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The Red Carpet (Wolfeboro) Premiere of Noël Coward's *Hay Fever*

Save Friday, April 13 for the Wolfeboro premiere of Noël Coward's *Hay Fever*! It's the centerpiece of the Village Players 3-day **Glamour in Mud Season™** bash.



Time magazine once called Coward's style "a combination of cheek and chic, pose and poise." Director Carol Bense and her ensemble have been rehearsing since January to deliver all that and more in this delicious drawing room comedy.

"Noël Coward's plays are so funny because they seem so effortless," says Carol. "The ironic thing is that it takes a lot of work to make *Hay Fever* seem like no work at all."

Hay Fever is set at a spring house party on the Bliss family's country estate. Matriarch and former stage star Judith (Mandy Ferriman) and her author husband David (Bob Rautenberg) are always "on," making every moment dramatic. Artist son (Ric Tessari) and daughter (Tori Neal) join their parents' games, and confuse the guests (Paul Stewart, Wes Dean, Lisa Penny and Kaylin Dean) who seek escape from the chaos of flapper-era London. Helen Rautenberg plays the family's long-suffering servant Clara.

Elegant Downton Abbey-esque costuming is by Deb Jones and Kristi Nieman, while Russ Ellis has designed and Jay Sydow has decorated a set any Lakes Region real estate broker would be thrilled to market. Diane Sullivan, the producer, is making sure everything is getting done on time.



Tori Neal as Sorel Bliss

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Leading Ladies Auditions

by Carol Bense

Auditions for our Summer show will take place on Sunday, April 22nd and Monday, April 23rd at 7pm at our theater on Glendon Street. Director Michael Wilkes invites anyone interested to attend one of these auditions.

If you're looking for a very funny play in which to showcase your comedic talents, *Leading Ladies* is for you. In this hilarious comedy by the author of *Lend Me a Tenor* and *Moon Over Buffalo*, two English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish Country of Pennsylvania. When they hear that an old lady in York, PA is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English relatives (Max and Steve), they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved nephews and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the relatives aren't nephews, but nieces! Romantic entanglements abound, especially when Leo falls head-over-petticoat in love with the old lady's vivacious niece, Meg, who's engaged to the local minister. Meg knows that there's a wide world out there, but it's not until she meets "Maxine and Stephanie" that she finally gets a taste of it.

Roles available are: (Please note - ages are approximate and the look is more important than the age)

MEG...(lead) the lovely young neice of Florence. She is a local girl in her early 30's. She is vivacious, with enormous warmth and a great sense of humor. She also has the fresh, unstudied beauty that most women would kill for. Meg knows there's a big world outside (York, PA), but she hasn't seen much of it yet. She harbors a world of dreams, and sleeps on them every night. They keep her alive, but she doesn't know it.

LEO...(lead) the actor who falls for Meg. In his early 40's, a veteran actor with a British accent.

JACK...(lead) the other struggling actor. In his 30's-40's, also a long-struggling actor with a British accent.

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VP BITS

news about members etc.

Sydney Rhiann Rohrbacher, daughter of **Megan and Eric Rohrbacher** is now a couple months old and we have a photo for you.



And remember we have two more coming (that we know of) a little **Van Scoy-Giessler** and a little **Brennion**.

Christian Boudman, VP boardmember, and proprietor of Clearcut FX, and **Megan Rohrbacher** both received end credits for the work they did in special effects on the film "Hunger Games." So stay until the very end and watch for their names (they are listed under Clearcut FX).

Meggin Dail took on a role at the last minute in Proof with the Pittsfield Players.

In New York City, **Zach Shea**, has a role in *Fabuloso* at Dance New Amsterdam, 280 Broadway.

Perform It! Stage Company getting ready to perform Shakespeare's *The Tempest*

by Jan Croteau

A Perform It! Evening with Will Shakespeare on March 10 at the Village Players Theater was a evening packed with revelry as Will Shakespeare and several of his characters were on hand to meet and greet everyone. Over a hundred supporters attended the gala event and were treated to a sneak peek of *The Tempest*, were entertained with juggling, jesting and dancing throughout the evening to live music, enjoyed elegant desserts and participated in the silent auction and Elizabethan Photo Booth. The evening was full of mirth and merriment and Perform It! thanks all of our supporters and friends who attended.

Now back to rehearsals for the spring show. Perform It! is in full swing as we prepare *The Tempest* which will be performed May 9 through 13 with two morning matinees on Wednesday at 10:00 and Thursday at noon. The Thursday matinee is sold-out. Friday and Saturday evening shows with curtain time at 7:30 and Sunday matinee at 2:00. Tickets will be available at the Country Booksellers mid-April. For more information visit us on the web at www.PerformItStageCompany.org. and watch for our articles in the Granite State News.

As always, Perform It! is most thankful to the Village Players who so generously share the theater with us. Huge gratitude to all of you and especially to the Village Players Board of Directors!

What's so great about Wolfeboro?

by Phoebe Van Scoy Giessler

The Village Players' own Amy Knapp and Megan Rohrbacher answer that question every month as they co-host Wolfe 101. Wolfe 101 is a charming and funny look at all things Wolfeboro-area. Whether you want to know where to find the best fries in town, where to build your own boat this summer, or when you should bring your recycling to the transfer station, Wolfe 101 will fill you in. And, of course, there's always information on what's happening at The Village Players.

The show airs on Wolfeboro's Metrocast Cable channel 25 on Fridays and Saturdays at 5:30PM. Don't have access to Wolfeboro cable? No problem. You can catch full episodes and all things Wolfe 101 at www.wolfe101.com. And don't forget to "like" the Wolfe 101 Facebook page!

