as Campbell's Soup, Pepsodent, Wheaties, Brylcreem, and others. With comedic timing and flair, the group will perform snippets from 1940's radio programs including those of Burns & Allen, Baby Snooks and more.

Led by professional drama coach Robb Hutter, the Martins Run drama club meets weekly to work on their acting and performance skills. Hutter has more than thirty years of professional experience as an actor, director and teacher and has played famous roles off-Broadway in New York, Philadelphia, Toronto and Jerusalem.

The cast includes the twelve members of the drama club, Robb Hutter as director, Carla Mariani as pianist and Martins Run's own Vicki Conner as the radio show "sound effects extraordinaire."

(The performance is open to everyone at Martins Run, including residents, employees and their families. For more information, contact Lorraine Dellafranco at 610-353-7660, ext. 226 or ldellafranco@martins-run.org.)