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# HAPPY 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY, RIVER COMPANY!

by Muriel Kenderdine

Yes, the **River Company** was organized 10 years ago in Damariscotta, ME, and has put on more than 20 shows since 1998, with two scheduled for this, its tenth season. In fact, the first of these, A THURBER CARNIVAL, a collection of short comedic plays by James Thurber, opened on July 20 in the Porter Meeting Hall of the Skidompha Library on Main Street in Damariscotta.

The group's first season included the challenges of NO EXIT by Jean Paul Sartre and THE AMERICAN DREAM by Edward Albee. "The original members," says Andrea Handel, a founder along with her husband, Tom, who is the Artistic Director, "decided we wanted to do minimalist style theater, and that our focus would be on acting, not on large production shows."

Andrea and Tom, along with other founding members Ellen Erickson and Charles Waterman, pooled their money in 1998 to produce NO EXIT at the Community Center in the Mobius Building in Damariscotta. "It seems like a millennium ago," says Waterman, an actor and director of most of the first four seasons of plays.

An early member and current president of the board Ann Foskett says, "We have our niche. Lincoln County Community Theater mostly puts on musicals, and Heartwood Regional Theater Company produces some smaller dramatic works, but often tends to larger works involving more elaborate sets."

Ann Foskett, a native of England, came to Maine in 1987 when her husband retired. Prior to that, she started her involvement with theater in Massachusetts with the Winchester Players and The Arlington Friends of the Drama. Later in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where she got her degree in communications at the University of Tennessee, she had her own TV show, a public affairs program, and co-founded the first professional theater company in Oak Ridge. She was actor, director, and producer for Pellissippi Players there for the next three years and has continued her career as a stage and film actor while based in Maine.

Charlie Waterman met Ann in the 1980's as a fellow actor at the respected Boothbay Playhouse. When it went into hiatus as a summer theater, they started the Gallery Theatre at Round Top Center for the Arts, where they performed with others for four years until it was no longer available to them in 1995. (However, River Company was invited to present one performance of their summer show during the years 2004 – 2006 as part of Round Top's *Sounds of Summer* program, sadly discontinued because of the current closing of the Round Top Center for the Arts.)

River Company actors and directors are paid, "an important factor in maintaining a high standard of performance," comments Ann. "Over the decade, we've hired more than 35 performers and 7 directors."



A THURBER CARNIVAL, *Mr. Preble Murders His Wife*, **River Company**: Ann Foskett, Andrea Handel, and Tom Handel

Productions have included SOME KIND OF LOVE STORY by Arthur Miller (2000), THE DUMB WAITER by Harold Pinter (2001), UNDER MILKWOOD by Dylan Thomas and A CHEEVER EVENING by A. R. Gurney (2002), TAKE UP THE SONG – about Edna St. Vincent Millay by Ramona Barth to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Millay's birth (2003), ART by Yasmina Reza and THREE TALL WOMEN by Edward Albee (2004), A PHOENIX TOO FREQUENT by Christopher Fry (2005), ALMOST, MAINE by John Cariani and ONE MANNS MAINE [one-acts by Camden resident poet and playwright Robert Manns] (2006).

Foskett and Waterman agree in believing that ART was one of their best offerings when it was presented on July 26, 2004 in the Darrows Barn at Round Top Center for the Arts, "a great venue for it, being less minimalist in style than dramas that fit more comfortably in the library. Perhaps being an art center added to the ambience as well." The play had three more performances at the Skidompha Library. Ann Foskett directed, and those in the cast were Tom Crutcher (Marc), Bill Michaud (Yvan), and Tom Handell (Serge).

Although early performances were at the Community Center, when the Skidompha Library opened, the company began presenting its plays in 2002 in the Porter Meeting Hall, an intimate space with good lighting and seating, which the actors and directors find ideal for their needs.

Ann notes, "There is more competition now than five or ten years ago, with newer theater companies putting on regular shows, so it makes it harder to 'fill the house' all the time; but I believe there's a place for the kind and quality of drama River Company produces."



A THURBER CARNIVAL, a *Walter Mitty* skit, **River Company**: Charles Waterman, John Price, and Tom Handel

At the group's annual meeting in January, Tom Handel was honored by being presented with the RICO Award, which can only be given to someone who has acted in, stage managed, or directed <u>ten</u> River Company productions. "This is an achievement not easily earned!" says President Foskett.

Winner of a special Tony Award, A THURBER CARNIVAL, a revue with piano accompaniment, was first performed in New York in the 1960's by Tom Ewell, Peggy Cass, Paul Ford, and Alice Ghostley. Its hilarious sketches of American life include such Thurber favorites as *The Night The Bed Fell, Gentlemen Shoppers*, and *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*. Morton Achter, who, since moving to Maine a few years ago, has been kept busy directing such shows as H.M.S. PINAFORE and JACQUES BREL IS ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN PARIS, was welcomed by the group as director for this show. In the cast, each playing multiple roles, are Candace Coulston, Ann Foskett, Chris Hall, Tom and Andrea Handel, John Price, and Charles Waterman. Liz Petruska provides the jazz accompaniment, and stage management is by Mitchell Wellman.

Director Achter has directed nearly 60 operas, musicals, and plays for professional, community, and college theaters in New England and the Midwest. Most of his professional life was spent in academia, with faculty appointments at the University of Michigan, Boston University, Boston Conservatory, New Jersey's Bloomfield College, and Ohio's Otterbein College, where he served as chair of music for 25 years.

He is a graduate of M.I.T. and has a Ph.D. in musicology and theater history from the University of Michigan.

About the play and James Thurber, an Ohio native and a journalist who was on the staff of *The New Yorker* for many years, Achter says, "This is my second A THURBER CARNIVAL – the first was a production in 1964 for the University of Michigan's summer theater program for which I served as musical director. I was in graduate school at the time. After the passage of more than 40 years, it's been satisfying and

instructive to return to Thurber's dry and perceptive humor, which often centers on the relations (or perhaps better: battles) between the sexes, animals (particularly dogs, his favorites), and clever literary parodies. Also, the people and geography of his hometown of Columbus, Ohio, frequently appear in his writings. Many of the sketches, characters and individual lines in A THURBER CARNIVAL originally can be found in The New Yorker stories and even as cartoon captions."

A THURBER CARNIVAL continues its run July 26, 27, and 28, with performances at 8 pm.

When the company started, they needed only three chairs for the first production. When they close this season with SHORT PLAYS AND MONOLOGUES by David Mamet, director Charlie Waterman, who directed NO EXIT, guarantees "the chairs will be different, and Mamet will be as dynamic as Sartre!" Those performances will be October 19 – 21 and 25 – 27, also in the Porter Meeting Hall of the Skidompha Library.

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## **DEVIL'S ELBOW**

by Muriel Kenderdine

"My father was a career military man and was stationed for a time at Fort Leonard Wood Army Base in Missouri. Nearby was Devil's Elbow, a little town of about 100 people."

And that's the setting of Eileen Noon's new play, yes, DEVIL'S ELBOW. The play is about one day in the lives of the people who own, work and are emotionally connected to The Devil's Elbow Café in that small Missouri town – this particular day being the one before the restaurant will be blown up to make room for an access ramp to the interstate.

"I set out to write an event-oriented piece, investigating how the characters react in this compressed day's journey, using comedy, farce, romance, and magical reality," says Noon. "The significance of the play is how a change/event can be an opportunity to recognize what's really important in their lives and their struggle to find the courage to reach for it. The challenge was: why this day — why is it different from yesterday or tomorrow? That's why I wanted it event driven instead of character driven, although I hope I have written characters that people will enjoy."

The playwright was born in Philadelphia and later got her degree from Temple University there. "No, there's no theater background in my family, but when I went to Temple expecting to be an English major, I took a class called *Introduction to Theater 101*! We had a very good teacher. That got me interested. At first I thought I'd be an actor and trained for that, but by the time I got my degree in Communications, I wanted to be a director. When I moved to New York, I thought I should take acting classes in order to be a better director, but I got involved with actors who were also writing plays, short pieces. That led me to the 78<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre Lab in Manhattan, and that's where I met Kevin (O'Leary, cofounder and artistic director of Lanyard Theatre Company).

"Actually I'm really pleased not to be on stage – I love the process but not so much the performing!

"After a while several of us left 78<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre Lab and found space in another studio and formed the WritersGroup to continue working on our craft. We met every week to read our material to each other and get feedback and suggestions about our work.

"DEVIL'S ELBOW literally started at the 78<sup>th</sup> Street Lab as a kind of improv with an older waitress and a younger waitress cleaning up the café late at night; the action was compressed in one day and showed the consequences at the end of that day. The older woman

was beginning to realize, 'Am I going to get married and have an opportunity to have children?' To up the ante, I made the younger woman pregnant. Then I thought of bringing in sort of a dark man, and ironically Kevin O'Leary was there that day and walked in and started improvising, and that's how the character of John Cloud came along. From there it has expanded to a six-person romantic comedy, so it actually ends up with three couples of varying ages.



Kevin O'Leary, Eileen Noon, and Michael Howard Photo by Kat Kiernan

"The thing I so enjoyed working with was the fun and challenge of having three romantic pairs: Elvis has to be about 18, and there's her college student boyfriend; Sky falls in love with John Cloud and they are in their 30's to 40's; and Hewlett and Sugie (pronounced as in "sugar") are the older couple, high school sweethearts now reunited and in their 40's to 50's.

"Even though the idea originated quite a while ago, this is the first time I've had a play produced that hasn't first been through a series of workshops and rewrites, so I'm a little nervous! I'll be here for the first read through and then I hope to be able to come back halfway through the rehearsal period to listen and watch and see if I need to do some rewrites.

"I like having one set. I'm not crazy about seeing people moving on stage changing things. I think it breaks the concentration. So I told Kevin, 'You don't need to have anyone come on to move a table. Things can be brought on or taken off by a character in the story.'"

To pay the rent and put food on the table, Eileen, who now lives in Brooklyn, has a day job doing administrative work in the technical department at the Metropolitan Opera House in Lincoln Center – very impressive to me, a long-time opera fan. How did she get that job?

"I started there as a temp – I used to do lots of temp work around New York City – and finally they hired me full-time. I'm one of many assistants. I work mostly with the details of new productions being added to the repertory – the schedules and booking flights, etc. for new set and costume designers, for instance. My boss is in charge of everything you see – not everything you hear, but everything you see!"



DEVIL'S ELBOW, **Lanyard Theatre Company**: Kevin O'Leary (John Cloud) and Kat Kiernan (Elvis)

In the cast of DEVIL'S ELBOW are Kat Kiernan as Elvis, the young and pregnant waitress; Randy Chubbuck as college student Jimmy Rush, her boyfriend; Cynthia Babak as Sky, the older waitress; Kevin O'Leary as John Cloud; Paul Haley as Hewlett Hughes, the restaurant owner; and Kerry Rasor as Sugie Carmichael. The director is Michael Howard, who has directed all three of Lanyard's previous premieres as well as the benefit staged readings. John Upham, Lanyard co-founder and technical director, is, of course, designing the set.

Eileen Noon has also been a mentor for six summers for Lanyard's *Trigorin Project*, a popular Bath workshop for teen playwrights from across southern Maine.

In addition to Eileen Noon and Kevin O'Leary, the other Lanyard resident writers, all members of New York-based WritersGroup playwrights collective, are Cynthia Babak, Sid Ross, and Linda Giuliano, whose play CROSSING OVER was produced by Lanyard last December. A FEELING OF FAMILY by Sid Ross was presented by the group last summer and was preceded in December 2005 by O'Leary's HAS ANYONE SEEN RICHARD MANGIONE?

Meanwhile, to raise money for this current play, there were two benefits, July 7 in Falmouth and July 8 in Phippsburg, with staged readings of CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF by Tennessee Williams. Michael Howard directed and played Big Daddy, with Cathy Counts as Big Mama, Cynthia Babak as Maggie, Giuseppe (Joe) Barbarino as Brick, Paul Haley as Gooper, Kerry Rasor

as Mae; Randy Chubbuck, Rozi Eberhart, and Kat Kiernan as the "no-neck monster" children; Kevin O'Leary as Rev. Tooker and Dr. Baugh in Falmouth, and Dikkon Eberhart as Dr. Baugh in Phippsburg.

World Premiere of
DEVIL'S ELBOW by Eileen Noon
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798 Washington Street, Bath, ME
August 1 through 4 at 8 pm
July 31 Pay-What-You-Can Preview at 8 pm
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Michael Howard (Big Daddy) and Cynthia Babak (Maggie) in rehearsal for CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF Photo by Kat Kiernan

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## BANGOREANS TURNED OUT IN DROVES FOR THEATER

This article appeared in the Bangor Daily News on June 4, 2007

Bangor was a theater town much as it was a lumber town, a little Broadway in the Great North Woods. Of course, the lumber paid for the theaters. When plays wore out on the Great White Way, the Queen City provided new audiences just as Portland and Lewiston did.

On certain evenings in the right season of the year, you were as apt to see Ethel Barrymore or Fay Templeton making their way across Main Street between those two great "houses," the Opera House and the Bangor House, as you were to see a contingent of red-shirted wood choppers staggering down Exchange Street.

A century ago the major theater in town was the Bangor Opera House. That's the Old Bangor Opera House, not to be confused with the New Bangor Opera House, which was built on the same spot on Main Street after the old one burned in 1914. The new opera house, or what remains of it, is still there today.

Both Bangor newspapers were full of theater news, local and national. Both papers employed knowledgeable critics with high standards. One of these anonymous critics provided an excellent snapshot of the theater season on May 28, 1907, in the Bangor Daily News. The Bangor Opera House had just closed for the summer.

Theatricals that season could be divided into four categories, according to the writer. They were "the strictly first-class, which came originally from Broadway theaters; the better class of 'road shows;' the cheaper class of road shows; and the 10, 20, and 30."

The first two categories – Broadway and the better class of road shows – had featured Ethel Barrymore in CAPT. JINKS OF THE HORSE MARINES and her uncle John Drew in HIS HOUSE IN ORDER. Rockland native Maxine Elliott, who was famed for her great beauty as well as a liaison with J. P. Morgan, had graced the stage in HER GREAT MATCH.

Shakespeare was popular. Madame Modjeska performed in MACBETH and Viola Allen in CYMBELINE. Two Bernard Shaw plays, MAN AND SUPERMAN and MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION, also appealed to sophisticated Bangoreans. Meanwhile, musical comedies such as PIFF PAFF POUF and THE ISLE OF BONG BONG helped brighten up the long winter for many, as did Dockstader's Minstrels.

