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### Oh the Thinks You Can Think!!!!

by Phoebe VanScoy Giessler
Do you know how to be silly?
Do you know how to have fun?
Were you born to sing and dance?
Then your luck has just begun!

Dust off your striped hat, Don't be a forlorn-er, 'Cuz Seussical auditions are right around the corner.

August 10th and 11th are your big chance, Find a good song to sing, And be ready to dance.

Grab your father and your mother, Tell your neighbor, Freddie, too, Families should gather This show's perfect for you!

The details you need are too tricky to rhyme, Read below, if you please, it won't take you much time!

Join The Village Players for their fall musical the fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza, *SEUSSICAL!* Based on the wonderful stories of Dr. Seuss, *Seussical* is fast paced, high energy entertainment for the whole family.

Kathleen Hill (director) and Russ Ellis (assistant director) invite actors of all ages to audition for *Seussical* on August 10 and 11 at 6PM at The Village Players theater on Glendon St. in Wolfeboro. The audition is just an initial step on the road to a wonderful and magical show.

Seussical has many principle and supporting roles and a large ensemble that include interesting roles for adults and children. The wide variety of roles makes Seussical the perfect show to audition as a family!

Seussical is a sung-through musical. There is very little dialog. For that reason we will determine roles based on your singing and dance audition. You will need to demonstrate your acting ability through song and dance.

All auditioners will be be asked to sing an upbeat musical theater song. The preferred method is to bring sheet music for the Musical Director, Keith Belanger, to play while you sing a song you know well. You can purchase and download sheet music online and the Seussical page on the Village Players web site has links to sheet music sites.



You may learn a song from *Seussical* for the audition. Please pick one of the songs below. You can find links to YouTube videos of the songs on the Seussical page on the Village Players web site. We will have the sheet for the Seussical songs.

Oh the Thinks you Can Think (start at 0:25) Alone in the Universe (start at 1:05) All for You (start at 1:37)

All auditioners must sing with the piano. There will be no a cappella auditions.

You will be taught a dance combination (Choreographer: Ashley Halsey) and you will dance with a small group on stage. Please be sure to wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

If you would like to help with sets, props, lights, sound, or the house, please contact Jay Sydow. Costumers should contact Deb Jones.

We are looking forward to working with you on this wonderful show.

PERFORMANCES NOVEMBER 14,15,16,21,22,23, 2014



Unless this newsletter is particularly late, you may still have time to catch our absolutely drop dead hilarious summer show, *Caught in the Net* by Ray Cooney. Performance dates are July 25 and 26 at 8pm, and August 1 and 2 at 8pm with a Sunday matinee on August 3 at 2pm.

This is a comedy like no other thanks to the wild imagination of Ray Cooney. Don't miss it. Remember our theater is air-conditioned.

Get tickets on-line at www.village-players.com with credit card or Paypal, or get them at Black's or at the door (while they last) with cash or check. On the day of performance you can only buy tickets at Black's or at the door.



Action sequence from a show with lots of them.

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# **VOLUNTEERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE**

by Carol Bense

Of course we all volunteer when we participate in a production, but some of us go above and beyond and that has made all the difference.

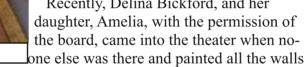
There is no way we could do all that we do, or even exist for that matter, if we had to pay to get all the work done that needs to be done. Many of you have worked on creating our sets, costumes and make-up. Then there is lighting, make-up, house management, stage management, props management, tickets, promotion, and on an on.

> But beyond working on the show, some of you have come to volunteer your time and energy to help us maintain the building.

Priscilla and Jim Adams come every month to get the theater into spic and span condition before each movie, and clean it up after. Christian Boudman and Cate Poole help with projecting the film and Jay Sydow is there at film showings to help however he can. Jackson Boudman is almost always at every showing to take tickets and greet the audience

members. And a new projectionist (don't know if they can be called that in the age of dvd's), Matt Johnson, has been added to the group along with three other new members Kate Lesnyk, Alex Kendall and Doug Vernev.

Recently, Delina Bickford, and her daughter, Amelia, with the permission of the board, came into the theater when no-



in the lobby area. We happened to be able to get a picture of their efforts (thanks, Tom).

