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Summer Show Auditions

Another Great Comedy

By Jay Sydow

Before our spring show has completed its run, work has begun on the summer show. This is the year of the farce at The Village Players and next up will be *Unnecessary Farce* by Paul Slade Smith. Russ Ellis and Jay Sydow will take the helm as co-directors with the curtain set to open Friday, July 30 for 5 performances ending Sunday, August 8.

Auditions will be held Sunday, April 4 and Monday, April 5 at 7:00 pm at the theater. Be prepared for a little improv and some cold reading. Rehearsal dates have yet to be set.

We are still looking for a producer (as well as almost every other position) to help with the production. We intend to have a blast so please come out and help us get this show up and running.

The setting is early morning in two adjoining rooms in an economy motel. Two inexperienced police officers, Eric Sheridan and Billie Dwyer, have been sent to videotape a meeting between the local Mayor and the town's accountant, with the aim of uncovering an embezzlement scheme. But the day is not starting off well. The high jinks involve the mayor, an attractive accountant, an up-tight security officer, a Scottish hit man and the mayor's wife. Will the embezzled money be recovered? Can Billie be saved before Todd plays the bagpipes? Will Eric and Karen get to have sex? And can the cops manage to capture the crooks without resorting to... *Unnecessary Farce*?

The following is a list of the roles:

Eric Sheridan, Male, 30s, A police Officer. Bookish, even keeled guy who finds himself out of his element especially when trying to stand up to an armed mobster while not wearing any pants.

Billie Dwyer, Female, 20s/30s. A police officer, Eric's partner. Unthreatening. Lacks every skill necessary for police work. Seems destined to fail.

Karen Brown, Female, 30s. An Accountant and looks the part until she finds herself filled with sexual hunger and unable to keep things under control.

Mayor Meekly, Male 50s to 70s. An Innocent. Not quick on the pick up but a sweet, sweet soul.

Agent Frank, Male, 20s to 50s. Head of security at Town Hall...The wrong man for the job.Looks confident but is frightened of his own shadow.

Todd, Male 20s to 50s. Speaks with a pronounce Scottish accent. A professional hit man. Cool and Quiet but the angrier he gets the thicker his accent until is he totally indecipherable.

Mary Meekly, Female, 50s to 70s. The Mayor's wife. Small in stature and unfrailingly sweet. The perfect match for her husband.

Sounds like fun, right? So come on out to auditions if you want to be a part of it. If you can't make it to either audition, please contact Jay at sancho@worldpath.net or 875-6792 or Russ at ram2sak@aol.com or 569-9218.



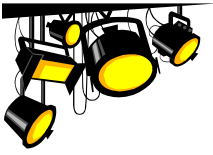
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Dilemmas With Dinner

Time For

By Carol Bense

Performances of our hilarious Spring Production, *Dilemmas With Dinner* are scheduled for April 2,3,9 and 10 at 8PM with a Sunday matinee on April 11 at 2PM. You won't want to miss some of your old favorites like Wayne, Megan, Barbara, Gordon, and Corky along with some new folks including Kalin Jordan, Amy Knapp and Bob Tuttle getting into all sorts of trouble. Tickets are available at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main St., on-line at www.village-players.com or at the door.



Behind the Scenes

By Willie Mork.

Besides putting on plays, Village Players has a number of committees attending to keeping our organization up and running

MEMBERSHIP (Carol Bense and Richie O'Brien) keeps the membership list up to date, and works to recruit new members.

GRANT and FUNDRAISING (Barbara Wilson, Willie Mork, Mandy Ferriman, Stef Marsh, Carol Bense, Terry Crowell, Diane Sullivan) explore ways to raise funds for renovations to our building.

SCHOLARSHIP (Diane Sullivan) Distributes information and applications to students seeking scholarship aid for further arts-related education.

BUILDING (Jerome Holden, Corky Mork, Russ Ellis, Hunter Emory) undertakes theater repair and renovation projects that can be done by volunteers.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Jeanette D'Onofrio) Distributes press releases, etc. to keep the public informed of VP activities.

PROGRAM (Diane Sullivan) Solicits advertisers for the VP yearly theater program.

MAINTENANCE/JANITORIAL (Jerome Holden, Jay Sydow) Takes care of the theater building, - minor repairs, furnace, snow and trash removal, etc.

HOUSEKEEPING (Willie Mork) Buys paper and cleaning supplies, organizes pre-show cleanup.

THEATER MANAGER (Betty Sherwood) Keeps track of what group is using the theater and advises house managers for shows.

LIGHTING/SOUND/STAGE (Hunter Emery, Corky Mork) Sets up and maintains tech equipment.

PLANNING/RENOVATIONS (Dick Cary, Cathy Whitehead) Long term planning for the theater building.

STAGE 3 STEERING (Russ Ellis) Planning and implementing enlarging the stage area.