But the biggest hit of all – the biggest moneymaker at the box office – was neither Shakespeare nor Shaw, Barrymore nor Elliott. It was Fritzi Scheff in MLLE. MODISTE, an operetta by Victor Herbert. In fact, the event was the greatest box office draw in the history of the theater, manager Frank A. Owen told the Bangor Daily News' writer after the show.

The less said of the other two categories of theater fare the better, apparently. "Of the third group – the cheaper one-night

stands – the veil of charity should be drawn quickly," said our kindhearted critic. "They transcended human belief in badness, but fortunately they were few in number. It is a much-discussed question whether the booby prize should be awarded to PECK'S BAD BOY, UNCLE JOSH SPRUCEBY, or BERTHA, THE SEWING MACHINE GIRL, although most people will be inclined to give it to the latter."

Even less was to be said about the "10, 20 and 30 companies," an expression apparently having to do with their low prices. These were repertory companies, which performed several plays, including matinees and evening shows, over several days. For the most part, they were "very coarse and cheap" with a couple of exceptions that rose above the usual "blood-and-thunder plays."

Bangor's newspaper critics fumed that the city was not being treated as well as Portland or Lewiston in either the number of high-quality plays that were being sent here or the number of nights they were allowed to perform. The writer listed several shows Bangoreans had missed that season including Maude Adams in PETER PAN. Some popular shows stayed for only one night, playing to packed houses. Such decisions were made in New York City by a booking agent. Sound familiar?

The writer made no mention of some of the other miscellaneous entertainments that occasionally appeared at the Opera House including moving pictures, hypnotists, comedians, mediums and at least one magnetic healer. Movies were getting more popular and one recently had been controversial. THE UNWRITTEN LAW consisted of scenes "representing" incidents and places from the sensational murder of architect Stanford White and the subsequent trial of Harry K. Thaw. A matinee was canceled after a preview on April 11 by the mayor, the chief of police and other officials. Bangor young people didn't need to see that kind of thing. Adults, however, packed two evening showings.

Movies and vaudeville would play a bigger role in Bangor entertainment in the years to come. Rumors had been circulating for months that the Queen City was about to get a new theater and possibly two. The latest press reports said John R. Graham, the local trolley magnate, had signed a contract with the Keith syndicate to start a movie theater in his new block on Central Street. People would be able to enter the theater in the morning and watch movies until late at night on one ticket! There were also rumors of plans for "a high-class vaudeville theater."

The Bangor Opera House, then in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, was planning major renovations including increased seating before opening in the fall. Other theaters with names like the Nickel, the Gaiety, the Graphic and the Gem would soon be opening. Would Bangor remain a theater town, showing some of the best Broadway fare? No one could predict what would happen.

## HEARD IN THE GREEN ROOM

You have one more weekend to catch the Maine premiere of THE IT GIRL at Saco River Grange Hall in Bar Mills, where **The Originals** opened the show July 19 – 21, and it continues July 26 – 28 at 7:30 pm (July 26 is Pay-What-You-Can). Based on the Paramount Picture, this lighthearted musical tribute to silent movies and Clara Bow reinvents her 1927 film about a sassy department store salesclerk who enters a contest to find the girl with that elusive, thrilling quality known as "It". With music by Paul McKibbins, book by Michael Small and BT McNicholl ( also the lyrics), the show is directed by Dana Packard with music direction and choreography by Jennifer Porter. In the cast are Susan Brownfield in the title role, Mark Dils, Francesca Jellison, C. James Roberts, Molly W. B. Roberts, Jennifer Porter, and Paul Stickney. In "the pit" are Joe Arsenault (piano), Jim Lyden (bass), and Phil McGowan (drums). Call (207) 929-5412.



Cast of THE IT GIRL, The Originals

Another show closing this coming weekend is URINETOWN, the musical by Greg Kotis and Mark Hollman about a town suffering from a water shortage and its citizens being forced to take care of their private business by paying to use the public facility! You can still catch this at air-conditioned City Theater, 205 Main Street, Biddeford, ME, July 27 and 28 at 8 pm. The Tony Award winning show was directed and choreographed by Barbara Buck with musical direction by "Flash" Allen. In the cast are Joseph Valliere as hero Bobby Strong, Alexis Handy as ingénue Hope Cladwell; John Edmonds as Caldwell Cladwell, the water controlling, moneygrubbing owner of Urine Good Company; Ashleigh St. Pierre as his loyal employee, Penelope Pennywise; Benjamin Row as Hot Blades Harry, Marissa Breton as Little Becky Two-Shoes, Gina Dyer as Little Sally, and Steve Burnette as Officer Lockstock, the oddball but ever dutiful policeman and narrator. Next for this group will be the return of The C.I.A., BCT's improv group, with THE FOUL MONTY, when they will take suggestions from the audience at 8:08 pm on August 4 (best for ages 16 and up). Then A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING, directed by Linda Sturdivant, takes the stage with performances weekends August 17 - September 1 at 8 pm Fridays and Saturdays, with a 2 pm matinee on August 26. In the cast will be Lynn Boren-McKellar, Bob Gauthier, Kelsey Franklin, Steven Carnevale, and Lorelei Marquis. Call (207) 282-0849.

Also coming up right now is **PORTOpera's** 13<sup>th</sup> production, this time Rossini's THE BARBER OF SEVILLE at Merrill Auditorium in Portland, July 25 and 27 at 7:30 pm, July 29 at 2 pm, with English supertitles. Lucas Meachem sings Figaro, the title role, with Lauren McNeese as Rosina; Victor Ryan Robertson as her would-be suitor, Count Almaviva; Jan Opalach as Dr. Bartolo, Rosina's guardian, who

wants her for himself; Craig Hart as Don Basilio, the music teacher. Stage direction is by Artistic Director Dona D. Vaughn, and Giovanni Reggioli returns for his 3<sup>rd</sup> season to conduct. Call (207) 842-0800.



URINETOWN, **Biddeford City Theater**: Alexis Handy (Hope Cladwell) and John Edmonds (Caldwell Cladwell). *Photo by Woody Leland* 

This year's singers in the **Maine's Emerging Artists** program performed two short operas by Haydn at various locations in June and July: LA CANTERINA (The Diva) with Allyson Herman in the title role, Alexandra Dietrich as her mother, John Coons as her singing teacher, and Sarah Mawn in a "pants" role as her boyfriend; and LO SPEZIALE (The Apothecary) with Daniel Cyr in the title role, Richard Gammon as his assistant, Sarah Mawn as his ward, and Emily Marvosh in another "pants" role as the wealthy suitor. Ellen Chickering directed the MEAs, and Aaron Robinson was accompanist.

WRBP PRESENTS GOLDEN RADIO DAYS will be the summer offering of **Riverbend Players** in two locations: July 26 at 7 pm and July 29 at 2 pm at the Alamo Theatre on Main Street in Bucksport, ME; and July 27 and 28 in the evening entertainment at the Bucksport Bay Festival waterfront gazebo. This show will take you back to the 1930's with authentic music and period costumes. FMI call (207) 469-5885.

**The Escapists**, the Portland-based sketch comedy and improv group, will return to **The Opera House at Boothbay Harbor**, ME, on July 26, offering an Improv Workshop for all ages from 4 to 5:30 pm and then their full-length show at 8 pm. Admission to the show is free for workshop participants, who will also have an opportunity to participate in the action! Call (207) 633-5159.

Coming up later at **The Opera House at Boothbay Harbor** will be ALMOST, MAINE with weekend performances August 17 – 26. Call (207) 633-6855.

**Ten Bucks Theatre Company's** AS YOU LIKE IT, set in post-Civil War Appalachia, has one more weekend to run at 6 pm July 26 – 28 and at 2 pm July 29 in Indian Trail Park, Brewer, ME. Putnam Smith directed. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, food and drink! Call (207) 884-1030. The troupe will also perform the play on the grounds of Woodlawn Museum in Ellsworth on Aug. 4 at 4 pm. Call (207) 667-8671.

The Theater Project's production of A. R. Gurney's SYLVIA, about a man, his wife, and a stray dog, also has one more weekend coming up through July 29, Thursday – Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 2 pm, at 14 School Street, Brunswick, ME. Al Miller directed. In the cast

are Reba Short in the title role with Craig Ela as Greg, Heather Weafer as Kate, and Michele Livermore Wigton in several roles. Then the TTP International Teen Camp concludes with their original OZ REVISITING THE WIZARD August 2-4 at 7:30 pm. Call (207) 729-8584.

Brunswick's **Midcoast Youth Theater** Teens are offering CRAZY FOR YOU July 26–27 at 7 pm & 28 at 2 pm at Mt. Ararat H. S. Auditorium in Topsham, ME. Heading the cast are Joey Leaver as Bobby and Mackenzie O'Connor as Polly. Direction is by Michael Millett, music direction by Rebecca Beck Atkins, and choreography by Elaine Perry. Call (207) 233-3899. Next will be the Children's Program (gr. 2–9) with SEUSSICAL The Musical Aug. 16–17 at 7 pm & 18 at 2 pm, directed by Henry Eichman with music direction by David Olsen Petrowski, and choreography by Pam Tondreau. Call (207) 751-2619.

Alan Ayckbourne's ROUND AND ROUND THE GARDEN continues through July 29 at Acadia Repertory Theatre in Somesville on Mt. Desert Island, ME, at 8:15 Tuesday - Saturday and 2 pm on Sunday July 29. Minnesota-based Edwin Strout directed. (Acadia Rep's opening show, SHIRLEY VALENTINE, starred Cheryl Willis, who got a rave review from The Bangor Daily News critic.) Next will be THE DAZZLE by Tony Award-winner Richard Greenberg July 31 - Aug. 12, 8:15 pm Tuesday - Sunday with a 2 pm matinee on Aug. 12. Edwin Strout will be one of the three performers in this fin de siecle romance of light moments and intriguing plot twists as it tells about New York eccentrics Langley and Homer Collyer and the woman they both may love. Last will be Agatha Christie's SPIDER'S WEB (described by Christie as "her comedy") Aug. 14 - Sep. 2, again at 8:15 pm Tuesday - Sunday with a matinee at 2 pm on Sep. 2. The children's show, directed by Cheryl Willis, is RUMPLESTILTSKIN Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:30 am through Sep. 1. Call (207) 244-7260 or visit www.acadiarep.com.

Oscar Wilde's THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST continues to be presented by **The Stage** outdoors on the Spring Point Walkway on the SMCC campus in South Portland July 25 – 28 at 8 pm (weather permitting, of course), with the pre-show *Welcome to The Classics: Wild About Wilde* at 7:15 pm with Harlan Baker. The play did, in fact, open on Friday, July 13, not the 14<sup>th</sup> as I mistakenly stated it would in the last issue! Janet Ross directed the cast: Keith Anctil (Jack), Bill Cook (Algernon), Amy Pelkey (Gwendolen), Ariel Francoeur (Cecily), Harlan Baker (Dr. Chasuble), Karen Ball (Miss Prism), Nate Amadon (Lane/Merriman), and that surprisingly mysterious guest artist Nellie Beaumont as Lady Bracknell (Who? Mark Honan has switched genders?!). (207) 828-0128 for same-day reservations.



I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE, **Arundel Barn Playhouse** June Production:

Joshua Isaacs, Lindsay Luppino, Staci Anne Jacobs, Antonio Campagna, Laurence Freeman, Becki Flader

THE FULL MONTY just opened at **Arundel Barn Playhouse** at 53 Old Post Road, Arundel, ME, on July 24, where it continues through

Aug. 11 (mature audiences only). Performances are Tuesday through Sunday at 8 pm, with 2 pm matinees on Wednesdays and Fridays. The summer season will close for Arundel with the New England premiere of LEADING LADIES Aug. 14 – Sep. 1. Call (207) 985-5552.

Don't forget the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the **Bates Dance Festival**, which began July 14 and continues through Aug. 11 on the Bates College campus in Lewiston, ME. Free performances and events include *Global Exchange: Sharing Across Cultures* in the Olin Arts Center Concert Hall at 8 pm on July 26; *The Early Years: Looking Back* also at Olin Arts Center at 8 pm on July 27, with Dan Wagoner, Suzanne Carbonneau, and Marcy Plavin; *The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala* will be at 7 pm on July 28 in the Lewiston Middle School Auditorium with Liz Lerman, Rennie Harris, Doug Varone, Bebe Miller, and others. Call (207) 786-6161. For complete list of programs visit www.batesdancefestival.org.

L/A Community Little Theatre's Youth Workshop culminates this week with performances of Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL July 25 – 28 at 7:30 pm, with 2 pm matinees on July 28 and 29, at Great Falls Performing Arts Center, Academy Street, Auburn, ME. Principals in the large cast, directed by Richard Martin, are Colin Whiteman (Troy), James Kramlich (Chad), Katherine Demarest (Gabriella), Katie St. Pierre (Taylor), Kylie Keene (Sharpay), and Michael Weber (Ryan). The workshop for younger students in grades 2 - 8, taught by Linda Britt assisted by Mariah Perry, will close with performances of CINDERELLA JR on Aug. 4 at 7:30 pm and Aug. 5 at 2 pm, also at the Great Falls Performing Arts Center. CLT's regular season closes with ANNIE GET YOUR GUN Aug. 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 8 pm, Aug. 16 at 7:30 pm, and Aug. 12 & 19 at 2 pm, at airconditioned Lewiston Middle School, Central Avenue. David E. Lock directs, and Liz Rollins stars in the title role with Joel Biron as Frank Butler, Zachary Hews as Charlie Davenport, Henrik Strandskov as Chief Sitting Bull, and Dan Crawford as Buffalo Bill. Call (207) 783-0958 or visit www.laCLT.com.



Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL, L/A Community Little Theatre: Michael Weber, Kylie Keene, Colin Whiteman, Katherine DeMarest, James Kramlich, Katie St. Pierre. *Photo by Rachel Morin* 

There will be one more performance of Neil Simon's BAREFOOT IN THE PARK presented by **Stage East** July 27 at Eastport Arts Center, Dana & Water Streets, Eastport, ME. Call (207) 853-4747.

Belfast Maskers opens their musical version of A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM on July 26 at Steamboat Landing Park in Belfast, ME, where it will continue nightly through Aug. 4 (except in the rain). Artistic Director Aynne Ames directs. (See our April 2007 issue for complete details at www.castandcrew.org.) Next will be Alan Bennett's TALKING HEADS, directed by Matt Ames, Thursdays through Sundays Sep. 6 – 16. Call (207) 338-9668 or visit <a href="https://www.belfastmaskerstheater.com">www.belfastmaskerstheater.com</a>.



