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Unnecessary Farce is a necessary laugh this summer!

JULY 30, 31 AND AUGUST 6, 7 at 8PM
AUGUST 8 at 2PM

It wouldn't be summer in Wolfeboro without a great production on our Glendon Street stage. This year The Village Players brings you a fast-paced comedy with hilarity behind every door... and in this show there are EIGHT of them! Here's the scoop:

You're a cop. You love being a cop. You dream of bringing justice and peace to your community. Procedure is your middle name. You have the passion. You have the desire. You have the donuts. Trouble is, you're absolutely horrible at your job. You can't carry a gun because, well, you had trouble with that at the Academy. Your self-defense skills usually land you flat on the floor. And handcuffs? Well, handcuffs make self-defense and guns look easy.

Welcome to the world of Billie Dwyer (*Helen Rautenberg*). She and her almost-but-not-quite-equally-inept partner, Eric Sheridan (*Bob Rautenberg*) have been tasked with a sting operation that could make their careers. In a shady motel room, The Chief has ordered them to set up surveillance of a meeting between Mayor Meekly (*James Cross*) and the city's new accountant, Karen Brown (*Meggin Dail*). Bribery or money laundering or some such shenanigans are sure to be discovered! With some luck, Eric will no longer be on desk duty and Billie can graduate from being a glorified meter maid.

As they often do for Billie, things get very complicated very quickly. Unbeknownst to her, Eric and Karen have discovered chemistry between them that is far from professional and extremely distracting under these circumstances. Then, the mayor's easily frightened head of security, Agent Frank (*Gordon Brooks*), becomes suspicious of this unannounced meeting away from City Hall and arrives to inspect the motel room for bugs, weapons, or trouble of any sort. Somehow Big Mac, the dreaded mafia boss, gets wind of the situation and sends the notorious Scottish hit man, Todd (*Randy Lawrence-Hurt*), to the motel to "quiet" whichever lad or lassie is disrupting the mob's work. The problem is that his accent is so thick no one can understand what-the-Brigadoon he is saying! To make matters worse, Mary Meekly (*Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler*) becomes so concerned about her husband's well being that she comes to the motel to check on him... just one more civilian Billie and Eric need to protect during this time of crisis.

In addition to this sure-to-make-you-laugh cast, directors/producers Jay Sydow and Russ Ellis have put together a



great crew. We are thrilled to welcome Pete Ellis and Nettie Fiorini in their first VP show! Pete will be the assistant director and Nettie will be heading up make up. Set design and construction will be led by Athena Ellis with construction assistance from Dan Charlton, James Cross, Richard Croteau, Jay Sydow and Russ Ellis. Travis Lawrence-Hurt will be on lights with Theresa Crowell as prop master. Josh

Spaulding is publicity chair and House Manager will be Willie Mork. Tickets, posters and programs will be coordinated by Carol Bense. Feeling left out? There are still opportunities for willing volunteers to get involved in the fun! Contact Jay or Russ with your ideas.

Tickets (\$12) are available on www.village-players.com or at Black's Paper & Gifts. Don't miss a great night of laughter, suspense and drama... Oh, okay, just laughter. But don't miss it!



AUDITIONS FOR CINDERELLA

By Carol Bense

Kathleen Hill, director, has announced tentative audition dates for our fall musical production, *Cinderella*. She plans to hold them on Sunday, August 29th and Monday, August 30th at the theater at 7pm. Be sure to check our website www.village-players.com for any change in this schedule and for more information about this show.

This Rodgers and Hammerstein musical needs a large cast of men, women and children (must be at least 10 years old), so we are hoping for a good turn-out for auditions. If you have never participated but always thought you might enjoy it, this is the show to start with. We know you will have a great time, everyone always does, and we are always looking for new people to come and play with us.



Dilemmas With Dinner Wrap-Up By Carol Bense

We have completed another Spring show and it's time to wrap it up and get on with the Summer show.

Dilemmas With Dinner, in spite of the difficulties we struggled with during rehearsals, seemed to go off well. Of course, every performance was different – one night the telephone didn't work, another night the dish broke too soon, another night some lines were dropped – but that's what makes live theater so entertaining.

A total of approximately 500 people came to see this show. The first week-end was quite slow, it being Easter week-end, but all three of the performances on the following week-end did well.

We were able to add a substantial amount to the treasury as well, since we spent very little on this show. We did buy a big, oblong table with a leaf in the middle, something we needed which will probably show up in several more shows. And Nancy Damon made us a dark wood coffee table which we badly needed and which she donated to VP. Thanks, Nancy. Now we have a light wood and a dark wood coffee table. We also bought a set of dishes for 6. Even though we had dishes, we did not have enough of any one set to serve 6. All these items will probably appear again in the not too distant future.

We also did something new for publicity. Amy Knapp and Megan Rohrbacher created a video which they put up on YouTube so that we could email the link to the video to all our email addresses.

We worked very hard to keep the pace appropriate, and sometimes it seemed impossible, but we did it and we all had a great time doing this show.



BIG JOB WELL DONE

By Diane Sullivan

The Village Players would like to thank Jerome Holden from JC Signs for organizing a "clean out the basement" day in April. We now have an area that is organized with easy access to flats, paints, doors, etc. for all our set construction for our shows. He also made arrangements with Bob from Wakefield Disposal for a dumpster in order to do the job.

