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by Carol Bense

Our Spring production, *Undeclared History*, by Isaac Rathbone will be something different for The Village Players. Our production will be the New England premiere of this intense play. With adult content, strong emotions and very strong language, this play explores the experiences of a Vietnam vet who returns to college on the GI Bill. Performances will be at the theater on Glendon Street on April 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 8pm with a matinee on Sunday, April 21 at 2pm. Tickets will be available at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main St. and on-line at [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com) in mid February.

Director, Russ Ellis, was made aware of this play through his daughter, Athena who attends Hofstra University. The university's Director of Drama and Dance commissioned Isaac Rathbone, a Hofstra alumnus and co-founder of Oracle Theatre, to write this original play, set on the Hofstra campus. The script is drawn from the oral histories of Hofstra alums during the Vietnam era – veterans, activists, journalists, and faculty.

Audiences will recognize some veteran players as well as be introduced to some new faces in this production. The role of Finn, the Vietnam vet, will be filled by Vinnie Amico, whom you last saw singing and dancing in *Gypsy*. Diana, the quiet female student, is played by Cara Owens, a newcomer to our stage. Bob Tuttle, a veteran of several VP productions, will take on the role of Trickster, the deviant and cunning shape-shifter. Chrystal Gavreau, who has also appeared in several productions, will play Maeve, the female activist. The varsity athlete and fraternity member, Jason, will be played by Paul Stewart, also a veteran of several VP productions, last seen in 2012's *Hay Fever*. Crystal Lauer will portray, Hector, the Black Panther member. Crystal, like Vinnie, was most recently seen in *Gypsy*. The Mentor, a female professor and the

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Glamour in Mud Season® Returns in March

by Stefanie Marsh

The Village Players' fundraising committee has put together a great calendar of events for this year's Glamour in Mud Season® weekend March 15-17, and businesses from all over the Wolfeboro area are getting involved as sponsors and as participants in Glamour in Mud Season contests.

Friday evening, March 15, we welcome Fred Marple who will bring us the news from "Frost Heaves", New Hampshire. He might teach us some Yoga for Yankees, sing some songs (not quite as you expect to hear them), or examine some of the unusual warrant articles presented at town meeting. You never know quite what you'll get with Fred, but he's won a "Best of NH" award, so shouldn't be too bad. Check out [www.frostheaves.com](http://www.frostheaves.com). He'd like to have a few Village Players members in some of the sketches. He'll send material ahead of time and would need volunteers to do a quick read-through before the show. Please let Stef Marsh know if you're interested in being part of the show.

Saturday, March 16, we'll be hosting exotic animals from the W.I.L.D. Center on the VP stage. These "animal ambassadors" have been featured on Animal Planet, the Discovery Channel, and Late Night with Conan O'Brien. Last year I got to carry a wallaby around!

Saturday night The Traveling Wolfeburys return to rock the house. If you haven't heard this group, you have been missing one of the best 60s rock, blues, folk bands around. We need some of the Village Players' best chefs to provide some sweet and savory nibbles for the intermission.

Sunday morning from 7:00 to 1:00 our friends at the Strawberry Patch Restaurant will be donating 10 percent of their proceeds to The Village Players. What if every Village Player member showed up for breakfast?!

In the afternoon, the Glamour in Mud Season® Art Show opens at Lydia's Meeting House, and area art galleries will be open for the first-ever Glamour in Mud Season® "Art Slog" from 4:00 to 6:00. (You know this time of year, we don't walk, we slog.) Make Lydia's Meeting House the beginning or end of your gallery "Art Slog" and enjoy the art exhibition opening. Cash bar and tapas menu from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

You can get more information about all the events on

1. <http://glamourinmudseason.org>

## Meet Cate Poole One of Your New Board Members

by Phoebe VanScoy Giessler

**PVS - How did you hear about the Village Players and what was your first show?**

CP - When I first moved to Wolfeboro a little over a year ago, I was looking for ways to get involved in the community and have fun at the same time. Since there was no curling club I settled for the Village Players. The first show I worked on was "A Christmas Story." (Winter 2011) I was House Manager, but also helped with props and the set. My most memorable moment from that show took place during a family scene in the kitchen. While everyone else in the cast was chattering away, Randy (Elliot Giessler) quietly made a paper hat out of an envelope that was sitting on the table and put it on his head and smiled at the audience. Hysterical.