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, **Belfast Maskers**: Nate Speckman (Demetrius) and Katie Meehan (Helena). *Photo by Wendy Schweikert* 

The Rodgers & Hammerstein CINDERELLA is the current offering of **Bucksport Community Theatre** at Bucksport Auditorium, 100 Miles Lane, Bucksport, ME, where it opened July 20 – 22 and has one more performance on July 29. Some roles are double cast with Jane Hunt and Michelle Birmingham as Cinderella, Natalie Davis and Elizabeth Neslusan as Portia, Aimee Gerow and Madi Daigle as Joy, Ken Lozier and Tony Gerow as the Prince, Steve Gormley and Sue Hunt Gormley (the King and Queen), Dianne Gray (Stepmother), and Johanna Dorr (Fairy Godmother). Call (207) 469-8992 or 1-888-295-0123.

Another group staging HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL is **Crossroads Youth Center**, under the direction of Deb Landry, July 27, 28, Aug. 3, and 4. Call (207) 838-2146.

There is more R & H this summer with CAROUSEL at the recently refurbished **Boothbay Playhouse** on Rte. 27, Boothbay, ME, where it opened July 18 and continues Wed. – Sat. at 8 pm through Aug. 4. Next will be JUST A MATTER OF TIME, the New England premiere of a new musical by award-winning local artist/playwright Sandra Dutton. When 11-year-old Meg is accused of losing her curiosity, she is sent on a quest to find Time. Meg discovers that time is more than minutes on a clock – that it can be begged or borrowed, stolen or squandered, and that if she is to make the most of her own time she must follow her curiosity. (207) 633-3379.

At the **Carousel Music Theater** in Boothbay Harbor, ME, WHERE THE BOYS ARE is the program for your dinner theater enjoyment July 24 through Sep. 2. Call (207) 633-5297 or 1-800-757-5297 (ME only).

Don't forget there are still some workshops available for increasing your performance skills at **The Celebration Barn**, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (off Rte. 117), South Paris, ME. Meanwhile, there are live performances on Saturdays and some Fridays: The Flying Karamozov Brothers on Friday, July 27; An Evening of Storytelling with Antonio Rocha, Milbre Burch & guests on July 28; Informal Friday with new works-in-progress, this time featuring Iman, a clown/juggler from the Basque region of France, on Aug. 3 (FREE); Lee Faulkner in *Genius at Work* on Aug. 4; Informal Friday with the students of the *Eccentric Performing Workshop* taught by Avner Eisenberg & Julie Goell, with their works-in-progress on Aug. 10 (FREE); *Comedy and Character* with Randy Judkins, Aug. 11; The BIG Barn Show! Aug. 18, with some of the performers who helped make Celebration Barn famous;

Susan Poulin in IDA'S HAVIN' A YARD SALE on Aug. 25; and Figures of Speech in *Far East* on Sep. 1, with The Crane, a hauntingly lyrical story from Japan, and The Rat's Wedding, an unabashedly foolish tale from China. Call (207) 743-8452.

**Poolyle Productions** (Susan Poulin and Gordon Carlisle) will also be at St. Lawrence Arts Center, 76 Congress Street, Portland, with IDA'S HAVIN' A YARD SALE July 27 – 29. Call (207) 775-5568.

Huck Finn is currently traveling on THE BIG RIVER at **Hackmatack Playhouse**, 538 School Street on Rte. 9 in Berwick, ME, July 25-28 & Aug. 1-4 & 8-11, with matinees Jul.26, Aug. 2 & 9. SOUTH PACIFIC will take the stage next with shows Aug. 15-18 & 21-25, and matinees Aug. 16 & 23. The season closes with a GILBERT AND SULLIVAN REVUE Aug. 21 & Sep. 21 Meanwhile, the annual kids camp show will be at 21 am Aug. 21 & 21 , and 21 & 21 Call (207) 21 698-1807.

Reindeer Theatre Company will perform their last weekend of OLDE-TYME COUNTRY MUSIC SINGALONG July 27–28 at 7 pm, July 29 at 2 pm, at Warren Memorial Library Auditorium at 479 Main Street in Westbrook, ME. Louis Philippe directs, and in the cast are Gwen Basinger, Sandy Brown Bisson, Stephanie Dyer, Albert Hirst, Kathleen Peterson, Themia Raymond, and Gary Schultz. Next the Reindeer Youth will present TWINDERELLA Aug. 10 – 12 & 17 – 19 at the same location. Call (207) 857-9002.

In the Skowhegan, ME, area at Lakewood Theater there is one more weekend, July 26 - 28 at 8 pm, to see THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT by Frederick Stroppel, when a spritely old lady (MJ Clifford) negotiates a deal with Death (Mark Nadeau) for a longer life! Next will be NOBODY'S PERFECT by Simon Williams, directed by Stan Pinnette, with performances Aug. 2-4 & 8-11. Starring will be Pam Smith as publisher Harriet Copeland, who is looking for a new woman romance novelist, and Ted Smith as Leonard Loftus, who, to escape this gender bias, submits a novel in the guise of a woman and wins! Jeffrey Quinn directs CRAZY FOR YOU with Joe LaCombe (Bobby) and Lisa Neal (Polly) in performances Aug. 16 – 18 & 22 – 25. JACK THE RIPPER by Joe Dickinson takes the stage next Aug. 30 – Sep. 2, Sep. 5 – 8. Bobby Keniston directs. Closing the season will be TOM, DICK AND HARRY by Ray Cooney and Michael Cooney with Stan Pinnette, Mark Nadeau, and Ron Veno as the three brothers, directed by Jeffrey Quinn. Performances will be Sep. 13 -15 & 19 – 22. Call (207) 474-7176 for times and matinee days.



GOLF: THE MUSICAL, **Northport Music Theater**: L-R, Nathan Raleigh, Kristen Burkholder, Alan Bailey, and Roger Marcotte. *Photo by Alexander Morrow* 

**Northport Music Theater** has one more weekend with GOLF: THE MUSICAL on the boards in their debuting venue on Rte. One in Northport, ME, July 25-28 at 7:30 pm, with a matinee also on July 28 at 3:30 pm. Jason Bannister directed. In the cast are Alan Bailey, Kristen Burkholder, Nathan Raleigh, and Roger Marcotte. (Not for the kids, remember.) Next up is SIX WOMEN WITH BRAIN DEATH

OR EXPIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 pm Aug. 8 – 25, with 3:30 pm matinees on Aug. 11, 18, & 25. Peter Clain directs. In the cast will be Kathleen Hawkes, Kim Murphy, Annie Watson, Audra Curtis, and Caitlin Whalen. (207)338-8383 or <a href="https://www.northportmusictheater.com">www.northportmusictheater.com</a>

At their Showcase Theater, 348 Rte. One in Falmouth, ME, **Maine State Ballet** will present FIREBIRD and PAQUITA July 27 and Aug. 3, 10, 17, & 18. On Aug. 16 MSB will dance FIREBIRD and WESTERN ROUNDUP at the *Arts Jubilee* in North Conway, NH. (207) 781-7672 or visit www.mainestateballet.org

On Rte. One in Ogunquit, ME, the **Ogunquit Playhouse** opened LA CAGE AUX FOLLES on July 17, and it continues Tuesday – Saturday through Aug. 4 with some matinees, starring Maxwell Caulfield as Georges, James Beaman as Albin, and directed by BT McNicholl (also the lyricist and co-author of the book for THE IT GIRL now being presented by The Originals in Bar Mills). The rest of the season's shows will be THE KING AND I Aug. 7 – 25, HAIRSPRAY Aug. 28 – Sep. 15, and an encore of THE FULL MONTY Sep. 18 – Oct. 6. Call (207) 646-5511 or visit www.ogunquitplayhouse.org.

GRAND HOTEL is currently on the boards at **Maine State Music Theatre** on the Bowdoin College campus in Brunswick, ME, Tuesday – Sunday, with some matinees, through Aug. 4. Andrew Glant-Linden directed and choreographed. The cast includes Ed Romanoff (Preysing) and Marie Pressman (Raffaela). The season closes with HAIRSPRAY Aug. 8 – 25, with Donna Drake as director and choreographer. Special events will be TOXIC AUDIO on July 29-30 and THE NEXT BIG BROADWAY MUSICAL, a fully improvised two-act musical comedy using requests from the audience, on Aug. 13. The children's show will be THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES at 11 am & 2 pm on Aug. 22. (207) 725-8769.

At **Deertrees Theatre** in Harrison, ME, *The Maine Hysterical Society* (Randy Judkins, Stephen Underwood, and Barney Martin) will entertain you on July 26. David Kaye's and David Allyn's THE MAINE-IAC, inspired by the real-life story of Hackmatack Playhouse founder Carleton Guptill, will be on stage at 8 pm Aug. 2 & 3. Master Clown *Avner The Eccentric* (Eisenberg) will make you laugh with his hilarious predicaments at 8 pm Aug. 4. Then *The Deertrees Theatre Festival* brings back **Greenlight TheatreWorks** for MURDER AT THE HOWARD JOHNSON'S at 8 pm Aug. 9-10, with Terri Eoff, Jeff Lamarre, and Thomas Sullivan in the cast; Rosina Fernhoff, a hit in last year's GRACE AND GLORIE, returns to star in Tina Howe's PAINTING CHURCHES Aug. 16–18 at 8 pm; ON GOLDEN POND takes the stage Aug. 23 – 25 at 8 pm; and John Cariani will appear in his own play, ALMOST, MAINE at 8 pm Aug. 30, 31, Sep. 1 & 2. Call (207) 583-6747 or visit www.deertreestheatre.org.

The summer repertory season opened at The Theater at Monmouth in Monmouth, ME, on July 6 with MY THREE ANGELS by Sam and Bella Spewack, directed by Janis Stevens and starring Mark S. Cartier, Will Harrell and Aaron B. Coleman in the title roles, and Frank Omar as hapless shop owner Felix Ducotel. A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM opened July 13, directed by Sally Wood. Henry Fielding's TOM JONES, adapted and directed by Dave Greenham, opens July 27 (not suitable for children), and MEASURE FOR MEASURE joins the repertory on Aug. 3, directed by Jeri Pitcher. All continue to Aug. 23-25. Meanwhile CHARLOTTE'S WEB, directed by Peter Duffy, has been presented at 2 pm Saturdays in July and will continue in August, when THE OLDEST STORY EVER TOLD will also have matinee performances (check calendar at www.theateratmonmouth.org). You will have one more chance on Aug. 7 to see Janis Stevens' Drama Desk-nominated tour de force performance of VIVIEN. There is also one more performance of Donald Margulies' SIGHT UNSEEN with Sally Wood and Mike Anthony on Aug. 14; Vermont's Lost Nation Theatre Co. will come Aug. 31 & Sep. 1 with David Budbill's JUDEVINE; and TAM's post-season show will be ONCE UPON A MATTRESS Sep. 27 - 30 and Oct. 4 - 7. (All evening performances are at 7:30 except on Sunday, when they begin at 7 pm.) Call (207) 933-9999.



VIVIEN, The Theater at Monmouth: Janis Stevens

You can catch the **Theater of Marvels** at 7 pm every Saturday in July and August at Otter Creek Hall on Rte. 3 on Mt. Desert Island (just 5 miles from Bar Harbor). This mix of theater and magic, part traveling medicine show and carnival, is brought to you by "Professor" Geoff Miller and the mysterious Dr. Wilson (Paul Szauter). FMI visit <a href="https://www.theaterofmarvels.com">www.theaterofmarvels.com</a>.

OLIVER! is on the boards at **Sanford Maine Stage**, One Hilltop Lane, Springvale, ME, July 27, 28, Aug. 2 –4 & 10 – 11 at 8 pm, July 29 & Aug. 5 at 2 pm. George Perkins directs, and Karen Mathews is music director. Call (207) 324-9691. (See <a href="https://www.sanfordmainestage.org">www.sanfordmainestage.org</a> for directions.) *Illusion Quest*, a "mysterious, magical extravaganza" with renowned illusionist **David Gerrity**, will have performances at 6 pm on Sep. 15 & 2 pm on Sep. 16, a fundraiser for the group.

The **Bossov Ballet** will dance DON QUIXOTE at **Waterville Opera House**, 93 Main Street, Waterville, ME, on Aug. 3 & 4. **Susan Poulin** will perform on the main stage as part of the Franco Festival at WOH on Aug. 11. And the **Missoula Children's Theatre** is conducting theater camps for kids with each session ending with a performance: JACK AND THE BEANSTALK on July 28, CINDERELLA on Aug. 11, and ROBINSON CRUSOE on Aug. 18. Call (207) 873-7000.

Lincoln County Community Theater will stage BYE, BYE, BIRDIE Aug. 3–4 & 9-11 at 7:30 pm, Aug. 5 & 12 at 2 pm. Sue Ghoreyeb directs, and Sean Fleming is music director. Principals in the large cast are Peter Christine as Albert Peterson; Polly Noyce as Mae, his mother; Amy LaLime as Rose Alvarez; Joseph Lugosch as Conrad Birdie; Leah Cook as Kim MacAfee; Jean Phillips and Dan True as Doris and Harry, Kim's parents; Morgan Shattuck as Hugo, Kim's

boyfriend; and Caroline Bixby as Ursula, Kim's best friend. Call (207) 563-3424.



BYE, BYE, BIRDIE, Lincoln County Community Theater: Joey Lugosch (Conrad Birdie and fans)

The August show for **Anthony's Dinner Theater & Cabaret** at 151 Middle St, Portland, will be SATURDAY NIGHT AT SPATTUCCI'S Fridays & Saturdays at 7 pm. This musical mystery has 7 endings, and the audience will vote on which one will close the play. Call (207) 221-2267.

The annual **Maine Performing Arts Festival** will be Aug. 5 – 12 in Bethel, ME, and will feature the U.S. premiere of DOC FAUST! A WILD WESTERN MUSICAL adapting the Faust legend and his pact with the devil. Also **Figures of Speech Theater Co**. will present CUPID & PSYCHE, a puppet show for the entire family. FMI call (207) 824-4436 or visit <a href="www.mainepaf.org">www.mainepaf.org</a>; for reservations (207) 824-0080.

MAN OF LA MANCHA is the summer show for **Camden Civic Theatre** at Camden Opera House, Elm Street, Camden, ME, Aug. 10,11,17, & 18 at 8 pm, Aug. 12 & 19 at 2 pm. Paul Aron Weintraub directs. Call (207) 236-2281.

The *First Friday Series* of **Portland Playback Theatre** continues Aug. 3 (with the theme "On the Road") and Sep. 7 at 7:30 pm at First Parish Church, Congress and Temple Streets, Portland. No reservations needed. Tell your story for the improvising actors to "play back", or just watch!