Many thanks also go out to the crew for their valued time and help in order to get this done. So, thank you Richard Croteau, James Cross, Barbara Gray, Russ Ellis, Dan Charlton, Corky Mork, Michael Wilkes, Mike Welch, and Kathy Whitehead and her grand-daughter, Brianna. (Hope we didn't forget anyone!)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(check www.village-players.com for a more timely event calendar)

June 13 Semi-Annual Meeting and Talent Show

July 16 First Comedy Night 8pm

July 30 Unnecessary Farce 8pm

July 31 Unnecessary Farce 8pm

Aug. 7 Unnecessary Farce 8pm

Aug. 8 Unnecessary Farce 8pm

Aug. 9 Unnecessary Farce 2pm

Aug. 20 Second Comedy Night 8pm

Aug. 29 Auditions for Cinderella 7pm

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Sept. 17 Third Comedy Night 8pm





A Summer Tradition

For the fifth year The Village Players brings you the hilarious performances of professional stand-up comics right here in Wolfeboro. Save the third Friday of the month for laughing in air-conditioned comfort at our theater on Glendon Street. Tickets are \$15 and will be available on-line at www.village-players.com or at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main St. or at the door. Doors open at 7:30 and the shows start at 8PM.

On July 16 **Bob Gautreau** will headline the show.



Bob spoofs celebrities from Jay Leno to Las Vegas' own Robin Leach, and headlines the Comedy Stop at the Tropicana. Through it all, we recognize some of our own personal struggles in Bob's quest for identity. Opening for

Bob will be **Steve Bjork**, a polished veteran of the highly competitive Boston comedy scene with crisscrossing tours of the country under his belt. His material is intelligent; sometimes absurd, and always accessible, but first and foremost it is funny.



polished scene with country

The following month on August 20th the feature performer will be **Jim Colliton**. Jim's love for performing comes out every time he takes the stage, and his clean family-style comedy has put him in demand all over the country from Las Vegas to Dixville Notch, NH. Jim has shown you can be funny and work clean on



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cruise ships, at colleges, clubs, temples, churches, high schools and corporate events. Jim has also worked larger venues opening for the Beach Boys and Patti Labelle along with corporate shows for Pepsi and American Express. Leading in for Jim will be **Mitch Stinson**, a former aircraft-carrier aviator for the United States Navy who, as a pilot, during his 10 year military career, has risen through the comedy ranks in the Northeast US by virtue of his original (and clean!) material that offers unique insight into the transition from hot-shot Navy pilot to everyday civilian life, resonating with comedy crowds everywhere.



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Our final comedy night on September 17 brings comedian **Dave Andrews** - a classically trained vocalist with jazz guitar chops and a love of the blues harmonica - his own blend of humor, nostalgia. With his hat and guitar, Dave hits the stage running with an arsenal of impressions and one-



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delivered with impeccable timing and ease. Starting out as a musician playing in wedding bands and lounges he quickly became one of Cape Cod's best known solo performers. He soon discovered he was pretty quick with a joke between songs that led him to straight comedy.

The opening act will be **Mike Cote**, a talented comic, known across the east coast for his self-deprecating "slacker" image and what he's doing to change that image.



You won't want to miss any of these great professional comics so be sure to get your tickets early and tell all your friends. All shows are PG13.

Sit Down for Stand Up is sponsored in part by Avery Insurance Agency and Windy Ridge Corporation.

Art Show in the Theater

Doug Vaughan and Nettie Fiorini will be showing their artwork during our summer show. This will be their first art show and they are very thankful to The Village Players for the opportunity. They are also helping with the summer show in other capacities so stop by and say hello.

Nettie now focuses on painting walls, canvases, and furniture. She is also revisiting clay, metal sculpting, and photography. Her love of nature and sense of spirit is what ultimately leads her in her quest



of integrating art with life. Similar to mural art her designs can be realistic to semi-realistic, bringing "life and nature" forms to a wall. She likes to refer to her playful pieces as "whimsical-chunky-tassels;" coming from a place within her mind that emanates her spirit and passion for art.

Doug's passion is evident in all his works. He's won numerous juried awards in Landscape, Seasonal, Abstract, Marine and even Floral. "If I am painting a real scene, I will begin at the source, then, as darkness threatens I will pull out my sketch pad and capture the subtle shadows and difference nuances the light is portraying." Many are saddened to learn that they can not travel to some of his "Beautiscapes".



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Semi-annual meeting and Annual Talent Show

Come one come all

Village Players talent show. Sunday June 13, 2010 4 PM at the theater on Glendon St., Wolfeboro. Do you have a talent to show off? Singing, dancing, bird calls? Anything in good taste - it is a family show. Dress rehearsal will be Sunday June 6 from 2 to 5 PM. If you can't make that time let me know and we can arrange a time. This is a fun time for every one and only an exhibition so please no wagering. Talent show will be followed by the semi-annual meeting, chaired by Diane Sullivan and our famous pot luck dinner - bring some to share. What more could you ask for? For further information contact Russ Ellis at ram2sak@aol.com or 569-9218. Hope to see you all there.

Don't forget!

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