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AUDITIONS COMING RIGHT UP

by Carol Bense

Can you sing? Can you dance? Can you talk? Can you walk? We need you. Auditions for our fall musical, *Gypsy*, are coming right up. They are scheduled for August 5 and 6 at 7pm at our theater on Glendon Street. All parts are open and we look forward to seeing some new faces. Carol Bense will be directing with assistance from Jay Sydow. Keith Belanger will be musical director and Kaylin Dean will choreograph the show.

If you are looking for a role in *Gypsy*, please come to auditions prepared to sing 8 to 16 bars of a song that you are very familiar with. There will be no accompaniment. If you don't know any other songs, you can sing Happy Birthday or anything that you know very well. We are looking for your ability to sing and your range, not a specific song. There are some roles which do not require singing, and some roles which do not require speaking. So there is a little something for everyone.

Lead Roles Are:

Rose: Female (40ish), Alto, Lead Role several songs - The ultimate stage mother, brash and aggressive, will do anything to make Baby June a star

Louise: Female (15-20ish), Alto, Lead Role several songs - Somewhat shy and clumsy at first, she grows to be the Star. Needs to belt as well as sing sweetly.

June: Female (15-20ish), Mezzo, Lead Role several songs - Beautiful rebellious teen-ager who runs off with her love.

Herbie: Male (40-60ish), Baritone, Supporting Role several songs - Long-suffering companion and agent for Rose.

Tulsa: Male (18-25ish), Tenor, Supporting Role several songs - Young singer/dancer who steals June's heart.

Baby June: Female (7-10ish), Belt, Several songs - Young June

Baby Louise: Female (8-14ish), Mezzo, Several songs - Young Louise

Tessie Tura: Female (18-32), Belt, Cameo one song - Ballet Stripper

Mazeppa: Female (18-32), Alto, Cameo one song - Trumpet Stripper

Electra: Female (18-32), Belt, Cameo one song - Lightbulb Stripper

Other Roles:

Uncle Jocko - Male (30-65)

Georgie - Male (30-65)

Pop - Male (60+)(non-singing)

Weber - Male (40-65)

3 Farm Boys - Male (17-25)

Kringelein - Male (30-65)

Mr. Goldstone - Male (40-65)

Miss Cratchitt - Female (35-65)

5 Hollywood Blondes - Female (15 - 20ish)

Cigar - Male (30-60)

Pastey - Male (30-60)

Offstage Announcer - Male

Renee - Female (20-50)

Phil - Male (30-50)

Bourgeron-Cochon - Male (30-50)

And:

Auditioning kids and their mothers, Boy Scouts, Hotel Guests, Restaurant Wait Staff, Front and Rear Cow, Stagehands at Grantzinger's and in Wichita, Other Strippers, Backstage Figures and Showgirls.

Please go to www.village-players.com/plays/gypsy/gypsyauditions.pdf, if you plan to audition. There you will find lots of helpful information.

We will also need lots of help to produce this show, so if you have had an irrepressible urge to be part of our production crew, to help build the set, make the costumes, gather the props or any of the other dozens of jobs which need to be done, please come to auditions or contact cwbense@roadrunner.com or jaysydow@gmail.com. Watch for more on the website.

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Still time to catch the hilarious *Leading Ladies*, another gem from Ken Ludwig. Performances are July 27 and 28 and August 3 and 4 at 8pm. There is a matinee on Sunday, August 5 at 2pm. Tickets are available on-line at <http://www.village-players.com/ticket.html> or in downtown Wolfeboro at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main St.

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You can also get tickets at the door starting at about 1 hour before performances and depending on availability.

Here are a few photos to give you an idea of the lengths we will go to in order to entertain you.



Memorial to Millie Gawlicki

by Carol Bense

We lost good friend and supporter Millie Gawlicki on June 15, 2012. Some of our younger members may not remember Millie, since her last performance was in *Pirates of Penzance* in 2004, but she was active for many years and continued to serve as an usher and to help with clean up days until recently.



Some of the shows she appeared in were *Oliver* – Fall 1996, *My Fair Lady* - Fall 1997, *Hello Dolly* – Fall 1998, *A Christmas Carol* – Winter 1999, *Annie* – Fall 2000, and *Pirates of Penzance* – Spring 2004 (in the Clearlakes Chorale chorus.) She was Stage Manager for *Standing Room Only* – Summer 1996, and served on the set crew for many shows.

And if she wasn't working on a performance, she was in the audience. We will miss her smiling face and cheerful personality.



Millie helping Wayne get muddied up for his "rising from the grave" scene in *Deathtrap*.



Jean Plummer, Millie Gawlicki and Louise Gehman sweeping and mopping before the seats were installed in the auditorium.