Anyone interesting in serving on any of these committees, please contact VP President Diane Sullivan at 539-4425 or dsully@worldpath.net or dsully@msn.com

Meeting of the Fundraising and Grant Committees

By Stefanie Marsh

Members of the Fundraising and Grant Committees met on March 8 and talked about fundraising goals for the upcoming year.

We spent some time looking at the relationship between public relations and fundraising. We discussed offering tickets to some groups at a discount in an effort to reach out to new audience members. Having performers, such as storytellers, give a performance in the fall could be an excellent fundraiser if the costs are covered by available grants. And we planned to work hard on increasing the number of ads in our program.

We're looking into what grant monies are available and hoping that we can get financial help to pay for a new proscenium curtain, building repairs, and for the next phase of the building project.

Also, in February Diane Sullivan and Stefanie Marsh attended a "Gathering of Lakes Region Arts and Cultural Organizations" sponsored by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire. They enjoyed sharing concerns and ideas with other arts groups and discussing possible cooperative efforts for the future. The Village Players have two great advantages over many groups--we run year-round, and we are the only community theater group in our immediate area.



Scholarship Forms Available Now

The Village Players scholarship committee has announced that scholarship applications for 2010 are available at Kingswood's guidance department, the Wolfeboro Library, and at the theater on the bulletin board. Completed applications must be received by June 1st and notification of awards will be August 1st.

Applicants selected will be given their awards before the beginning of the second semester of the school, college, or institute the student attended first semester. Second year students of any educational institute will be given their award by Sept. 1st of the current year. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior and/or entering 1-4 years of a post-secondary educational institution. Community and Technical educational institutions are acceptable for this application.

Hollywood Is Not So Far Away

During the fall and winter of '09-'10, our own Christian Boudman spent four months in Hollywood creating visual effects for Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland*. He freelanced for his old employer of eight years, Sony Imageworks.

Christian's specialty is 2D Compositing, which involves the integration of various digital two-dimensional images (sometimes dozens of them) together to create a finished shot for the movie.

These images can include anything shot with a camera, painted elements and even digital characters. Very often, these elements don't fit together very well out of the box, so Christian has to figure out ways of making everything work together to create a believable end-product. Some of Christian's work on AIW includes shots in the tea party sequence when Alice shrinks down to fit in a teapot and other shots with the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and the Red Queen. His career in television and movies spans nearly twenty years and includes work on over fifty television shows and thirty motion pictures.

Christian's decision to permanently relocate his family from Los Angeles to Wolfeboro a year-and-a-half ago has given him the opportunity to participate in Village Players productions as well as start his own visual effects company right here in town called, "Clearcut FX". "Today's technology allows me to pursue my visual effects career AND enjoy the good life here in New Hampshire all at the same time!"... Boudman couldn't be happier.



You may remember Christian from his role as Axel Magee (here he presides over the chaos from his perch on the sofa) in our 2009 production of *Don't Drink The Water*.

Perform It! In the Theater

By Stefanie Marsh

Perform It! Young People's Stage Company presents Shakespeare's riotous *Comedy of Errors* April 29, 30, May 1, 2 at the Village Players theater. Twin boys, and their twin servants, separated in infancy, unknowingly wind up in the same city, a situation which leads to wild accusations, inappropriate seductions, improbable arrests, and an audience roaring with laughter.

Perform It! has won many awards including last year's Moss Hart award for the best theater production in New England over all divisions, including professional. Director Jan Helling Croteau adjusts the scripts, adding narration so that everyone can follow the story easily. Peter Ferber designs the spectacular sets, and many volunteers produce the glittering costumes and lighting effects.

The company is indebted to the Village Players for allowing them to use the theater for rehearsals and performances. They are always honored to have Village Players members in the audience and look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting more of you at this year's performances.

Performances are at 7:30 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Sunday's show is a 2:00 matinee. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under when purchased in advance; \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children at the door. Please call 569-6401 or email performit@myfairpoint.net to reserve. Tickets will also be available at The Country Bookseller in April.

Our Sign Takes First Place



Jerome Holden of J.C. Signs, created this beautiful sign for the front of our theater and then entered it in the Annual MACK Awards event, winning first prize in the category of three dimensional signs. The MACK Awards were created in 1986 to recognize outstanding excellence in the sign industry within the state of New Hampshire. Jerome donated his time and expertise for The Village Players.

Congratulations, Jerome, and thank you for your contributions to The Village Players.

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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 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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Village Players' Got Talent

The semi-annual meeting and talent show will take place on Sunday, June 13, 2010 beginning at 4:00. Whether you are a storyteller, dancer, singer, poet, acrobat or plate spinner, you'll find a friendly, supportive and appreciative audience! Following the talent show (about 5:00) the Board and Committees will get all members up to speed on what's happening at the theater. Don't miss your chance to find out all the scoop!

If you are interested in being in the talent show, get in touch with Russ Ellis: ram2sak@aol.com or 569-9218.

Don't forget!

You can join, donate, or order tickets to *our shows* on-line with credit card at www.village-players.com