Also, helping to promote The Village Players by donating their time at the All Saints Episcopal Church Fair were Gil Perham and his son, Dustin, as well as a friend, Wyatt Corneau; Carol Bense and Russ Ellis. Bud and Betsy Booth also came to represent The Village Players and we managed to get a photo of them enjoying coffee when the work was done (I had a doughnut too). Helping the church to carry out all the goods for their fair is the one way we have to repay



Betsy and Bud Booth



Delina and Amelia Bickford

Ernie Bass

them for the many times they have allowed us to use the undercroft for rehearsalsw hen our building was not available.

Although, Priscilla and Jim had already done most of the cleaning, Jay Sydow and Carol Bense picked up after rehearsal on Wednesday; and Emily and Stefanie Marsh, Ernie Bass, Russ Ellis, Michael Wilfert, and Catherine Collins came on Saturday morning to clean the theater before *Caught In the Net*.

It would be impossible to list everyone who has donated time and expertise and energy to The Village Players, but without all that volunteer work, we would never be in the position that we are today.

There is always work that needs to be done. Whether you can give an hour or a day or a week, everything you give is appreciated. Make sure we have your email address and you will be notified when help is needed. Or contact the producer of any upcoming show to volunteer to work on that show. You are wanted. If you would like to help with our fall show, Seussical, The Musical, please contact Kathleen Hill. Her phone number is 520-1372 and email is

#### **VP BITS**

news about members etc.

**Athena Ellis** is now Production Stage Manager at Boston Children's Theatre. Congratulations, Athena.

**Zach Shea** continues to post great photos from Kazakhstan, where he teaches at Premier Film Academy. If you want to find out what that is all about, here is the website: https://www.facebook.com/pfa.kz You will need to use the translation links.

Wayne and Louise Gehman just had a wonderful visit from their children, Hilary and Carter (with his wife, Melanie), and their four grand-children, two girls and two boys. Unfortunately, poor Louise got pneumonia before the end of their visit. She is now recuperating.

Lots of our members play in the Cate Park Band (and marched in the parade). If you go on Wednesday night, you may see **Diane and Corky Mork**, **Wayne Gehman**, **Diane Guerriere**, **Josh Spaulding**, and **Scott Lounsbury**, the band director.

**Mike Welch** is driving Molly the Trolley this summer. He is one of several drivers, so be sure to look for him if you want to take a ride on Molly. He also does the narrated tour.

Megan Rohrbacher and Kaylin Dean have revived Wolfe 101. That is the show on local Wolfeboro TV that answers the question, "What's so great about Wolfeboro?' It's lots of fun and they have a new episode every month. If you don't get Wolfeboro TV (if you live in Tuftonboro, for example) you can also see the July edition show on-line at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xeLUrnQC5Yo&feature=youtu.be If you subscribe, they will send you a notice about the show each month.

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





Remember *American Graffiti*? Don't miss it on the big screen at our theater on August 16th and 17th. The September film will be *Some Like It Hot* with Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemon, all fabulous stars. Then it's Horror Fest in October. What better way to celebrate Halloween!

Show times are Saturday 8pm with a Sunday matinee at 2pm. The complete schedule is on our website. Tickets are \$5.00 each (Popcorn \$2 and Bottled Water \$1), so it's affordable to take a family to the Movies!!!

Tickets can be purchased with a credit card or Paypal only on our website at www.village-players.com (tickets are posted after the first of the month for each show), or tickets can be purchased with cash or check at the door one hour before the movie.

# Changes to the Board

You may have noticed a new name on the list of our board members. Our treasurer, Richie O'Brien has been obliged to give up her post for the remainder of the year, because of pressing business requirements. We owe many thanks to Richie for her years of service to the group and we hope she will remain as active as possible in the future. We know we can always count on her to be an appreciative audience member.

Taking her place for the remainder of her term is

Joshua Spaulding.
Joshua was elected by
the board as specified in
our by laws
(http://www.villageplayers.com/bylaws/pro
pbylaws.htm). We all
welcome him to the
board and know that he
will do a terrific job in
helping to direct our
theater.



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## 2014 Village Players Board

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	Priscilla Adams (2yr)	875-0714
	Deb Jones (1yr)	496-7522
	Jim Adams (1yr)	875-0714

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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## ANNUAL MEETING - SAVE THE DATE

Our annual meeting will be held on November 16th at 5pm. Please save the date. We will have a wrap-up of the year's actities, elect officers for 2015, and share a pot-luck dinner.

You can also use this opportunity to have a voice in the operation of our organization. What are your thoughts on the directions we have taken in the past year? What do you think about the movies? What do you think about the productions we have offered? Of course you are always welcome to attend the board meetings which are usually held on the first Monday of the month, but here is another venue to voice your opinions.