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## AUDITIONS FOR CINDERELLA

By Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler

It's too soon to think about summer winding down, but it's not too soon to think about auditioning for the Village Players fall musical, CINDERELLA. This Rodgers & Hammerstein classic – which helped make Julie Andrews a household name in the United States – is a hallmark of originality, charm and elegance. As adapted for the stage, with great warmth and more than a touch of hilarity, the hearts of children and adults alike still soar when the slipper fits.

Auditions will be at the theater on Sunday August 29 and Monday August 30 at 7PM. Director Kathleen Hill invites anyone age 10 and up to come prepared to sing, dance and read from the script. In the coming weeks, the audition song selections will be posted on village-players.com so keep on eye on the website.

The cast includes:

ENSEMBLE Large singing-dancing ensemble

CHARACTERS

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| Cinderella        | Town Crier           |
| King              | Chef                 |
| Queen             | Steward              |
| Stepmother        | Captain of the Guard |
| Stepsister Portia | Court Tailor         |
| Stepsister Joy    | Townspeople          |
| Prince Charming   | Children             |
| Fairy Godmother   |                      |

The production is scheduled for November 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21. **Please be advised that there will be a matinee and evening performance on Saturday, November 20. Lead characters will also need to commit to attending and doing brief performances at a Character Lunch on Saturday, November 13.**

If you have questions, please contact Kathleen Hill at kmh@metrocast.net or Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler (Assistant Director) at phebzbmail@roadrunner.com.



## STILL TIME TO SEE UNNECESSARY FARCE

By Carol Bense

You may not get this in time for the first 2 shows, but you should still be able to catch this hilarious farce on August 6, 7, or 8. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 and the Sunday matinee is at 2. Tickets are \$12 and are available at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main St. or on-line at www.village-players.com or at the door.

You will certainly laugh from beginning to end at this unusual and completely funny show. As you can see above, the cast is having a blast.

Adult theme is not suitable for children.



## Semi-annual Meeting and Talent Show

By Willie Mork

The June 13 festivities got off with a bang with the Talent Show produced by Russ Ellis assisted by daughter Meegan as stage manager. Acts included a comedy skit - piano-vocal duet by Wayne Gehman and Mike Welch; recitations by Diane Sullivan; Terry Crowell and Mike Welch in a musical skit; Willie Mork doing a comedy song accompanied by Wayne; Gordon Brooks singing and playing guitar and banjo, and the a-capella group "Some of 'Some Friends'" singing.



At the Semi-Annual Meeting following the show, President Diane Sullivan summarized Village Players' happenings during the past half year. Highlights included a spiffy new sign over the front door, refinished floors, new lighting, and an upgraded website. "VP is happy to have shared our theater with other community organizations such as Perform It, Great Waters Music Festival, Gov. Wentworth Arts Council, Arts on the Edge, Lakes Region Leadership group and several local artists displaying their work in our reception area" noted Diane.



Ice and water damage to the roof necessitated expensive repairs.

Russ Ellis, is chairing a steering committee, planning the "third stage" theater renovations for enlarging the stage.

The Board of Directors has started the ball rolling to develop an Endowment Fund to ensure the future of The Village Players.

After the meeting, a bountiful pot-luck supper was enjoyed by attendees.

## LIFE OUTSIDE THE THEATER

By Phoebe VanScoy-Geissler & Willie Mork

Of course, all Village Players members have a life outside of theater. It seems that lately many VPer are celebrating some great milestones. A few are listed below... and if you know of any others that you'd like to share, let us know and we'll be happy to spread the word in The Prompter!

**Christine & Mitch Muehlhausen** have recently become foster parents. As Christine says, "securely settled into empty nest life, menopause making itself at home, and staring Christmas in the Bahamas dead in the face.... We realized we weren't ready to be THOSE people yet!" They are caring for brothers, ages 8 months and 2 years "who just needed love and consistency. We are extremely blessed with our new family additions . . . Tired, but blessed."

**Wayne Gehman** has retired from UNH after more than 20 years. He is thrilled to be spending more time on the lakes in his shell and on the road with his bike. He also hopes to do more traveling with Louise. But most of all he is delighted not to have to drive the 50 miles to Durham every day.

**Lisa Hoover** is engaged! Her fiancé is Kreg Penney from Indianapolis. The wedding will be October 23rd. Congratulations to Lisa and Kreg, who we trust knows what a lucky man he is!

**Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler** has been tying her laces and hitting the road a lot in the last year. She has completed 2 full marathons since last October and is set to face another this September. So far qualifying for the Boston Marathon has eluded her but it remains in her sights. Additionally, she is happy to have dragged **Megan Rorhacher**, previously a non-runner, into this running habit. Megan and Phoebe have run 3 other races together in the last year.

Last month, **Diane Mork** hosted a birthday party to celebrate **Corky's** 60th. The "old movies" theme featured movie stills with Corky's face superimposed on the bodies of the likes of Harpo Marx, Humphrey Bogart and Fred Astaire and a cake shaped like a realistic black (!) vintage movie camera.

...**Carol and Ted Bense** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a surprise party organized by their children, Becky, Booker and Luisa (with help from friends). Lots of VP's were there, as well as friends and family. "It was amazing. They really surprised me," revealed Carol.





## 5th Annual Theater Restoration Fundraiser

come on out and have some laughs

By Jeannette D'Onofrio

Back for our 5th season of laughs this summer to the Village Players stage for the months of August and September is the **SIT DOWN FOR STAND UP** comedy series. This theater restoration fundraiser has become an annual summer event and we hope you will return and bring your friends to this very relaxed, PG-13, all-new, series of shows.

On August 20th Our opening act is **Mitch Stinson** a former aircraft-carrier aviator for the United States Navy who, as a landings pilot, made over 200 carrier landings during his 10 year military career. Mitch has recently risen through the US by virtue of his original (and clean!) comedy ranks in the Northeast through the virtue of his original (and material that offers unique insight into the transition from hot-shot Navy pilot to everyday civilian life... resonating with comedy crowds everywhere.



Transitioning into our headliner - **Jim Colliton** grew up in the suburbs and now lives with his wife and three children in the suburbs. What does he talk about? If you have ever been embarrassed

about the contents of your recycling bin or tried to kill a flying bat in your house you will find Jim's comedy hilarious. If none of these things hits home, Jim has also stolen a school bus and everyone finds that story funny.

Jim's love for performing comes out every time he takes the stage, whether performing for 30, 300 or even 3000 people (yes, this has happened a few times). Jim's comedy is funny, but also clean, which has helped him stay busy working all across the country

Our opener for the last show of the season is **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. A Semi-Finalist in the 2003 International San Francisco Comedy



Mike Cote

Festival, Mike catches the attention of his fans, so **CATCH HIM IF YOU CAN!**

Our last entertainer of the season is funny musician **Dave Andrews** who draws on an interesting background to showcase his ample talents. A classically trained vocalist with jazz guitar chops and a love of the blues harmonica, his act is his own blend of humor-music and nostalgia.



With his signature hat and guitar, comedian Dave Andrews hits the stage running with an arsenal of impressions and one-liners delivered with impeccable timing and ease. Audiences are consistently bowled over!

All seats have a non-obstructed view of the stage and are general admission. You can purchase tickets on-line from our web site: [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com) (or) downtown at Black's Paper & Gifts. The sales were brisk last year, so our advice is to get your tickets early.

A special round of **APPLAUSE** to our generous sponsors for the entire series Avery Insurance and Windy Ridge Corporation, helping to make all this possible.

What a wonderful way to spend your Friday nights, go out to a restaurant in town for dinner and then come over for a laugh at the Village Players Theater on Glendon St. Doors open at 7:30pm, show begins at 8:00pm all shows are PG-13... Happy summer!

## Our Own Christian Boudman is General Wolfe

By Carol Bense

Christian Boudman volunteered to play the role of General James Wolfe for Wolfeboro's 250th birthday celebration. General Wolfe had been victorious at the Battle of Quebec, in the same year that our town was granted a charter and therefore the town was named to honor him.

Here is Christian marching in the 4th of July parade in all his Wolfian finery.



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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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### Nominating Committee Needed

The 2011 season is approaching and we need to elect new officers and board members for another year. The current board is asking for two volunteers to be on the nominating committee and also suggest you contact Diane Sullivan if you are interested in being on the ballot for elections at our November meeting.

The board will need to fill the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and three board member positions. Contact Diane at [disully@worldpath.net](mailto:disully@worldpath.net) or call her at 539-4425.

### Don't Forget!

You can join, donate, or order tickets to our show on-line with credit card or Paypal.

Members should log into their account and then purchase tickets.