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The Village Players

## A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM



music & lyrics by Stephen Sondheim,  
book by Burt Shevelove & Larry Gelbart

....by Carol Bense

Our productions of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" are scheduled for November 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 8pm with matinees on November 12 and 19 at 2pm. Tickets are now on sale on the web at: [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com) or at Black's Paper & Gifts on Main Street in Wolfeboro. Remember opening night tickets are only \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. After that, all performances are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Be sure to get your tickets early!

Rehearsals are progressing well. As you probably know we are not known for our great dancing ability, so getting everyone on stage to do the same step at the same time is a challenge, but we are getting there and at this point we still have two months to make it shine.

"Forum" is one of the funniest musicals ever written with plenty of high-jinks, trickery and jokes. The cast is having a wonderful time working on it. It all starts when **Hero** - *Greg Parker*, falls in love with the courtesan next door, the lovely (but not awfully bright) **Philia** - *Lisa Hoover*. **Pseudolus** - *Gordon Brooks*, Hero's slave, is trying to gain his freedom by getting the girl for his master; however, she is already sold to **Miles Gloriosus** - *John Savage*, a really great Roman Soldier (just ask him - he'll tell you). In the meantime Hero's parents, **Senex** - *Corky Mork* and **Domina** - *Kathleen Hill*, have gone to the countryside leaving **Hysterium** - *Russ Ellis* in charge of the house. Hysterium is blackmailed into helping Pseudolus but his real worry is what will happen to him when Senex and Domina return if there are any problems.

**Marcus Lycus** - *Michael Wilfert* is the dealer in courtesans who sold Philia to Miles. He also has six other lovelies including **Tintinabula** - *Athena Ellis*, **Panacea** - *Aimee Young*, **the Geminae** (who are never separated) - *Megan Brady* and *Mandy Ferriman*, **Vibrata** - *Amy Madden*, and **Gymnasia** - *Anne Marie Allwine*. Just when things are getting tight, **Errorius** - *Dan Charlton*, the guy who owns the house next door shows up and he has to be distracted by Pseudolus and Hysterium from entering his house where they have hidden the wayward Senex who came back to town without his domineering wife. **The Proteans** - *Wayne Gehman*, *Jay Sydow* and *Joyce Wood*, (only three yet they do the work of thirty) are sometimes soldiers, sometimes slaves, sometimes citizens - lots of costume changes. **The towns people** - *Alison Bogannon*, *Jean Kemp*, *Willie Mork*, *Lee Robertson*, *Diane Sullivan*, fill in the gaps.

Will Hero and Philia be together? Will Pseudolus gain his freedom? Will Miles kill them all? Will Senex outwit his wife? Will Lycus get paid? Will Hysterium survive the chaos? You'll have to come and find out.

"Forum" is being directed by Carol Bense with the assistance of Marge Wilson. Producers are Laura Cooper and Diane Ducret-Mork. The ambitious two-story set is being designed by Jay Sydow with the help by Hunter Emory, Russ Ellis, James Cross and Tom Cady. Diane Sullivan is busy making togas, dancing girl outfits, soldiers uniforms, etc. with the able assistance of Dee Graham, Georgie Duquet, Willie Mork, Marcia Norris and Madge Nickerson. Delina Bickford is responsible for make-up. Lee Robertson and Mandy Ferriman are in charge of props, Jeff Kemp and Gil Perham will be doing lights and sound. Jeff Gilligan will serve on the stage crew, and Betty Sherwood is house manager. Jeannette D'Onofrio and Megan Brady will help with publicity. Jerome Holden will make our billboard sign. If you would like to help with any of this, please contact the producers; Laura at [laura\\_cooper@brewsteracademy.org](mailto:laura_cooper@brewsteracademy.org) or Diane at [ddmork@yahoo.com](mailto:ddmork@yahoo.com).

We've got some new folks who are really exciting and some old hands in new roles, so it should be a BLAST! (as Jay would say).