VP BITS

news about members etc.

No new babies as of press time, but we expect a little **Brennon** soon and a little **Penny** after that. What a prolific year!

Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler and family have been doing lots of travelling this summer. You can follow her entertaining blog at <http://phoebavg.blogspot.com/> . Take a look sometime.

If you have news about current or former Village Players, please forward it to cwbense@roadrunner.com.

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Gypsy, an award-winning musical which has been revived on Broadway four times, is based loosely on the life of Gypsy Rose Lee, legendary as a classy and witty striptease artist in



burlesque. Gypsy went on to become a television personality who appeared on many variety shows, film

actress, playwright and author. The musical deals mainly with her overbearing and brash stage mother, Rose who is ready to sacrifice her life to make a star of her daughter June, while Louise (Gypsy) is forced to subsume herself to the talents of her younger sister.

With music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, *Gypsy* has some of our favorite show tunes including "Let Me Entertain You", "Everything's Coming Up Roses", and "Together Wherever We Go". The book, by Arthur Laurents, provides the emotional story of a woman who is desperately trying to make a life for her children that she was unable to achieve for herself. While there are plenty of comic turns, *Gypsy* is not just a light-weight musical. The relationships between Rose, June and Louise (Gypsy) are examined in depth for both the joy and the despair they produce.

We are looking forward to auditions on August 5 and 6 and hope you will be there. For more information on *Gypsy* go to <http://www.tams-witmark.com/musicals/gypsy.html>.

Wolfe101

If you haven't taken a peak at Wolfe101 yet, you might want to give it a whirl. Starring our own Amy Knapp and Megan Rohrbacher, with Roving Correspondent, Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler, this is the happy little once a month show on Wolfeboro Community Television that tries to answer the question, "What's so great about Wolfeboro?" Amy and Megan go on adventures to various venues in our fair city and also travel afield - even as far as New York City. Phoebe visits other locales nearby and reports on those.

You can see the show on Wolfeboro Community Television, Channel 25 at 5:30 on Friday and Saturday nights; but if you are not served by Metrocast, you will need to go on-line to see it. Of course on line you can view any of the shows at any time. Just go to Wolfe101.com and you will find all the episodes listed.

Wolfe101 is in it's second season now, and we think you will find all the episodes of interest.



Athena Ellis Company Manager

ATHENA ELLIS- A native of New Hampshire, Athena got her start as a Stage Manager with the Wolfeboro Village Players 2007 production of *The Cemetery Club*, where she subsequently stage

managed *On Golden Pond*, *Unnecessary Farce*, and *Almost, Maine*. She is a senior at Hofstra University, serving as Stage Manager for *The Importance of Being Ernest*, *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Spring Awakening*. In 2010, Athena received the Excellence in Technical Theatre Award for her efforts. As well, she is President of the Hofstra Chapter of the United States Institute for Theatre Technology. In addition to her duties as Company Manager, Athena directed *Sugar-Coated Shakespeare* and serves as the Haverhill Youth Theatre Camp Director.

The website for Shakespeare in the valley or Theater under the Stars is shakespeareinthevalley.com. You can get the schedule for all the shows there. We are all very proud of how well Athena is doing.

COMING IN 2013

Look for lots of interesting theater in 2013 at The Village Players Theater. Our projected season should provide something for everyone.

Our Spring production will be *Undeclared History* by Isaac Rathbone, a dramatisation of the politically explosive events experienced by college students and faculty during the "Vietnam war era."

In Summer, we will tackle a much lighter subject, a parody of an Agatha Christie play. This over-the-top farce entitled *Hello, Is Any Body There?*, written by Ian Hornsby, will keep everyone laughing.

For our Fall musical, we have chosen that great musical, *Fiddler on the Roof* with music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and book by Joseph Stein. *Fiddler* provides some of the funniest and most poignant scenes in theater and promises to be a wonderful vehicle for Village Players.

Watch for more information on all these productions, both in The Prompter and on our website www.village-players.com

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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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Our Annual Meeting and Election will be held November 11, 2012 right after the matinee - 5:30 potluck. Anyone who paid dues for 2012 before April 1, 2012 is entitled to vote at the annual meeting. To find out if you are a voting member, go to <http://www.village-players.com/membership/Members063012.pdf>. Look for your name and then look in the 2012 column. If the date you paid your dues is before April 1, 2012, you are eligible to vote.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR OFFICE FOR THE VILLAGE PLAYERS, PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE - CAROL BENSE, cwbense@roadrunner.com, 569-1396; MEGAN ROHRBACHER, drivetimeproductions@gmail.com, 332-5636; JOYCE WOOD, jbwood54@gmail.com, 539-3259