**PVS - You are mostly behind-the-scenes at VP, but what character in theater do you most identify with?**

CP - I am happily behind-the-scenes, but if I were to cast myself in a show it would be a character who has one line that makes people laugh. Who is that character? No idea, but I would practice and practice and practice my line and deliver it flawlessly in every performance.

**PVS - If you had a magical theater wand, what kinds of things would you do for the Village Players?**

CP - With my magical theater wand I would have the ceiling in the theatre painted with puffy clouds in a blue sky and have an awesome sound and lighting system installed. I would love to do more dramatic lighting for shows.

**PVS - Any memorable VP moments for you?**

CP - My most memorable VP moment (so far) was the last show of Gypsy when that huge cast did their final bow. I was up in the back of the theatre with Carol Bense and Jay Sydow (my fellow co-directors) and all of a sudden my eyes filled with tears, knowing this was the last time we would all be together doing this fantastic show. We had worked so hard. Everyone had worked so hard. And now it was over. Tears. I glanced over at Jay and Carol and they too had glassy, tear-filled eyes. I guess we were all feeling the same sadness (and curious gladness) that our big show was over. We hugged.

**PVS - What would you like people to know about your 'real life'?**

CP - In real life, I write e-learning courses for a multi-national company and work from home. I have a 25ft. Catalina sail boat on Lake Winnepesaukee that is named "Mysterious." I've been out on the Broads sailing in 20-knot winds and 4-foot swells and lived to tell the tale. What few know about me is that I have been playing guitar since I was 8 and write my own songs. I don't read music. I've played at a few open-mike nights around town. I also have some prosumer video gear and do video production on the side. I make my own music scores and love editing. Currently I am shooting beautiful nature footage through the seasons and plan to make a video that can be shown in waiting rooms and to cancer patients who are undergoing chemotherapy. I hope to make a video about General Wolfe with "The General" within the next decade.



## VP BITS

news about members etc.

More babies. This is certainly the year for it. We welcome TWINS, John and Olivia Penny, to our extended family. Proud parents are **Lisa Rose and Kreg Penny**, and grandparents are **Keith and Sherry Hoover**.



And proud great-uncle, **Jay Sydow**, has an addition to his family. And here she is in the arms of great-grandmother, **Shirley Sydow**.



**Kaylin Dean** has snagged the role of Maggie in The Pittsfield Players' production of that super-funny farce, *Lend Me A Tenor*. And **Greg Parker** has the role of Max. We will all want to go see their performances. Dates are April 5,6,7,11,12,13.

If you have news about current or former Village Players, please forward it to [cwbense@roadrunner.com](mailto:cwbense@roadrunner.com).

## Kingswood presenting *Cyrano De Bergerac*

Kingswood Theater's annual one-act show is sure to be a hit. This year the students present an adaptation of Edmond Rostand's *Cyrano De Bergerac*, the classic story of a lover with panache but no confidence. *Cyrano* is Kingswood's official entry into the 2013 New Hampshire Educational Theater Guild's (NHETG) festival. If you have ever seen this group perform, you know you are in for a treat - and a few surprises.



The performance is Saturday, March 9 at 7PM at the Kingswood Arts Center. Tickets are available at the door or at [kingswoodtheater.com](http://kingswoodtheater.com).

Can't get enough great high school theater? Kingswood is also hosting the NHETG State Festival April 5th and 6th. You'll enjoy incredible performances from schools across the state. Visit the [kingswoodtheater.com](http://kingswoodtheater.com) website for more information.

## Good News

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by Diane Mork

With the grant we received from Meredith Village Savings Bank the Village Players was able to hire Brown & Horsch Insulation Co. Inc. from Rochester, NH to insulate the ceiling over the auditorium and the ceilings over the green room, the blue room and the kitchen. The type of insulation used was a nonsettling, fire-proof mineral wool and came with a lifetime warranty on labor and material. They were able to do the whole project during the week between Christmas and New Years so it was all done in 2012. With the completion of this project we should see some major savings in our heating bills going forward. Work on this project started back in June when Jerome Holden, Corky Mork, Russ Ellis, Jay Sydow, Michael Wilkes and Diane Mork opened up the flooring in the poobah room every twelve feet so the insulation could be blown in. Jerome, Corky, Cate Poole, Diana Serrano and Carol Bense helped close up the floor in the Pooh Bah, so that room is ready to be reorganized. The floor in the costume room has been closed up as well, and Diane Sullivan is working on getting that room back in shape. If you want to help, contact Diane Sullivan or Jerome Holden.



voice of reason, will be played by Judi Currie, also a newcomer to The Village Players.