See QUARRYOGRAPHY, the unique, site-specific (at Settlement Quarry), multi-discipline work commissioned by **Stonington Opera House** Aug. 10 – 12. Alison Becker Chase (a founding artistic director of Pilobolus Dance Theater) and Mia Kanazawa (choreographer, puppet creator, and animator) created the piece, which had a sneak preview in 2006 and now will be presented in its expanded version with more professional dancers and surprise guests from the community. Performances will be at 6 pm Friday, 2 & 6 pm Saturday, and 6 pm Sunday. Grammy-nominated mayerick cellist,

composer, and vocalist David Darling will be the featured artist in the Live! For \$5 Series on Aug. 15 (tickets only at the door). Then on Aug. 29 the Community Play Reading Series will continue with AGENCY by UM Machias Professor Lee Rose. FMI call (207) 367-2788 or visit <a href="www.operahousearts.org">www.operahousearts.org</a>. In July for OHA's Shakespeare in Stonington, Director Julia Whitworth set THE TAMING OF THE SHREW in a women's prison when new inmate Kitty is forced into an all-female enactment of the play with Margi Sharp as Kitty/Kate, Joan Jubett as Petrucchio, and the one male cast member Jeffrey Frace as Bianca/prison guard.

OHA is proud to announce that TIRE TRACKS and ISLAND PROM, the first two movies commissioned by and created at OHA's Imagination Project Public Digital Media Studio at the **Stonington Opera House**, have received statewide awards. TIRE TRACKS, a documentary by John Steed, was selected to be screened at the **Maine International Film Festival** on July 14 and 17. ISLAND PROM by Leti Douglass and Galen Koch was the Grand Prize winner out of 33 entries in the Senior Division of the Maine Student Film & Video Festival and was screened at **MIFF** July 21.



Still from ISLAND PROM, film created at **Stonington Opera House**Arts, screened at MIFF

Beth Henley's tragi-comedy CRIMES OF THE HEART is the summer choice for **Gaslight Theater** Aug. 16–18 & 23–25 at City Hall, One Winthrop Street, Hallowell, ME, Thursdays at 7:30, Fridays & Saturdays at 8 pm. Ellen Lamb directs; the producers are Lynette Miller and Margaret Matheson. (207) 626-3698.

The 35<sup>th</sup> season of the **New Surry Theatre** is offering you LEND ME A TENOR and THE GIN GAME in repertory through August 18 at Blue Hill, ME, Town Hall. The cast of the former includes Herb Mitchell as Tito Merelli, Julian Chapman as Max, and Jenny Smick as Maggie; in the latter John Chapin is Weller and his wife, Dindy Royster, is Fonsia. Bill Raiten directs. (207)374-5556; www.newsurrytheatre.org

BEAUTIFUL THING by Jonathan Harvey is the summer offering at **Booth Theater**, 13 Beach St., Ogunquit, ME, Aug. 10, 11, and 23 – 25. The story about two teens who manage to find love in the rough world of Thamesmead, a working-class housing project in East London, has a cast of five: John Bachelder, Melissa Blasek, Marc Ciaraldi, Dan Drolet, and Eva Passeltiner. (Adult content) Call (207) 646-8142.

*Portland Dances!*, an annual presentation of **Portland Ballet**, including guest artists and choreographers, will take place Aug. 17 & 18 in the John Ford Theater at Portland High School. Call (207) 772-9671

**Open Book Players** continue their Readers Theater tour of libraries and other venues with ONCE UPON A TIME, classic stories for children. FMI visit <a href="https://www.openbookplayers.org">www.openbookplayers.org</a> or call (207) 582-5717.

Following are the various summer line-ups in New Hampshire:

Mt. Washington Valley Theatre Co., Eastern Slope Inn Playhouse, No. Conway: (603) 356-5776

THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE – Jul. 18–28; LA CAGE AUX FOLLES – Aug. 1-18.

**New London Barn Playhouse**, 84 Main Street, New London: (603) 526-6710

CABARET–Jul.17–29; THE ODD COUPLE–Jul.31–Aug.5; CATS–Aug.7–26; AMADEUS–Aug.28–Sep. 2; ALWAYS....PATSY CLINE – Mondays through Aug. 20.

Barnstormers Theatre, Main Street, Tamworth: (603) 323-8500 THE WOMAN IN BLACK-Jul.24–28; STONES IN HIS POCKETS-Jul.31–Aug. 4; THE LAST FIVE YEARS (New Musical by Jason Robert Brown, Tony Award winner-best original score for PARADE) –Aug.7–11; YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU–Aug.14–18; COMPLETE HIST. OF AM. – Aug. 21–25.

**Winnipesaukee Playhouse**, Weirs Beach, Laconia: (603) 366-7377 TWO ROOMS–Jul. 25–Aug. 4; VERONICA'S ROOM–Aug. 8–18; ROUNDING THIRD–Aug. 22–Sep. 1.

**North Country Center for the Arts**, Papermill Theater, Lincoln: (603) 745-2141

WEST SIDE STORY in alternating rep with SEUSSICAL, Monday – Saturday, July 26 – August 25; Children's Theater Wed. & Sat. – see www.papermilltheater.org for details.

**Seacoast Repertory Theatre**, 125 Bow Street, Portsmouth: (603) 433-4472 or 800-639-7650.

DAMN YANKEES (with Michael Stoddard as young Joe, Ed Batchelder as Applegate, and Jessica Moryl as Lola) in rep with WEST SIDE STORY through Aug. 26; Youth Theater – THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES – Aug. 4–5.

**Prescott Park Arts Festival**, Portsmouth: SOUND OF MUSIC – Thurs–Sun. thru Aug.19 (603) 436-2848

**Yellow Taxi Productions**, Nashua: INDOOR/OUTDOOR – Aug. 4,5,11,12, Greeley Park. (603) 315-5064

**Advice to the Players**: AS YOU LIKE IT, Aug. 7-12, Center Sandwich Fairground. (603) 677-2739

Majestic Theatre, 281 Cartier Street, Manchester: (603) 669-7469 THE WIZ – July 27 & 28 at 8, 29 at 2 pm; NUNSENSE – Aug. 10 - 26

**Music and Drama Company**, Londonderry: Disney's ALADDIN JR. – Aug. 17-19. (603) 434-2180

Nashua Theatre Guild, Nashua: (603) 320-2530 MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING – Aug. in Greeley Park, directed by Bob Foster.

Palace Theater, 80 Hanover Street, Manchester: (603) 668-5588 MOTHER GOOSE – Jul. 31 - Aug. 1; SEUSSICAL the Musical – Aug. 7 - 8; CHARLOTTE'S WEB – Aug. 14 - 15; WINNIE THE POOH – Aug.21- 22 (all at 10 am). THE FULL MONTY – Sep.14 & 21 @ 7:30 pm, Sep. 15 & 22 @ 2 & 7:30; THE RAT PACK IS BACK – Sep. 28 @ 8 pm, Sept. 29 @ 2 & 8 pm.

**Opera North, Lebanon Opera House**, 20 West Park Street, Lebanon: (603) 448-0400

TURANDOT – Aug. 11, 14, 17, 22, 25 @ 7:30 pm; FALSTAFF – Aug. 16, 18, 21, 24 @ 7:30 pm.

**Rochester Opera House**, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester: (603) 335-1992

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY -- Aug. 2 - 12; CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN -- Aug. 16 - 26.

Actorsingers, Nashua: FOOTLOOSE (Youth Production) – Aug. 9-12 at Amato Center, 56 Mt. Vernon St., Milford, NH. (603) 320-1870

Weathervane Theatre, 39 Jefferson Rd., Whitefield: (603) 838-6072

7 plays and musicals in repertory through September 1 – see Theater Listing.

**Players Ring**, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth: (603) 436-8123. STRANGER THAN FICTION (Improv) Tuesdays through Aug. 21 at 8 pm; SECRET OF COMEDY (NY Theater Co) – Sep. 7-23.

**Garrison Players**, 650 Portland Ave., Dover: ACADEMIA NUTT–Sep.7-9, 14-16. (603) 750-4ART

Back in Maine, **Penobscot Theatre**, 131 Main Street, Bangor, will open their 2007-08 season with DRIVING MISS DAISY Sep. 12 – 23, with Sofia Wilder in the title role. Call (207) 942-3333.



MAN OF LA MANCHA, **Lyric Music Theater** May Production: Mark Hussey (Sancho Panza), Jim Kane and Ken Hutchins (Guards), and Alan McLucas (Cervantes/Don Quixote)

Lyric Music Theater, 176 Sawyer Street in South Portland, will open with another R & H favorite, OKLAHOMA, weekends Sep. 14–30. Lynwood Dyer directs. Call (207) 799-1421. In Lyric's non-musical special event in June, William Inge's BUS STOP, the cast included Heather Scamman (Cherie), Nick Snyder (Bo Decker), Lisa Rockwell (Grace), Josh Brassard (Carl), Genney Meyers (Elma), Alex Pratt (Will), Denis Fontaine (Dr. Lyman), and Rick Kusturin (Virgil). Vince Knue and Denise Knue directed.

Over at 420 Cottage Road in South Portland, **Portland Players** will start off their 2007-08 season with CINDERELLA, also on weekends Sep. 14 – 30. Michael Donovan directs. Call (207) 799-7337.

RUTHLESS, The Musical will be the first offering of **Good Theater** at St. Lawrence Arts Center, 76 Congress Street, Portland, Sep. 20 – Oct. 14. Brian P. Allen directs. Call (207) 885-5883.

And **Portland Stage Company** will open with August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning THE PIANO LESSON Sep. 25 – Oct. 21. Call (207) 774-0465.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS by Robert Harling will be the fall show for **ACAT** weekends Sep. 13 – 22 in the Artspace (Studio) Theater at Waterville Opera House. Call (207) 580-6783.

**Freeport Community Players** will bring you THE CAROL BURNETT SHOW, scenes from the hilarious TV show, Sep. 27–29 at 7:30 pm & Sep. 30 at 2 pm, at Freeport Performing Arts Center, Holbrook Street, Freeport, ME. Julie George-Carlson directs; musical direction will be by Charles Grindle. Call (207) 865-2220. In the group's June 20-July 1 performances of OLIVER!, principals were Sylvia Baxter in the title role, Peter Stein as The Artful Dodger, David Baker as Fagin, and Julie George-Carlson as Nancy.

**Heartwood Regional Theatre Company** closed their 2006-07 season with SWEENEY TODD in July, with Griff Braley directing, Sean Fleming conducting the orchestra from the piano, and John Adams (Sweeney) and Nancy Durgin (Mrs. Lovett) leading the cast.



SWEENEY TODD, **Heartwood Regional Theater Company**June/July Production:
Don Schuman (Judge Turpin) and John Adams (Sweeney Todd). *Photo by Marti Stone Photography* 

Seniors Acting Up, under the direction of founder Mel Howards, returned to the Biddeford City Theater stage in late June with TRANSITIONS.

GUYS AND DOLLS was the July show at the **Schoolhouse Arts Center** in Sebago Lake Village, ME. Bruce Avery directed, musical direction was by Daniel Strange, choreography by Jeffrey Michael Toorish, set design by Scott Gordan & costumes by Cindy Blanchard. The cast was headed by Samuel Clarke (Sky Masterson), Jessica Ernest (Sarah Brown), David Heath (Nathan Detroit), and Pam Tordoff (Adelaide).

On July 7 **Julie Goell** performed her original one-woman show CARMEN: THE MOPERA at The Temple Stream Theater on Intervale Road in Temple, ME. In this comic version of Bizet's opera all the parts from parking lot attendant to singers to conductor of the orchestra are played by the Royal Opera House bathroom matron using mops, brooms, and a double bass.

**Acorn Productions** has a full schedule of classes at Acorn Studio in Westbrook, and will return in the fall with the *Naked Shakespeare Series* and *The Cassandra Project*.

The two anti-war plays by Carolyn Gage presented June 29 & 30 at St. Lawrence Arts Center were THE RULES OF THE PLAYGROUND with Stephanie Hughes, Valerie Jones, Andrea Myles-Hunkin, Jackie Oliveri, Elizabeth Phipps, and Denise Poirier; and THE SECOND COMING OF JOAN OF ARC, a one-woman play with Gage herself as Joan. RULES OF THE PLAYGROUND was

also performed on June 24 on Community TV as part of The Maine Festival of the Book.



Naked Shakespeare Series, Acorn Productions: Cathy Counts and Paul Haley

Wayside Theatre in Dexter has resumed meetings of their Act II Players, a play reading group for men and women over 50, with meetings on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at the Abbott Memorial Library. FMI call (207) 924-8813. Also, thanks to donations Wayside is in the process of building an addition to its home in the Wayside Grange, providing meeting space, a rehearsal hall, an entrance from the parking lot to the theater and dining room, and second floor dressing space for actors and storage room for props. To conserve heating costs, the theater will operate from April-early December instead of Sept-April.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual *Maine International Film Festival* took place at **Waterville Opera House** and the **Railroad Square Cinema** in Waterville July 13–22. The festival opened with ARCTIC TALE, following the life cycle of a mother walrus and her calf and a polar bear and her cubs, illustrating the harsh realities of life in the Arctic; and closed with IN THE SHADOW OF THE MOON, about the surviving members of the Apollo missions.

THEATRE & INSPIRATION, a documentary on mime master **Tony Montanaro**, has earned a 2007 Award of Excellence from **The Videographer Awards**. The film was developed over two years by Auburn filmmaker and performing artist **Leland Faulkner** in partnership with cinematographer **Richard Searls** and filmmaker **Huev**.

Fritz Grobe and Stephen Voltz won two Webby Awards ("Oscars of the Internet") for best viral video and people's choice for their

video showing two straight-laced lab coat-types dropping Mentos into liters of Diet Coke and the resulting geysers of soda. The two men, who were invited to perform the same "trick" (I don't know what to call it) on a late night TV show, were also nominated for an Emmy in a new category, Outstanding Broadband Program – Variety.

Muriel Kenderdine



ANNIE GET YOUR GUN, **L/A Community Little Theatre**: Liz Rollins (Annie) and Joel Biron (Frank). *Photo by Rachel Morin* 



**The Escapists**: Front – Chris Fitze and Eric Worthley; Back – Jenn McLeod and Cathy Counts. *Photo by Alex Daley-Clark* 



THE MUSICAL OF MUSICALS Gala Opening in June, Northport Music Theater: Roger Marcotte, John and Ruth Gelsinger, Jason Wilkes, Caitlin Whalen, Dagney Ernest



Cast of OLDE-TYME COUNTRY MUSIC SINGALONG, Reindeer Theatre Company

## **New England Entertainment Digest**

has added a section to their website for "hard-to-find" props, etc. This came about because Editor JulieAnn Charest was playing Martha in WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF? and had a terrible time trying to find a rifle that shoots an umbrella! NEED's aim is to build a helpful resource for theater companies everywhere. If you have such an item, email the information to needfeed@aol.com.

