

## TWO STARS ARE BORN!!



Theo Howie and McDuff Kelly

### A MOST SATISFYING ADVENTURE Fall 2010

My name is Mc Duff. I'm six years old. My friend, Theo, is ten. We're Westies. Together last month (November 2010) we had a most satisfying adventure. We were "supers" in the production of La Boheme at the Michigan Opera Theatre in Detroit.

It all started one Saturday when our Moms took us to an audition at the Theatre. My Mom is Marilyn Kelly, a lawyer/judge. Theo's Mom is Kathryn Howie, an engineer/lawyer. (My first Mom was Janet Lindgren of Briarcliff Kennels. Theo's first Mom was Cathy Weishaupt of Silverbrand Kennels.)

There were lots of other little white dogs at the audition. Afterwards, I thought about why we won. In Theo's case, I think it's because he is very handsome, and he liked being wheeled around the Theatre parking lot in a bicycle basket by the opera Director. Theo is also exceedingly good-natured, and he wore great sunglasses.

He and I had never met before, even though our Moms both belong to the [West Highland White Terrier Club of Southeast Michigan](#). But we hit it off right away. That helped us both with the audition because the Director, Mario Corradi from Milan, Italy, wanted two dogs that got along together and didn't bark. As for why one of the dog roles went to me: I do a great sit-up-and-beg, looking adorable. I think I spent that whole Saturday morning begging.

In any event, the Director announced that Theo and I were the winners and told us when to come back to the Theatre for rehearsals. He also pointed out that two "understudies" had been chosen to replace us in the event either of us goofed up. Several days later, we were taken to a rehearsal room in the Theatre. Dozens of people were there, including lots of kids. Everyone was singing and milling around. The Director watched us closely to see how we handled the hubbub. It was our first test, and we passed it handily; it was a lot like being at the [annual WHWTCSEM holiday party](#).

We were presented with a new test with every succeeding rehearsal as another segment of the production was added. At the third rehearsal, we went from the rehearsal room to the stage for the first time. I walked out there and froze, transfixed by that black abyss where the audience sits. And then there was that net that protected us from falling into the orchestra pit!

At the next rehearsal, they added the lights, then the costumes and makeup, then the orchestra and, finally, the audience. Each time we were watched closely to see if we were up to the test.

Our Moms were really stressed. As for Theo and me, it was a piece of cake, except for the time, at the end of one prolonged rehearsal, when we had to pee and one of the kids pushed a balloon in my snout. We began barking and didn't stop. Fortunately, the rehearsal was finishing up when it happened.

The understudies might have been brought in the next day. But, as luck would have it, by then the Director couldn't bear to cut us. He was so kind. Whenever he'd pass by us at rehearsals, he'd stop and pet us. Once, he whispered in my ear, "I'd like to take you back to Milan."

Actually, everyone was incredibly nice to us, the principals, the super(numerarie)s, the stagehands and the members of the orchestra. One super, a man who told our Moms that he had been working at the MOT for twenty years, brought us each a little bag of treats. I heard him say that he recently lost his day job and that he'd had a dog like us who went to the Rainbow Bridge just a few months before. The treats were his dog's favorites.

The last of the five performances of La Boheme was November 21st. We were sad to see it end. Such a lot of good strokes, so many swell treats. It was a most satisfying adventure!

Loch Thistle Connor Mac Braveheart, West Highland White Terrier H Roth/E Roth pts 191.0

Please go to our website (<http://www.westieclubmi.com>) to find links to many photos supplementing their story.

## 15 MINUTES OF FAME

### AGILITY

**John Jacob, Jumpin 4 Joy, owner Beth Widdows:**

10/17/10 Oakland Kennel Club - completed his Open Agility title, Judge D. Hersh (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

10/17/10 Oakland Kennel Club - earned his first Open Jumpers leg, Judge D. Hersh (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

1/22/11 Fort Detroit German Wirehaired Pointer Club - earned his second Open Jumpers leg, Judge Cynthia Kean (2<sup>nd</sup> place) (One more leg and he begins competing in Excellent!)

### CONFORMATION

**Kilt's Heaven "N" Earth, owner Kathy Kittle, handled and conditioned by Courtney Kniola:**

10/23/10 Sandermac Kennel Club, Springfield, Ill, Judge Mrs. Hansen

Winner's Dog, Best of Winners, 3 pt. major

1/8/11 Land O Lakes Kennel Club, Inc Judge Mrs. Gloria Geringer



**CHAMPION!!!!**

### OBEDIENCE

**Loch Thistle Connor Mac Braveheart, owner H Roth/E Roth:**

10/1/10 Monroe Kennel Club, Judge R. Self



**Saturday, April 30, 2011**

Show Hours: Approx. 10am to 2pm;  
Building is open from: 7:30 A.M. to 5:00  
(See Schedule below)  
Public Welcome - No Admission Charge

Ann Arbor Dog Training Center  
1575 E. North Territorial Road  
Whitmore Lake, Michigan

**3-day dog show weekend with the Terrier Club of Michigan All Terrier Show (Fri, April 29) and Progressive Kennel Club All Breed Show (Sun, May 1)!!**

**\*\* PREMIUM NOT YET AVAILABLE\*\*  
Entries Close at Noon, Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at MBF**

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### **SPECIALTY SHOW SCHEDULE**

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Rescue and Club Silent Auctions Open  
10:00 a.m. Sweepstakes Class Judging

10:45am or 15 minutes after close of Sweeps, whichever comes last

#### **Rescue Parade**

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch (available on site)  
12:45 p.m. Rescue Silent Auction Closes  
1:00 p.m. Regular Class Judging

#### **Show Completion**

Whenever judging is completed  
Usually 2 p.m. or slightly later

Club Silent Auction Closes 15 minutes after regular class judging is complete

Show Theme is:  
**"MADE IN MICHIGAN"**

(Unbenched - Indoors)  
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**Lindy Barrow**

Regular Class Judge:  
**Peggy Haas**

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| Show Chair:     | <a href="#"><u>Janet Lindgren</u></a> |
| Show Secretary: | <a href="#"><u>Martha Sayles</u></a>  |
| Ring Stewards:  | Barb Boggess<br>Cathy Kelley          |

**West Highland White Terrier Club  
of Southeastern Michigan  
26th Annual Specialty Show  
(April 30, 2011)**

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