The play also includes a chorus - whose members portray a group of students who vary in styles, races and genders. They also serve as guerilla troupe members, musicians, etc. Member of this chorus are Victoria Neal and others not yet announced.

But it takes more than a director and actors to create a production. Also participating are Jay Sydow, who is doing set design and construction; Josh Spaulding, who takes on publicity; Phoebe VanScoy Giessler, in charge of props; Deb Jones, creating the costumes; Nettie Vaughan, taking care of make-up and hair; Sandra Ellis, who will be the house manager; Hunter Emory, who is designing the lighting; and Gordon Brooks, handling the technical aspects.

### **Glamour in Mud Season® Needs You**

by Carol Bense

You may not be aware of the activities of the Fund-Raising Committee, but your help is needed to make sure the committee is successful. While committee activities include the Annual Appeal, pursuing grants, and other fund-raising work, a major project of the committee is "Glamour in Mud Season®." The committee is working to make this week-end long event a yearly extravaganza which will not only raise funds for The Village Players, but also bring people and income to Wolfeboro at a time of year when not much is happening. If you are willing to work on Glamour in Mud Season® in any capacity (1 hour, 1 day, 1 evening, or more), please contact Carol Bense [cwbense@roadrunner.com](mailto:cwbense@roadrunner.com) or 569-1396. This is a way that you can support the efforts to raise the funds to continue our renovations of our theater.

## SAD NEWS

We have lost our long-time member, donor and friend, **Annie Levergood**. You could have seen her perform in many of our shows including My Fair Lady in which she gave a memorable performance as the Queen of Transylvania, even though she was having great difficulty seeing at the time. Annie had macular degeneration which forced her to stop performing, but did not keep her from attending all of our productions. She sat in the front row, so she could hear everything and see whatever her limited vision allowed. She never let her problems get her down and was always a pleasure to visit with. Annie was over 90 and passed away at the Laconia Hospital. We will miss her very much.



We just received word that we have also lost long-time member, donor and friend, **Chuck Mulloy**. If you were with us for Li'l Abner, you will never forget Chuck's famous line, "fo' dollars in my right hand pocket." Chuck died Friday, Jan. 18 after a long illness. He and his wife, Dorry were long time fans and supporters of Village Players. He will be remembered for his roles as John, the butler in The Man Who Came to Dinner, Romeo Scragg in Li'l Abner and as a chorus member in our first musical, Oklahoma!. While Chuck was not able to appear in more recent productions, he and Dorry were always in our audiences whenever possible, and were also generous donors to our fund-raising projects.



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Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday evening of each month. All dues-paying members are also welcome to attend. Be sure your membership is current to receive your newsletter and special membership deals.

Contact Carol Bense - [cwbense@roadrunner.com](mailto:cwbense@roadrunner.com) or 569-1396 - if you have changes in your address or email, or if you are unsure about your membership status.

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### DUES ARE DUE

It's that time again. Time to pay your dues for 2013 if you haven't already done so. You can go to our website at [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com) and click on the red Member Access button, then cursor down and click on the underlined MEMBERS link. Here you will find a membership chart with members listed in alphabetical order. Find your last name and then cursor over to the 2013 column. If there is a date in that column, then your dues for 2013 are already paid. If not, be sure to pay before April 1, 2013 so that you will be able to vote at the Fall Annual Meeting. If you are not a member, just go back to the Member Access page and click on the TO JOIN link or go back to the home page and click on the JOIN, DONATE, ENDOWMENT tab. You can join on-line using a credit card. Please note that there are two options. The first will subscribe you to membership in The Village Players for a continuing time period. Your credit card will be billed automatically once a year until you cancel the membership. The second will allow you to purchase membership for only 2013.

If you prefer to send a check, please make it out to The Village Players and send it to us at PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. Dues are now \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family. Be sure to include your name, address, email and phone number as well as whether you would like to receive your Prompter by mail or by email.