The website is <u>www.jacneed.com</u>.

## ALPHABETICAL THEATER LISTINGS

Acadia Repertory Theatre (Summer) Prof. Non-Equity Box 106, Somesville, Mt. Desert, ME 04660 (207) 244-7260 Cheryl Willis & Andrew Mayer, Art. Dirs. Kenneth Stack, Exec. Dir. www.acadiarep.com email: arep@acadia.net

ROUND AND ROUND THE GARDEN – Jul. 17-29 THE DAZZLE – Jul. 31 – Aug. 12 SPIDER'S WEB – Aug. 14 – Sep. 2

Children's Show: RUMPLESTILTSKIN, Wed. & Sat. @ 10:30 am June 30-Sept.1

ACAT Theatre - Community Waterville Opera House, Artspace Theater 93 Main St. Waterville, ME 04901 (207) 580-6783 http://www.acattheatre.org

STEEL MAGNOLIAS – Sept. 13 – 22 MURDER AT THE HOWARD JOHNSON'S-Nov.8-17

Acorn Productions – Prof. Non Equity P. O. Box 44, Portland, ME 04112 Michael Levine – Artistic Director (207) 854-0065 mikeliz@maine.rr.com www.acorn-productions.org

Cassandra Project - Oct. 15 - 21

Actorsingers – Community Theater Actorsingers Hall, 219 Lake St., Nashua, NH (603) 320-1870 <u>www.actorsingers.org</u>

FOOTLOOSE – Aug. 9 – 12 THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE-Nov. 9-11

ADD VERB Productions, Prof/Non-Equity Touring & Theater in Educ. 1 Longfellow Sq. P. O. Box 3853 Portland, ME 04104-3853 (207) 653-4554 Cathy Plourde, Director info@addverbproductions.com

Touring pieces on specific issues. Commission for new scripts, or bring in to assist in script development for your education/outreach programs. Train & conduct workshops on building community through theater or using theater as classroom or social change tool. FMI contact above. Current touring productions, regionally and nationally:

WHEN TURTLES MAKE LOVE: Real Talk Between Parents and Teens

YOU THE MAN (one-man show on dating violence, sexual assault and unhealthy relationships. Conferences, Colleges, High Schools.)

THE THIN LINE (one-woman show on eating disorders. Conferences, Colleges, High Schools and Middle Schools.) MONEY TALKS (financial literacy--8<sup>th</sup> grade - adult.) BUTT OF COURSE

COOKIN' WITH TYPHOID MARY (by Carolyn Gage)

Advice To The Players – Prof/Community P. O. Box 52 North Sandwich, NH 03259 (603) 677-2739 Carolyn Nesbitt – Producing Director

AS YOU LIKE IT – Aug. 7 –12 at Fairground Stage, Center Sandwich, NH  $\,$ 

**American Irish Repertory Ensemble (AIRE)** Portland, ME (207) 799-5327

Tony Reilly – Art. Director, Susan Reilly – Managing Dir. www.airetheater.com

Arts in Motion/Mt. Washington Valley Cultural Arts Center Educ/Prod. Co./Community Theater P.O. Box 2619 Conway, NH 03818-2619 (603) 447-1866 Nancy Steen Greenblatt & Glenn Noble, Co-Fndrs and Dirs.

**Arundel Barn Playhouse** Prof. /Equity Guest Artists (Summer) 53 Old Post Road, Arundel, ME 04046 Adrienne Grant, Artistic Director Admin: (207) 985-5553 Box Off: (207) 985-5552 www.arundelbarnplayhouse.com

THE FULL MONTY – Jul. 24 – Aug. 11 LEADING LADIES-Aug.14-Sep.1

**Bangor Community Theatre** 90 Wiley St. Bangor, ME 04401 (207) 942-0000 Michael and Penny Weinstein

**Barnstormers Theatre** - Prof Equity Main Street, P. O. Box 434, Tamworth, NH 03886 (603) 323-8500 Bob Shea, Artistic Dir. Clayton Phillips, Prod. Art. Dir. Office: (603) 323-8661 www.barnstormerstheatre.com

THE WOMAN IN BLACK – Jul. 24 – 28 STONES IN HIS POCKETS – Jul. 31 – Aug. 4 THE LAST FIVE YEARS (New Musical) – Aug. 7 – 11 YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU – Aug. 14 - 18 COMPLETE HIST. OF AM (Abridged)-Aug. 21 – 25

**Bates College Theater Dept.** 

Lewiston, ME 04240 Box office: (207)786-6161 Martin Andrucki (207)786-6187 www.bates.edu

Bates Dance Festival - Jul. 7 - Aug. 12

**The Belfast Maskers -** Community Theater P.O. Box 1017, Belfast, ME 04915 (207) 338-9668 Aynne Ames, Artistic Director <a href="https://www.belfastmaskerstheater.com">www.belfastmaskerstheater.com</a>

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM-Jul.26-Aug.4 TALKING HEADS – Sep. 6 – 16 365 PLAYS/365 DAYS – Oct. 22 – 28 WOMEN & THE SEA (Stonington OHA)-Nov.- 2 perf. THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES – Dec. 6 - 16

**The Bell Center** – Community/Education 47 Fourth St., Dover, NH (603) 742-2355 www.bellcenter.org info@bellcenter.org

Biddeford City Theater - Community Theater 205 Main St., P.O. Box 993, Biddeford, ME 04005 (207) 282-0849 www.citytheater.org Steve Burnette, Producing Director

URINETOWN – Jul. 13 – 28 A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING - Aug.17-Sep.1 THE GLASS MENAGERIE - Oct. 5 - 14

Boothbay Harbor, The Opera House At – Professional P. O. Box 800, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538 (207) 633-6855 Box Office (207) 633-5159 www.boothbayoperahouse.org

The Escapists – Jul. 26 ALMOST, MAINE – Aug. 17 - 26

**Boothbay Playhouse** www.boothbayplayhouse.com
Rte. 27, P.O.Box 577,Boothbay, ME
(207) 633-3379 Susan Domeyer, Owner/Producer

 $\begin{aligned} &CAROUSEL-Jul.~18-Aug.~4\\ &JUST~A~MATTER~OF~TIME~(Musical)-Aug.~9-18 \end{aligned}$ 

**Booth Theater** – Prof. 13 Beach St., Ogunquit, ME (207) 646-8142

BEAUTIFUL THING - Aug.10, 11, 23 - 25

**Bowdoin College** 

Brunswick, ME 04011 (207) 725-3375 http://academic.bowdoin.edu

**Bucksport Community Theatre** 

100 Mills Lane, Bucksport, ME (207)469-8992 or 888-295=0123 <u>www.bucksporttheatre.org</u>

CINDERELLA (R&H) - Jul. 20 - 22 & 29

**Camden Civic Theatre** 

Community Theater - Camden Opera House Elm St., P.O. Box 362, Camden, ME 04843 Box Office: (207)236-2281 Jean Friedman-White, Pres. www.camdencivictheatre.com

MAN OF LA MANCHA - Aug. 10 - 19

**Capitol Center for the Arts** www.ccanh.com 44 So. Main St., Concord, NH (603) 225-1111

THE SOUND OF MUSIC – Aug. 10-11 MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL – Sep. 26 – 30 WRECKED – Feb. 12 THE PRODUCERS – Apr. 6 MOVIN' OUT – June 5

Carousel Music Theater (Summer) Prof. Non-Equity/Dinner Theater/Musicals P.O. Box 665, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538 (207) 633-5297 or 800-757-5297 (ME only) www.carouselmusictheatre.com

WHERE THE BOYS ARE – Jul. 24 – Sep. 2

Cauldron & Labrys Productions

160 Dartmouth St., #1, Portland, ME 04103 (207) 774-4231 Carolyn Gage – Artistic Dir. carolyn@carolyngage.com

Celebration Barn Theater - Theater School/Workshops 190 Stock Farm Rd. (off Rte. 117) South Paris, ME 04281 (207) 743-8452 <a href="www.CelebrationBarn.com">www.CelebrationBarn.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@celebrationbarn">info@celebrationbarn</a> Amanda Houtari, Exec.Dir.

Saturday Night Shows at 8 pm - Jul. & Aug.

Center Theatre for Performing Arts

20 E. Main St., P.O.Box 441, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426 (207)564-8943 Patrick Myers, Exec. Dir. www.centertheatre.org

Children's Summer Drama Camp Performance-Aug.4 @1

Chamber Theatre of Maine Prof. Non-Equity/Touring Box 372, Thomaston, ME 04861 (207) 354-8807 Erika Pfander Art. Dir.

Children's Theatre of Maine

P.O. Box 1011, Portland, ME 04104 (207)878-2774 <u>www.childrenstheatremaine.org</u> Lisa DeFranza, Interim Exec. Director

Chocolate Church Arts Center Community Theater 804 Washington St., Bath, ME 04530 (207)442-8455 Roo Dunn, Exec. Dir. www.chocolatechurcharts.org

**The Classics Company** - Prof./Non-Equity/Touring P. O. Box 1281, Dover, NH 03821 (603) 743-3796 Jewel Davis, Artistic Director

SIMPLY SHAKESPEARE - Touring H.S., Libraries, etc.

Colby College Theater Dept. Waterville, ME 04901 (207) 859-4535 - Box Office; 872-3388 - Theater Dept. www.colby.edu/theater/production\_season.shtml

Community Little Theatre – Lewiston/Auburn
Great Falls Performing Arts Center
30 Academy St., P.O Box 262, Auburn, ME 04212
(207) 783-0958 www.laCLT.com
Box Office email: boxoffice@laclt.com

Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL-Jul.25-28 ANNIE GET YOUR GUN – Aug.10–19 @ LMS CRAZY FOR YOU – Oct. 12 - 21 THE LARAMIE PROJECT – Jan. 18 – 27 ONCE ON THIS ISLAND – Mar. 7 – 16 SYLVIA – June 13 – 22 FOOTLOOSE – Aug. 15 – 24, 2008

A Company of Girls – (Children's Workshop/Theater) P.O.Box 7527, Portland, ME 04112 (207) 874-2107, Odelle Bowman, Exec. Director www.acompanyofgirls.org

Concord Community Players – Community Concord City Aud., Prince Street, Concord, NH P.O.Box 681, Concord, NH 03302 (603) 224-4905

**Criterion Theatre** 

35 Cottage St., Bar Harbor, ME (207) 288-3441 www.criteriontheatre.com

Crossroads Youth Center

Saco/Biddeford, ME Deb Landry, Dir. (207)838-2146 www.crossroadsyouthcenter.org

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL - July 27, 28, Aug. 3, 4

Deertrees Theatre

P.O. Box 577, Harrison, ME 04040 (207)583-6747 -Box Office <a href="https://www.deertreestheatre.org">www.deertreestheatre.org</a> Lee Bearse, Exec. Dir. (207) 647-2111

The Maine Hysterical Society – Jul. 26
The Maine-iac – Aug. 2 - 3
8th Annual Theatre Festival (GreenLight
Theatreworks):
MURDER AT HOWARD JOHNSON'S - Aug. 9-10
PAINTING CHURCHES - Aug. 16-17
ON GOLDEN POND – Aug. 23-25
ALMOST, MAINE – Aug. 30-Sep. 2

Eastport Arts Center - Stage East - Community Theater Dana & Water Streets, Eastport, ME 04631 (207)853-4747 Brian Schuth, Pres. <a href="www.stageeast.org">www.stageeast.org</a> DRACULA - Oct. 12 - 21 IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE - Dec.

The Escapists - Comedy/Improv Portland, ME www.theescapists.net

Jul. 26 at Boothbay Harbor Opera House at 8 pm

Figures of Speech - Prof. Non-Equity/Touring 77 Durham Rd., Freeport, ME 04032 John & Carol Farrell (207) 865-6355 www.figures.org/

FAR EAST - Tales from China & Japan - Touring

(207) 874-6301 Louis Frederick P. O. Box 40, Portland, ME 04112

Freeport Community Players - Community Theater P.O Box 483, So. Freeport, ME 04032 (207)865-2220 Elizabeth Guffey, Pres. www.fcponline.org

THE CAROL BURNETT SHOW - Sept. 27-30 DRACULA (play reading) - Oct. 29 RADIO IV – Dec. 1-2

Garrison Players - Community Theater 650 Portland Ave., Dover, NH (603) 750-4ART www.garrisonplayers.org

ACADEMIA NUTT – Sep. 7 – 16 TWO BY TWO – Nov. 2 – 18 THE WIZARD OF OZ - Nov. 30 - Dec. 16 WE THE PEOPLE - Jan. 18 - 27 THE MAD WOMAN OF CHAILLOT-Mar. 21 – 30 OUR TOWN - May 16 - 25

Gaslight Theater - Community Theater P.O. Box 345, Hallowell, ME 04347 (207)626-3698 Kelly J. Arata, Gen. Mgr www.gaslighttheater.org

CRIMES OF THE HEART - Aug. 16 - 25 OVER THE RIVER-THRU THE WOODS-Nov. 1-10

Jackson Gillman - 'Stand Up Chameleon' P.O. Box 41, Onset, MA 02558 (508)295-0886 jackson@jacksongillman.com

Girl Power Productions - Community Theater 3200 Atlantic Highway, Waldoboro, ME 04572 (207) 785-5244 Jeff & Jessie Payson

Good Theater Productions - (Prof./Non-Equity)at St. Lawrence Arts & Community Center 76 Congress St., Portland, ME. www.goodtheater.com Brian P. Allen - Art. Dir (207) 885-5883

RUTHLESS, The Musical - Sep. 20 - Oct. 14 SOUVENIR - Nov. 1 - 18 Broadway at Good Theater - Dec. 6 - 9 Judy Garland Songbook - Jan. 31 - Feb. 10, 2008 PRELUDE TO A KISS – Feb. 14 – Mar. 9 RABBIT HOLE - Apr. 10 - May 4

Hackmatack Playhouse (Summer) Prof.Non-Equity 538 School Street, Berwick, ME 03901 (207)698-1807 Michael Guptill, Exec. Producer Sharon Hilton, Art. Dir. www.hackmatack.org

ALL SHOOK UP (regional premiere) - Jul. 11 - 21 BIG RIVER – Jul. 25 – Aug. 11 SOUTH PACIFIC - Aug. 15 - 25 Gilbert & Sullivan Revue - Aug. 31-Sep. 1

The Hampstead Players - Touring, Prof. Children's Theater. 1053 N. Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead, NH 03225-3955 (603) 776-6044 Kathy Preston, Owner; Michael Phillips, Art. Dir.