Onward and Upward!

by Jay Sydow

A couple of weeks ago I decided to take a trip to South Portland to take in a show at the Lyric Music Theater. The show, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, was hysterical and one of the highlights...."Jolene" played to comic perfection by "our own" Alison Bogannan. What a voice. What timing. What a hoot. Amazing performance. Amazing show.

Alison got her start with the Village Players quite a few years back as the "baguette wielding" daughter of Edward and Mary Middleton in *The Drunkard*. She later went on to appear in our productions of *Annie Get Your Gun* (ensemble) and *Pirates of Penzance* (Isabella).

Four years ago Alison packed up her things and moved to South Portland, ME where she works as an independent hair and make-up artist at Opus Salon. Fortunately for the greater Portland area Alison is back into the community theater circuit. Since reentering the theater Alison has played Emma in *Funny Girl* (and also was the assist. director), one of the many concubines in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and most recently as Jolene in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* which is her favorite role to date. Next up for Alison is *The Who's Tommy* where she will be doing "crazy hair and wigs".

Alison wants to thank The Village Players for fostering her love for a good comedy. Road trip to see "Tommy" anyone?

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And, of course, it takes a lot more people to produce a play. Doing double duty is Assistant Director, Cate Poole, who is also working on the set and who painted the backdrop of the garden. Hunter Emory is doing the lighting design and Corky Mork will take care of sound. Robin Charland as Stage Manager will keep everything moving backstage, and Delina Bickford, House Manager, will make sure everything is taken care of on the audience side of the stage. Kathleen Whitehead has found or made all the props, and Barbara Wilson is responsible for publicity. Jeannette D'Onofrio is creating the printed matter and Jerome Holden makes the banner for the show.



Mandy Ferriman
as Judith Bliss

The show opens with the Red Carpet event Friday, April 13, at 7:15; the curtain rises at 8 p.m. and again at 8 p.m., April 14, 20, and 21 and at 2 p.m. April 22. Tickets are available at Black's Gift Shop & Paper Store or online at village-players.com. The production is sponsored in part by J. Clifton Avery Insurance.

Glamour in Mud Season™
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AUDREY...(supporting) another young lady. She's about 20, well built, and extremely sweet and good-natured.

REVEREND DUNCAN...(supporting) Meg's fiancée. He's the local minister and substantially older than Meg. He's a good man at heart, but rather fussy, set in his ways, a bit scatter-brained, and lives in his own world.

FLORENCE...(supporting) the aunt. She is very old, extremely crusty, and has terrible eyesight.

DOC...(supporting). He's the Chief Moose - a crusty, likeable curmudgeon, a country doctor who takes no guff from anybody.

BUTCH...(supporting) (doubles as Frank) He is in his early 20's, is a little slow on the uptake, but earnest and sincere, with a good heart. He played football in high school. Doc and Butch argue a lot but like each other.

We are also looking for lots of help with the production of this show. If you have any interest at all in being a part of the production crew, please come to one of the auditions, or contact Michael Wilkes at mwilkes@metrocast.net.

You can find more information on this very funny comedy at http://www.kenludwig.com/leading_ladies/leading_ladies.php or http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leading_Ladies

GLAMOUR IN MUD SEASON

Glamour in Mud Season™ Is Here!

by Barbara Wilson

The Village Players shine this month in the first-ever Glamour in Mud Season™ fun-raiser and fundraiser for the Theater. We'll be asking for help and hope to see you, your family and friends at the events:

Friday, April 13

6-7:15 p.m. Art Show & Sale Gala Opening -- hors d'oeuvres, regional wine-tasting, music by Mike Welch \$25 (tickets include admission to Hay Fever)

7:30 p.m. Red Carpet (Wolfeboro) Premiere: *Hay Fever*
Dress glamorously, dress muddy, combine the 2 or come as you are!

8:00 p.m. *Hay Fever*

Noël Coward's most popular drawing room comedy
\$12

Saturday, April 14

10:30 a.m. Glam Animals - an Animal Encounter from the W.I..L.D. Center

\$3/children under 12; \$5/adults

4 p.m. Concert-The Traveling Wolfeburys

Based on the George Harrison group, they may bring a special guest to "Idol"ize

Classic rock & more!

\$8

8 p.m. *Hay Fever*

\$12

Sunday, April 15

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Breakfast at the Strawberry Patch - Village Player John Gillette is donating 10% of his sales to VP!

\$? How much can you eat?!

2 p.m.

Contra Dance at Carpenter School - We team up with a band of merry homeschoolers!

Admission TBA

Buy tickets at village-players.com, Black's Gift Shop & Paper Store, or at the door. Learn more at <http://www.glamourinmudseason.org>

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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.

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YOU CAN STILL HELP US WIN THIS GRANT

by Carol Bense

We are over the half-way mark and you can help us get a \$5000 grant from Meredith Village Savings Bank. In order to receive the grant which will be used to insulate major heat loss areas, sand and powder coat the railings out front, among other 2012 project goals; we must get a matching amount of money from donors to the project. Please don't let this \$5000 slip through our fingers. Donate whatever you can - we will keep you informed of the progress. Please send checks to The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 and make sure you write on the check "2012 Level 3 projects." You can also donate on-line with a credit card or Paypal account. Go to www.village-players.com and click on the Join or Donate tab at the top of the page. There will then be a choice labeled Donate which you can choose to donate to the 2012 Level 3 Projects fund.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.