Heartwood Regional Theater Co.

P. O. Box 1115, Damariscotta, ME 04543 (207) 563-1373 Griff Braley - Art. Dir. www.heartwoodtheater.org

Hope Hoffman's Town Hall Theater - Community Bowdoinham, ME www.hopehoffman.com Touring Dance, Music, & Comedy Shows - website FMI

InterActors - Professional/Non Equity/Touring 406 Main St. #201, Biddeford, ME 04005 John Bryson (207) 286-1427 www.interactorsinc.com

Johnson Hall Performing arts Center Community Theater & Tours, 280 Water Street P.O. Box 777, Gardiner, ME 04345 (207) 582-7144 Judy Lloyd, Exec.Dir Denise Reehl. Artistic Dir. www.johnsonhall.org

Kingdom Falls Arts Center - Community Theater 52 Kingdom Rd., Montville, ME 04941

King's Bridge Theatre - Prof. Non-Equity Admin. Office 9 Foss Rd., Lewiston, ME 04240 Perfs at Vineyard Aud., 12 Foss Rd. (207) 784-9500 www kingsbridgetheatre org

Lake Region Community Theater

Bridgton, ME Anne Miller (207) 627-4 www.lrctme.org (207) 655-7317

Lakewood Theater/Curtain Up Enterprises (Summer) Community Theater RFD #1, Box 1780, Skowhegan 04976 (207) 474-7176 www.lakewoodtheater.org

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT - Jul. 19 - 28 NOBODY'S PERFECT - Aug. 2 - 11 CRAZY FOR YOU – Aug. 16 – 25 JACK THE RIPPER - Aug. 30 - Sep. 8 TOM, DICK & HARRY – Sep. 13 - 22

Lanyard Theatre Company Prof/Equity SAA Bath, ME (207) 773-2727 Kevin O'Leary, Art. Dir.

DEVIL'S ELBOW - Jul. 31 - Aug. 4 @ Choc. Church THE CHIEF ENGINEER - Dec. 07

**Leddy Center for the Performing Arts** 131-133 Main St., P.O.Box 929, Epping, NH 03042 (603) 679-2781 <u>www.leddycenter.org</u>

CHARLOTTE'S WEB-The Musical—Oct.26-Nov.11

Lincoln Co. Civic Lt. Opera & Drama Assoc. RFD #1, Box 680, N. Whitefield, ME 04353

Lincoln County Community Theater

P.O. Box 237, Damariscotta, ME 04543 www.lcct.org Barbara Bowers, Exec.Dir. Box office: (207) 563-3424

BYE, BYE, BIRDIE – Aug. 3 - 12

Lyric Music Theater - Community Theater 176 Sawyer St., So. Portland, ME 04106 (207)799-1421, 799-6509 Linwood Dyer, Art. Dir. William Thibodeau, Pres. www.lyricmusictheater.com

OKLAHOMA – Sep. 14 –30 FUNdraiser - Nov. 3 PHANTOM - Nov. 16 - Dec. 2 URINETOWN - Feb. 22 - Mar. 9 AIDA - Apr. 25 - May 11

M&D PRODUCTIONS - Community P.O. Box 1147, Conway, NH 03818 Mark DeLancey & Ken Martin (603) 356-4449 www.yourtheatre.com mdproductions@netzero.net

Mad Horse Theatre Company Prof. Non-Equity Box 9715-343, Portland, ME 04104 (207) 730-2389 Andrew Sokoloff, Art. Dir. www.madhorse.com

OF MICE AND MEN - Fall 2007 THE PILLOWMAN - Winter 2008 HEDDA GABLER - Spring 2008

Maine Center for the Arts UMO, Orono, ME 04469 (207)581-1110; Box Off: 581-1755 or 800-MCA-TIXX www.umaine.edu/thearts/events.htm

Maine Grand Opera Company

P. O. Box 656, Camden, ME 04843 Karen Eisenhauer, Artistic Dir. (207) 763-3071

Maine Masque Theater

UMO, Orono, ME 04473 (207)581-1963 800-622-8499 (Box Office) www.umaine.edu/spa

Maine State Ballet

348 US Route 1, Falmouth, Maine 04105 (207) 781-7MSB <u>www.mainestateballet.org</u> Linda MacArthur Miele - Artistic Director

FIREBIRD and PAQUITA - Jul.27, Aug.3,10,17,18 @ Showcase Theater FIREBIRD and WESTERN ROUNDUP - Aug. 16 @ Arts Jubilee, No. Conway, NH FIREBIRD and PAQUITA - Oct. 5 & 12 @ Showcase

NUTCRACKER (Merrill Aud)-Nov.24,25,30,Dec.1-2 THE MAGIC TOY BOX-Dec.8,9,15,16 @ Showcase

Maine State Music Theater (Summer) Prof. Equity P.O. Box 656, Brunswick, ME 04011 www.msmt.org (207)725-8769 Charles Abbott, Artistic Director

GRAND HOTEL - Jul. 18 - Aug. 4 HAIRSPRAY - Aug. 8 - 25

Main Street Entertainment & Mystery for Hire Prof/Non Equity, Dan & Denise Marois, Poland, ME (207) 998-2472 www.mysteryforhire.com

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, Improv Comedy, & Stage Productions

Majestic Theatre - Community Theater 281 Cartier St., Manchester, NH www.majestictheatre.net Admin (603) 644-8155 - Box Office (603) 669-7469

THE WIZ - Jul. 20 - 29 NUNSENSE – Aug. 10 – 26 SLEEPY HOLLOW (Youth) - Oct. 5 - 14 THE SOUND OF MUSIC - Oct. 26 - Nov. 4

.Maplewheat Productions

80 Massachusetts Ave., So. Portland, ME 04106 Rhonda Carlson and Kevan Patriquin (207)761-0122

Marsh River Theater, Brooks, ME (Summer) NE School of Communications, One College Circle, Bangor, ME 04401 (207) 941-7176 George E. Wildey, Pres. NESCom.

MeACT (Maine Assoc. of Community Theaters) P.O. Box 489, Monmouth, ME 04259 www.meact.org Foner Curtis, Pres.(207) 594-4982 email: foner.curtis@cambrex.com

Midcoast Family Theatre Company - Community Outreach program of Pen Bay YMCA, 116 Union St., Rockport, ME (207) 542-6791 Sally B. Landsburg & Kate Fletcher www.MidcoastFamilyTheatre.org

The Traveling Theatre - Touring Senior Readers' Theatre; Teen Readers' Theatre THE THREE MUSKETEERS - Dec.

Midcoast Youth Theater - Community P.O.Box 43, Brunswick, ME 04011 (207) 751-2619 Henry Eichman, Pres. www.youth-theater.org email: henry@youth-theater.org

CRAZY FOR YOU (Teens) - Jul. 26 - 28 SEUSSICAL The Musical (Children) - Aug. 16 - 18 A CHRISTMAS CAROL (Family) - Dec.

Milford Area Players - Community Theater Box 193, Milford, NH 03055 (603) 673-2258 www.milfordareaplayers.org

DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER - Oct. 26 - Nov. 4

Mill Pond Ctr for the Arts - Prof. Non-Equity 50 Newmarket Rd., Durham, NH 03824 (603) 868-8999 (Box Office) www.millpondcenter.org

Monmouth Community Players - Community Theater P.O Box 359, Momnouth, ME 04259 www.monmouthcommunityplayers.org

FOREVER PLAID - Oct. ON GOLDEN POND - Jan. LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS - Mar. NUNSENSE - Oct. 2008

Mt. Washington Valley Theatre Co. (Summer) Prof. Non-Equity Eastern Slope Inn Playhouse Box 265, No. Conway, NH 03860 (603)356-5776 Linda Pinkham - Art. Dir. www.musical-theatre.org

THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE - Jul. 18 - 28 LA CAGE AUX FOLLES – Aug. 1 - 18 FOOTLOOSE - Aug. 22 - Sep. 2

Music & Drama Company - Community P. O. Box 704, Londonderry, NH 03053 (603) 434-2180 www.madco.org

Disney's ALADDIN, Jr. - Aug. 17 - 19 THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK - Nov. 29.30, Dec. 2

Music at Immanuel - Community Greenough Chapel Theater, Immanuel Baptist Church 56 High St., Portland, ME (207) 879-0071 X3 Aaron Robinson, Art.Dir. Music4ibc@aol.com

The Music Hall - Prof. www.themusichall.org 28 Chestnut Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801 Box Office (603) 436-2400, Admin. (603) 433-3100 Patricia Lynch, Exec. Dir.

Nashua Theatre Guild

14 Court St., P.O. Box 137, Nashua NH 03061 (603) 320-2530 <u>www.nashuatheatreguild.org</u>

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING- Aug. in Greeley Park WAIT UNTIL DARK - Nov. DINNER WITH FRIENDS - Winter 2008 ENCHANTED APRIL - Spring 2008

National Theatre Workshop of the Handicapped Belfast, ME John Spalla, Dean www.ntwh.org

**NETC (New England Theatre Conference)** 215 Knob Hill Dr., Hamden, CT 06518 (617) 851-8535 www.netconline.org

New Dance Studio, Lisa Hicks, Director 61 Pleasant St. Portland, ME 04101 (207)780-0554

New Hampshire Shakespeare Festival Prof.Non-Equity P. O. Box 91 Deerfield, NH (603) 666-9088

New Hampshire Theatre Project- Educational/Touring P.O Box 6507, Portsmouth, NH 03802 (603)431-6644 Genevieve Aichele, Art. Dir www.nhtheatreproject.org

New London Barn Playhouse (Summer) Prof. Non-Equity 84 Main St., P.O Box 285. New London, NH 03257 (603)526-6710, 526-4631 Nancy Barry - Art. Manag. Dir. <u>www.nlbarn.com</u>

CABARET - Jul. 17 - 29 THE ODD COUPLE - Jul. 31 - Aug. 5 CATS - Aug. 7-26 (3 Sat.Family Mats.-25% off) AMADEUS - Aug. 28 - Sep. 2 ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE - Mondays Jun.25-Aug.20

New Surry RepertoryTheatre & Acting School P.O.Box 1597, Blue Hill, ME 04614 (207) 374-5556 Bill Raiten, Director www.newsurrytheatre.org

LEND ME A TENOR-Jul.27,29,Aug.11,17,18 @ 7; Aug. 12 @ 3pm

THE GIN GAME Jul.28, Aug.3, 10 @ 7, Aug.5 @ 3 pm Both @ Blue Hill Town Hall

North Country Center for the Arts (Prof.) Papermill Theater, P.O.Box 1060, Lincoln, NH 03251 Box Office: (603)745-2141; Admin. (603)745-6032 Kim Barber, Artistic Dir. www.papermilltheater.org

WEST SIDE STORY - Jul. 26, Mon.-Sat., in alternating rep with SEUSSICAL, to Aug. 25 Children's Theater Wed & Sat-see website details

Northeast Shakespeare Ensemble (NESE) P.O.Box 1559, New London, NH 03257 (603)526-8251 Box Office (603) 735-6870 www.nesetheatre.org

North Haven Arts, P.O.Box 474, No. Haven, ME 04853 (207) 867-2029 Christie Hallowell - Exec. Dir.

Northport Music Theater (Prof.) Rte 1, Northport, ME (207) 338-8383 Ruth & John Gelsinger (207) 236-8468 weekdays 9-5

GOLF: The Musical – Jul.11-28 (Mature audiences) SIX WOMEN WITH BRAIN DEATH OR EXPIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW – Aug. 8 - 25

Oddfellow Theater - Prof. Non-Equity/Community P. O. Box 127, Route 117, Buckfield, ME 04220 (207) 336-3306 - Michael & Kim Miclon www.oddfellow.com

The Early Evening Show returns in Sept. & Oct.

Ogunquit Playhouse (Summer)-Prof. Equity P.O. Box 915, Ogunquit, ME 03907 (207)646-5511 Bradford Kenney, Exec. Artistic Dir. www.ogunquitplayhouse.org

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES - Jul. 17 - Aug. 4 THE KING AND I - Aug. 7 - 25 HAIRSPRAY – Aug. 28 – Sep. 15 Encore: THE FULL MONTY – Sep. 18 – Oct. 6

Open Book Players - Readers Theater Ensemble

Gardiner, ME (207)582-5717 Lucy Rioux, Art.Dir. www.openbookplayers.org

Summer Lib. Tour ONCE UPON A TIME

Lebanon Opera House, 20 West Park St., Lebanon, NH 03766 (603) 448-4141 Box Office: (603) 448-0400 www.operanorth.org

TURANDOT - Aug.11, 14, 17, 22, 25 @ 7:30 pm FALSTAFF - Aug. 16, 18, 21, 24 @ 7:30 pm

The Originals - Prof. Equity Special Appearance P.O. Box 661, Bar Mills, ME 04004 (207) 929-5412 Dana Packard and Jennifer Porter

THE IT GIRL (ME premiere)-Jul.19-21, 26-28

Overboard Players - Community Theater c/o The Opera House, P. O. Box 800, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538 (207) 633-3431

Oxford Hills Music and Perf. Arts Assoc. - Community P.O.Box 131, Norway, ME 04268 www.ohmpaa.org

DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER - Fall

Palace Theater - Prof./Equity Guest Artists 80 Hanover St. - P.O. Box 3006, Manchester, NH 03105 (603) 668-5588 www.palacetheatre.com

MOTHER GOOSE – Jul.31, Aug. 1 @ 10 am SEUSSICAL The Musical - Aug. 7-8 @ 10 am CHARLOTTE'S WEB - Aug. 14-15 @ 10 am WINNIE THE POOH - Aug. 21-22 @ 10 am THE FULL MONTY - Sep. 14 – 22 THE RAT PACK IS BACK – Sep. 28-29 WEST SIDE STORY - Oct. 12 - 20 DREAMGIRLS - Nov. 9 - 17 A CHRISTMAS CAROL - Dec. 7 - 23

PCA Great Performances - Prof. Touring 20 Myrtle Street, Portland, ME 04101 (207) 842-0800 www.pcagreatperformances.org

TOSCA (Teatro Lirica d'Europa) - Nov. 1 Limon Dance Company - Feb. 27, 2008 LA TRAVIATA (Teatro Lirica d'Europa) - Mar. 5 BLAST! (Nat'l Tour) - Mar. 12 & 13 MOVIN' OUT (Twyla Tharp - Nat'l Tour) Mar. 25 - 27 MOBY DICK REHEARSED (The Acting Co) – Apr. 16 EVITA (Nat'l Tour) - May 2 & 3

Peacock Players, 14 Court St., Nashua, NH 03060 Box Office: (603) 886-7000 Gen. Tel: (603) 889-233

Penobscot Theatre - Prof./Equity Guest Artists 131 Main St. (Bangor Opera House), Bangor, ME 04401 (207) 942-3333 Admin. (207) 947-6618 Scott R.C.Levy, Prod. Art. Dir. www.penobscottheatre.org

DRIVING MISS DAISY – Sep. 12 – 23 TALE OF THE ALLERGIST'S WIFE - Oct.23 - Nov. 4 Original 1904 PETER PAN in rep with THE SANTALAND DIARIES – Dec. 12 – 23 LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS - Feb. 6 - 17 LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS - Mar. 19 - 30 NIGHT OF THE IGUANA - May 7 - 18

Players Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603) 436-8123 www.playersring.org

STRANGER THAN FICTION -Tues. thru Aug.21 SECRET OF COMEDY (NY Theater Co)-Sep.7-23 SPIRITS WILLING (Players Ring) - Sep.28-Oct.14

Pontine Movement Theatre, 135 McDonough St. P.O. Box 1437, Portsmouth, NH 03802 (603) 436-6660 Marguerite Matthews, Greg Gathers

517 Forest Avenue, Portland, ME 04101 (207) 772-9671 Eugenia O'Brien, Artistic Director www.portlandballet.org

Portland Dances - Aug. 17 - 18

Portland Opera Repertory Theatre - Prof. P. O. Box 7733, Portland, ME 04112-7733 (207) 842-0800 <u>www.portopera.org</u>

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE - July 25, 27 & 29 matinee

Portland Playback Theatre

Portland, ME (207) 799-3489 dlagraf1@maine.rr.com David La Graffe, Artistic Director

First Friday Performance Series - Aug. 3, Sep. 7

Portland Players - Community Theater 420 Cottage Rd., So. Portland, ME 04106 Nancy Lupien, President (207) 799-7337, 799-7338 Fax: (207) 767-6208 www.portlandplayers.org

CINDERELLA - Sep. 14 - 30 THE LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS - Nov. 2-18 THE FANTASTICKS – Jan. 18 – Feb. 3 CRIMES OF THE HEART - Mar. 21 - Apr. 6 CAROUSEL - May 16 - June 1

Portland Stage Company - Prof./Equity 25A Forest Ave., P.O. Box 1458, Portland, ME 04104 (207)774-1043 Box Office: (207) 774-0465 www.portlandstage.com .Anita Stewart, Artistic Dir.

THE PIANO LESSON - Sept. 25 - Oct. 21 INDOOR/OUTDOOR - Oct. 30 - Nov. 18 A CHRISTMAS CAROL - December FULLY COMMITTED - Jan. 22 - Feb. 17, 2008 MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING - Feb. 26 - Mar. 23 MAGNETIC NORTH – Apr. 1 – 20 DOUBT - Apr. 29 - May 25

Portland Symphony Orchestra

P.O. Box 3573, Portland, ME 04104 Ari Solotoff, Ex.Dir., Robert Moody, Music Dir. Designate

Prescott Park Arts Festival (Summer) P.O. Box 4370, Portsmouth, NH (603) 436-2848 www.prescottpark.org

THE SOUND OF MUSIC (Thurs-Sun)-thru Aug. 19

**Presque Isle Community Players** P.O. Box 373, Presque Isle, ME 04769 (207) 762-1351

The Public Theatre - Prof. Equity, Maple & Lisbon Sts., Lewiston, ME (207) 782-3200, Office: 782-2211 Mailing Add.: 2 Great Falls Plaza, Box 7, Auburn, ME 04210 Christopher Schario, Artistic Dir. www.thepublictheatre.org

ALMOST, MAINE – Oct. 19 – 28 SPOUSAL DEAFNESS....(Poolyle Prod) – Nov. 3 – 12 CHRISTMAS CAROL/HOMESPUN HOLIDAY-Dec.7-9 DOUBT - Jan. 25 - Feb. 3 WELL - Mar. 7 - 16 OVER THE RIVER & THRU THE WOODS-May 2-11

Rangeley Friends of the Arts - Community & ToursP.O.Box 333, Rangeley, ME 04970 Allen Wicken, Art.Coordinator allenwicken@yahoo.com www.rangeleymaine.com/rangeleyarts

Reindeer Theatre Company - Community Westbrook, ME (207) 857-9002 Louis Philippe

OLDE-TYME COUNTRY MUSIC SINGALONG -Jul. 20 - 29TWINDERELLA - Aug. 10 - 19

The Riverbend Players - Community P.O. Box 340, Bucksport, ME 04416 (207) 469-5885 Suzi Leeman, President

GOLDEN RADIO DAYS-Jul.26 & 29 @ Alamo Theatre Jul.27-28 @ Bucksport Bay Festival gazebo

River Company - Prof./Non-Equity Skidompha Library/Porter Meeting Hall P.O.Box 101, Damariscotta, ME 04543 Pres. Ann Foskett - foskett@lincoln.midcoast.com Art. Dir. Tom Handel - handel@lincoln.midcoast.com Reservations: (207) 563-8116

A THURBER CARNIVAL - Jul. 20 - 28 SHORT PLAYS & MONOLOGUES (Mamet)-Oct.19-27

Robinson Ballet Company

Brewer, ME 04412 (207) 989-7226 Art. Dirs: Keith Robinson and Maureen Lynch Julie Arnold Lisnet, Manag.Dir. www.robinsonballet.org

The Rochester Opera House (Dinner Theater) 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH (603) 335-1992 www.rochesteroperahouse.com

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY – Aug. 2 – 12 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN – Aug. 16 - 26

Rumford Assoc. for Advancement of Performing Arts Rumford, ME - Community Theater Judy Kuhn (207) 364-7242

**Running Over Productions** – Community Portland, ME (207) 653-8898 or 409-3949

Sandy River Players - Community Theater P.O. Box 709, Farmington, ME 04938 Jayne Decker, Art. Dir. sandyriverplayers@hotmail.com

Sanford Maine Stage – Community One Hilltop Lane, P.O. Box 486, Springvale, ME 04083 (207)324-9691 <a href="https://www.sanfordmainestage.org">www.sanfordmainestage.org</a>

OLIVER! – Jul. 27 – Aug. 11
Illusion Quest (fundraiser) – Sep. 15 – 16
Old Tyme Radio Show – Oct. 5 – 6
THE MAN WHO THOUGHT HE WAS SHERLOCK
HOLMES (Dinner/Dessert) – Oct. 20
SCROOGE – Nov. 24 – Dec. 9
Touring MURDER MYSTERY THEATER
Reading Shakespeare w/Alix Golden (490-0342)

Schoodic Arts Meetinghouse Theatre Lab-Community Hammond Hall, Winter Harbor, ME (207) 963-2569

Schoolhouse Arts Center - Community & Children's Theater Rte. 114, 1/2 blk No. of Rte. 35 P.O. Box 424, Sebago Lake, ME 04075-0424 (207) 642-3743 Paul Stickney, Pres. www.schoolhousearts.org

WAIT UNTIL DARK - Oct. 12 - 28

Seacoast Repertory Theatre - Prof. Non-Equity 125 Bow St. Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603)433-4472 Box Office: 1-800-639-7650 www.seacoastrep.org

DAMN YANKEES in rep with WEST SIDE STORY – June 15 – Aug. 26
THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES (Youth)-Aug.4-5

Seaglass Performing Arts - Community Theater P.O. Box 265, Kennebunk, ME 04043 (207)985-8747 Jean Strazdes, Art. Dir. www.seaglassperformingarts.org

**Shoestring Theater** - Community Theater - People's Bldg., 155 Brackett St., Portland, ME 04102 (207)774-1502 Nance Parker

Singers Workshop, Denmark, ME Denmark Arts Center (207) 452-2057 Ralph Morse & Lillian Lee Morse

Susan J. York (207) 532-2727

Janet Ross, Artistic Director

E. J. Smackels (Improv Group) Sanford, ME Leo Lunser (207) 490-1210 peacefreak@metrocast.net

Southern Aroostook Cultural Arts Project (SACAP)Visions at 66 Main Street P.O. Box 382, Houlton, ME 04730 (207)521-3130

Stage at Spring Point (Summer)
P.O. Box 5183, Portland, ME 04101 (Perfs. in
So. Portland) (207) 828-0128 www.thestagemaine.org

IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST - Jul.11-28

Stage Front - Community Theater Powers Hall, 9 O'Brien Ave, University of Maine Machias, ME 04654 (207) 255-3313

Stage One Productions - Prof. Non-Equity/Dinner 124 Bridge St., Manchester, NH 03101 George F. Piehl (603)699-5511 www.stageoneproductions.net

#### Stage Source of Boston

Boston Theater Network Equity & Non-Equity 88 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02108 (617)720-6066

#### St. Lawrence Arts Center

76 Congress Street, Portland (207) 775-5568 <u>www.stlawrencearts.org</u> Deidre Nice, Exec. Dir.

The Saturday Show (Michael Lane Trautman)-11 am on Saturdays Jul. 28, Aug. 4,18,25
IDA'S HAVIN' A YARD SALE – Jul. 27 – 29
RUTHLESS, The Musical (GT) – Sep. 20 – Oct. 14
SOUVENIR (GT) – Nov. 1 – 18
Broadway at Good Theater – Dec. 13 – 16
Judy Garland Songbook (GT)- Jan. 31 – Feb. 10
PRELUDE TO A KISS (GT) – Feb. 14 – Mar. 9
RABBIT HOLE (GT) – Apr. 10 – May 4

Stonington Opera House - Community/Prof. Tours One Opera House Lane, P. O. Box 56, Stonington, ME 04681 (207) 367-2788 www.operahousearts.org Linda Nelson – Exec. Dir., Linda Pattie, Mkt.Dir. Judith Jerome & Carol Estey – Co-Artistic Dir.

Quarryography (Dance) – Aug. 10 – 12 AGENCY (*Play Reading Series*) – Aug. 29

Studio Theatre of Bath – Community Theater @ Historic Winter Street Church, 880 Washington St. P. O. Box 710 Bath, ME 04530 (207) 443-2418 Thom Watson – Pres. www.studiotheatreofbath.com

#### **Ten Bucks Theatre Company**

Mailing address: 300 French St, Bangor, ME 04401 (207) 884-1030 www.tenbuckstheatre.com

AS YOU LIKE IT – Jul. 20-22, 26 –28 at 6 pm, Jul. 29 at 2 pm, Indian Trail Park, Brewer

**The Grand Auditorium** - Community 165-167 Main St., - P.O. Box 941 Ellsworth, ME 04605 (207) 667-9500, (207) 667-5911 <a href="www.grandonline.org">www.grandonline.org</a>

The Theater at Monmouth Prof. Equity/Shakespeare & Other Classics, Cumston Hall, P.O. Box 385, Monmouth, ME 04259 (207) 933-9999, 933-2952 David Greenham, Producing Dir.;Sally Wood, Art.Dir. www.fheateratmonmouth.org

Summer repertory Jul.6-Aug.25: A MIDSMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, MEASURE FOR MEASURE, MY THREE ANGELS, Fielding's TOM JONES; plus CHARLOTTE'S WEB, THE OLDEST STORY EVER TOLD (retelling Cinderella), Janis Stevens in VIVIEN, SIGHT UNSEEN, JUDEVINE (Vermont's Lost Nation Theatre) & ONCE UPON A MATTRESS-Sep.28-Oct. 7

The Theater Project - Prof. Non-Equity/Equity Guest Young Peoples Theater & Second Stage Community Theater - 14 School St., Brunswick, ME 04011 (207) 729-8584 - Al Miller, Art. Dir .www.theaterproject.com

SYLVIA – Jul. 13 – 29 OZ REVISITING THE WIZARD (Teens) – Aug. 2 - 4

**Two Lights Theatre Ensemble,** Portland, ME (207) 653-9065 Sean Demers, Art. Dir.

### University of Maine at Farmington

Alumni Theater, Academy St. Farmington, ME (207)778-7465

University of Maine at Machias 9 O'Brien Ave., Machias, ME (207)255-1200 Prof. Lee M. Rose (207) 255-1391

University of New Hampshire Paul Creative Arts Center, Durham, NH 800-735-2964, (603) 862-2290, (603) 862-0093 www.unhmub.com. Hennessey Theatre (HT) USM Theater Dept.Russell Hall, College Ave. Gorham, ME 04038 (207)780-5480 Box Office:(207) 780-5151 www.usm.maine.edu/thea

Waldo Theatre - Community

P. O. Box 587, 916 Main St., Waldoboro (207) 832-6060 Diane Walsh, Artistic Dir. www.waldotheatre.org

#### Waterville Opera House

93 Main Street, 3rd Floor. Diane Bryan, Exec. Dir. Waterville, ME 04901 (207)873-5381
Box Office: (207) 873-7000 www.operahouse.com
Main Stage – MS - Studio Theater – S

DON QUIXOTE (Bossov Ballet-MS) – Aug. 3, 4
Franco Festival – with Susan Poulin – Aug. 11
Missoula Children's Theatre Camp Performances:
JACK & THE BEANSTALK – Jul. 28, CINDERELLA –
Aug. 11, ROBINSON CRUSOE – Aug. 18
STEEL MAGNOLIAS (ACAT – S) – Sep. 13 – 22
FOREVER FAME (MS) – Sep. 21 – 30
MURDER-HOWARD JOHNSON'S (ACAT - S) –
Nov. 8 – 17

Wayside Theatre – Community Wayside Grange, No. Dexter Rd., Dexter,ME (207) 924-8813 Jane Woodman – Art. Dir. www.dextermaine.org/clubs/wayside.html

THE SALOON KEEPER'S DAUGHTER-Summer ON GOLDEN POND – September Revue of Broadway Songs (Wayside Singers)-Fall Jacob Marley's CHRISTMAS CAROL. – Dec.

#### Weathervane Theatre (Summer)

Prof. Equity & Non-Equity Res. Rep., Rte 3 39 Jefferson Rd., P.O.Box 127, Whitefield, NH 03598 (603) 838-6072 Jacque Stewart, Artistic Director www.weathervanetheatre.org

In repertory Jul.7 – Sep. 1: PETER PAN, GUYS AND DOLLS, THE FULL MONTY, WOMAN IN BLACK, THE PHILADELPHIA STORY, EVITA, and COUNTRY COOKIN' (new original revue)

#### **Wide Open Mind Productions**

Portland, ME Jason Wilkins

Windham Center Stage - Community Theater P.O. Box 529, Windham, ME 04062 (207) 893-2098 www.windhamtheater.org

Winnipesaukee Playhouse & Performing Arts Education Center—Prof. & Comm. P. O. Box 5201, Laconia, NH 03247 Bryan Halperin—Exec. Dir. Neil Pankhurst—Art. Dir. (603) 366-7377 www.winniplayhouse.com

TWO ROOMS – Jul. 25 – Aug. 4 VERONICA'S ROOM – Aug. 8 – 18 ROUNDING THIRD – Aug. 22 – Sep. 1

Winter Harbor Theatre Co.,P. O. Box 8176 Portland, ME 04104 (207) 775-3174 Caitlin Shetterly, Artistic Dir.

Winterport Open Stage - Community Theater P.O. Box 5, Winterport, ME 04496-0045 (207)223-2501 Reed Farrar, Art. Dir. www.winterportopenstage.com

Yellow Taxi Productions - Prof. /Equity Playhouse 101, 14 Court St., Nashua, NH Suzanne Delle, Artistic Dir. (603) 661-3879 Jamie Pusateir, Managing Dir. (603) 315-5064 www.yellowtaxiproductions.org

INDOOR/OUTDOOR – Aug.4,5,11,12 @ Greeley Park STRING FEVER – Oct.12-20 @ Hunt Bldg.,Nashua

All information is up to date as of press time. CAST & CREW suggests you call to confirm.

## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

**ACORN PRODUCTIONS.** Classes for adults and children at Acorn Studios, Dana Warp Mill, 90 Bridge St., Westbrook, ME. Summer camp for kids – 3 sessions – Jul. 23 – Aug. 27. (207) 854-0065 <u>www.acorn-productions.org.</u>

**AYNNE AMES, BELFAST MASKERS** Artistic Director & State Chair of The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, offers private classes for teens and adults in theater history, script study & audition techniques. Specializing in audition preparation for professional & college theater work. Classes in Belfast, ME. FMI write: <a href="maskers@adelphia.net">maskers@adelphia.net</a>.

**BELL CENTER**, 47 Fourth St., Dover, NH. Summer Drama Camps Jul. 9 – Aug. 17; Voice Camps Jul. 9 – Aug. 30. <a href="www.bellcenter.org">www.bellcenter.org</a>

**CASCO BAY MOVERS DANCE STUDIO**, 517 Forest Ave., Portland, ME 04101. (207) 871-1013. Classes for children, teens, adults. Call for schedule & information.

**CELEBRATION BARN**, So. Paris, ME. Workshops for youth, adults (students & pros) June 25 – Sep. 1. <a href="www.celebrationbarn.com">www.celebrationbarn.com</a> for details or call (207) 743-8452.

**CENTRE OF MOVEMENT** School of Performing Arts, 19 State St., Gorham, ME 04038. (207) 839-3267. Dance lessons for children & adults and musical plays. FMI call Vicki Lloyd at above number..

**CHERYL GREELEY THEATRA-DANCE STUDIO**, 875 Broadway, So. Portland, ME. (207) 767-1353. Tap, ballet, jazz, ballroom, drama, singing.

CITY DANCE, 408 Broadway, So. Portland & 196 U.S. Rte One, Falmouth, ME. Tap, ballet, jazz, street funk, pre-school. FMI call (207) 767-0870.

**CITY THEATER**, Main St., Biddeford, ME. Act Like a Kid for ages 5-8, Jul.23-27; ages 9-12 Jul.30-Aug.3; +3 Wed.Workshops. Call (207) 282-0849.

**DANCE FOR CHILDREN** with Betsy Melarkey Dunphy. Ages 4 – 16. Classes in Creative Movement, Modern, Tap, and Theater at Elm St. Church, So. Portland, ME. For brochure & information, call (207) 799-3273.

**DROUIN DANCE CENTER** at Dana Warp Mill, 90 Bridge Street, Suite 325, Westbrook, ME. All types of dance. Ages 3 – Adult, Beginners – Advanced. Visit <a href="https://www.drouindancecenter.com">www.drouindancecenter.com</a> or call (207) 854-2221 FMI..

**GOTTA DANCE**, Dana Warp Mill, 90 Bridge St., Studio 425, Westbrook, ME 04092. Call (207) 321-1240. <a href="www.gottadance2.com">www.gottadance2.com</a>. Beginner to advanced classes in ballroom dance – no partner necessary.

**HOPE HOFFMAN'S TOWN HALL THEATER**, Bowdoinham, ME. Dance, music, & comedy for all ages. <a href="www.hopehoffman.com/classes.htm">www.hopehoffman.com/classes.htm</a>.

**KING'S BRIDGE THEATRE**, Vineyard Campus, 9 Foss Rd., Lewiston, ME. Classes for adults & children. Call (207) 784-9500 or visit www.kingsbridgetheatre.org.

**LAKEWOOD Young Performers Camp**, near Skowhegan, ME. Ages 10 + Jul.30-Aug.11; ages 6 + Aug.13-25. FMI <u>www.lakewoodtheater.org</u>.

**LAUGH-U** School for Improv Acting, **City Theater**, Main St., Biddeford, ME. Tier I, Tier 2, and Tier 3. Students completing Tier 3 considered for placement in The CIA (Comedy Improve Alliance). FMI call (207) 282-0849.

**LEDDY CTR FOR PERFORMING ARTS**, 131-133 Main St., Epping, NH Classes in musical theater for ages 6 – 17. FMI call (603) 679-2781.

MAINE ACADEMY OF STAGED COMBAT, Dir. Mark Bedell, at Acorn Studios, 90 Bridge St., Westbrook, ME. <u>Pirate Camp 2007</u> for ages 6 - 13 Aug. 13 – 18. (207) 284-4063 or 818-800-1701. www.MaineAcademyofStagedCombat.org

**MAJESTIC THEATRE** Youth Camps, Manchester, NH: Ages 8 – 17; *Mysteriously Majestic* Aug. 6 – 18; *Rock Star* Aug. 20 – 24. FMI visit www.majestictheatre.net or call (603) 669-7469.

MAPLE WHEAT CTR FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS, So.Portland, ME Classes in theater, music, dance for children 3-18. Rhonda Carlson & Kevan Patriquin, Artistic Directors; Andrea Pike, Dance. FMI call (207) 773-5945.

MAINE STATE SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 348 U.S. Rte. One, Falmouth, ME. (Home of Maine State Ballet) Training in dance, voice, drama, music. Call (207) 781-7672 for schedule & information.

**NEW DANCE STUDIO**, 61 Pleasant St., Portland, ME. Modern Dance, Ballet, Improv, Creative Movement, ages 3 – adult. Call (207) 780-0554.

**PARADIGM** Classes in Dance & Movement in Harrison and other locations. FMI call J. Applegarth at (207) 637-2097 or email julee@paradigm-arts.org.

**THE PASSIONATE PLAYER** Workshop for Actors: challenging actors to be real on stage. Instructor: Lisa Stathoplos. FMI call (207) 646-3389 or email: <a href="mailto:lstathoplos@yorkschools.org">lstathoplos@yorkschools.org</a>.

**PENOBSCOT THEATRE**, 131 Main St, Bangor, ME. Intern programs, Shakspeare in the Schools, Storytelling for gr. 4-8—call (207) 947-6618.

**PONTINE MOVEMENT THEATRE**, McDonough St. Studio, Portsmouth, NH. Classes with M. Marguerite Mathews and Gregory Gathers. Call (603) 436-6660 or email: <a href="mailto:pontineh@ultranet.com">pontineh@ultranet.com</a>.

**PORTLAND FENCING CENTER**, 90 Bridge St., Suite 410, Westbrook, ME. Taught by Nancy Reynolds. FMI call (207) 856-1048.

**PORTLAND SCHOOL OF BALLET**, 517 Forest Ave., Portland, ME 04101. (Portland Ballet home) Call for sched. information (207) 772-9671.

**SCHOOLHOUSE ARTS CENTER**, Rte. 114 near intersection with Rte. 35, Sebago Lake, ME. Classes for ages 4 and up in theater, music, & more; also Adult Improv. FMI call (207) 642-3743 or visit: <a href="www.schoolhousearts.org">www.schoolhousearts.org</a>.

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL THEATER classes with Michael Lane Trautman at Acorn Studios, Dana Warp Mill, 90 Bridge St. in Westbrook. Classes in Mime, Improv & Circus Skills age 8 – adult. (207) 761-4598 or <a href="mailto:mlt@solotheater.com">mlt@solotheater.com</a>. Also visit <a href="https://www.solotheater.com">www.solotheater.com</a>.

**SEACOAST REPERTORY THEATRE**, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth, NH. (603) 433-7272 X 131. Workshops for young performers from 5 and up in all aspects of musical production. Also Jazz/Tap/Tumbling/Ballet for all levels.

**STAND-UP COMEDY WORKSHOP**, Portland, ME, with award winning writer/director **Tim Ferrell**. FMI call Tim Ferrell at (207) 767-2004.

**STARLIGHT ACTING INSTITUTE**, Gorham, ME. "Energize! A Holistic Approach to Acting" classes with Emmanuelle Chaulet Also individual RYSE and Energize! by appointment.(207)839-9819 <a href="www.starlightacting.org">www.starlightacting.org</a>

**THE THEATER PROJECT**, 14 School St., Brunswick, ME. Classes for children, teens, and adults. <a href="https://www.theaterproject.com">www.theaterproject.com</a> or call (207) 729-8584.

**WARREN KIDS**, Warren Memorial Library, 479 Main St., Westbrook, ME 04092. Theater classes for ages 6–18 David LaGraffe, Instructor. Subsidized tuition. FMI: <u>warrenkidsandteens@yahoo.com</u> or call (207) 650-3789.

**WATERVILLE OPERA HOUSE & ARTSPACE**, 93 Main St., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Waterville, ME. Classes in Movement, Yoga, Dance, and theater. Children's theater camps during summer & school breaks. FMI call (207) 873-5381.

**WINTERHARBOR THEATRE CO.**, Portland, ME. Classes for children & adults, taught by Caitlin Shetterly at St. Lawrence Arts & Community Center, Portland. FMI call (207) 775-3174.

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## **AUDITIONS**

We try to bring you all the audition information available. However, theaters may set their own audition dates after we go to print with one issue and/or announce and complete the audition process before we go to print with the next issue. Therefore, we suggest that along with your CAST & CREW newsletter, you always consult your newspaper listing and/or the individual theater as well (see Theater Listings for telephone numbers & websites)

**ACTORSINGERS**, Actorsingers Hall, 219 Lake St., Nashua, NH. Auditions for THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE (Info Night Aug. 13 at 7 pm) on Aug. 19 & 20 at 7 pm, callbacks Aug. 22 at 7. Performances Nov. 9 – 11 at Keefe Aud., Nashua. Direction by Paul Metzger, music dir. by Judy Hayward, choreog. by Donna O'Bryant Metzger. FMI visit: <a href="https://www.actorsingers.org/inside/millie/">www.actorsingers.org/inside/millie/</a>

**BIDDEFORD CITY THEATER**, 205 Main St., Biddeford, Me. Next open auditions and interviews will be September 3, 6-9 pm, in 15-minute intervals. These are for performers and production personnel such as directors, musicians, choreographers, designers, carpenters, stage managers, and backstage help. (Stipends for directors, orchestra members, designers, etc.) Performers may present monologues, a song, dance, or a scene with another actor. These auditions are in addition to those announced for each main stage production. By appointment – call (207) 282-0849 for FMI.

**FREEPORT COMMUNITY PLAYERS** – If you're interested in being a READER at one of their play readings, or you have a SCRIPT to submit for consideration to be showcased, call (207) 865-2220.

**L/A COMMUNITY LITTLE THEATRE**, Great Falls Performing Arts Ctr, 30 Academy St., Auburn, ME. Auditions for CRAZY FOR YOU on Aug. 19 & 20 at 7 pm. Tim Pinkham directs. Performances Oct. 12 – 21. FMI call (207) 783-0958 or visit www.laclt.com.

**LYRIC MUSIC THEATER**, So. Portland, ME. Auditions for Maury Yeston's PHANTOM on Aug. 6 & 8, 6:30-9:30 pm; callbacks Aug. 11, noon-4 pm; at Cheryl Greeley Theatra-Dance Studio, 875 Broadway, So. Portland. Prepare a song from any light opera or operetta (including Gilbert & Sullivan); however, those auditioning for a lead should prepare a song from the score. Performances Nov. 16 – Dec. 2 (with possible 4<sup>th</sup> weekend). Michael Hjort directs; music director is Jim Colby. FMI <u>www.lyricmusictheater.org</u>.

MAJESTIC THEATRE, 281 Cartier St., Manchester, NH. Auditions for ages 7 – 15 for SLEEPY HOLLOW on Aug. 12 & 15 at 6 pm. Jeff Caron directs, and Blake Leister is music director. Performances Oct. 5 – 14. Auditions for THE SOUND OF MUSIC for all ages on Aug. 13 & 14 at 6 pm. Bring sheet music – accompanist provided – may be asked to read from script or learn short dance routine. Candace Glickman directs, and Heather MacRobie is music director. Performances Oct. 26 – Nov. 4. FMI see <a href="https://www.majestictheatre.net">www.majestictheatre.net</a>.

**OPEN BOOK PLAYERS**, Gardiner, ME. **Playwrights**: If you have an original work in any stage of development, and you would like to explore how it sounds with live actors, bring along a few pages to an OBP gathering with enough copies for your cast. FMI call (207) 582-3366.

**SANFORD MAINE STAGE**, One Hilltop Lane, Springvale, ME. Auditions for SCROOGE, a musical based on A CHRISTMAS CAROL, will be Oct. 13, 6 – 8 pm; Oct. 14, 4 – 6:30 pm; with callbacks Oct. 15, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Performances Nov. 25 – Dec. 9.

SCHOOLHOUSE ARTS CENTER, Rte. 114, ½ block north of Rte. 35, Sebago Lake Village, ME. Auditions for WAIT UNTIL DARK Aug. 1 & 2 at 6:30 pm, with callbacks Aug. 5 if needed. Prepare short monologue and be prepared for reading from script. 2

females (1 - 20's, 1 teens), 4 males (various ages), 2 small roles for policemen. FMI call director Keith Halliburton at (207) 632-2926. Performances Oct. 12 - 28.

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