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Would you like to sponsor a Village Players show next season?

Contact any member of the Board (*next page*). We'll be happy to provide you with the details...

### Did you know?

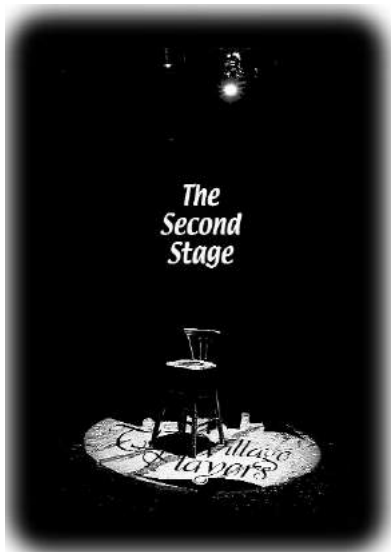
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## “SECOND STAGE KICK-OFF”

....from Carol Bense

About 75 people attended our gala evening for the kick-off of “The Second Stage”, our second major fund-raising campaign. There were lots of wonderful hors d’oeuvres, plenty of wine, tours of the theater, a production of “Plaza Suite” and a presentation by James Cross on our goals and our needs.

“Plaza Suite” was directed by Carol Bense, with Jay Sydow assisting. Starring were **Gordon Brooks** as *Roy* and **Diane Sullivan** as *Norma*. **Maggie Croteau** played the reluctant bride, *Mimsy* and **Greg Parker** played her fiancé, *Borden*. The set was constructed by Jay Sydow, James Cross, Russ Ellis, Richard Croteau, Greg Parker and Gordon Brooks. Karen Brooks, Gordon’s wife, painted the backdrop. Costumes were created by Diane Sullivan and she and Carol Bense decorated the set. Corky Mork took care of lights and sound. Mandy Ferriman and Lee Robertson were in charge of decorating the building.

People providing hors d’oeuvres and/or serving were Carol Bense, Megan Brady, Matt Comeau, Gay Ann Cooney, Martha Cross, Jan Croteau, Jeannette D’Onofrio, Mandy Ferriman, Kathleen Hill, Jerome Holden, Amy Madden, Lee Robertson, Betty Sherwood, Diane Sullivan, Phoebe Van-Scoy Giessler, Kathy Whitehead, Michael Wilfert, Marge Wilson, Joyce Wood and Gale Woodward.

Meeting and greeting the attendees were James Cross and Jay Sydow. Guiding the tours were Helen Rautenberg, Cork Mork and Richard Croteau.

Jeannette D’Onofrio created the invitations and they were addressed by hand and mailed by the committee, James Cross, Carol Bense, Marge Wilson, Willie Mork and Lee Robertson.

The organization owes each one of those listed above a huge round of applause for making a wonderful evening take place that, we hope, will lead to some generous gifts to our campaign and in turn mean we can continue the renovations on our building.

KRHS DRAMA GROUP  
PRESENT

**Once  
Upon  
a  
Mattress**

music by Mary Rodgers / Lyrics by Marshall Barer / Book by Jay Thompson,  
Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer

**Nov. 16, 17, 18...7:00PM**  
**Nov. 19...2:00PM**

————— KRHS AUDITORIUM —————

**TICKETS: \$5 STUDENTS & SENIORS**  
**\$8 ADULTS**

(FALL 2006)

...from Jeannette D’Onofrio

One of the funniest versions of the classic “Princess & The Pea” stories to ever be told. The comedic genius and hysterical songs brought to life on the Kingswood High School stage by the same group who brought you the amazing Greek tale - *The Odyssey* last year. All Village Players adults are at the helm with this production; directed by Scott Giessler and assisted by Patti Pardy, produced by Jeannette D’Onofrio, musical accompanist Carolyn Olzerowicz with a huge cast of 30 students, this twisted tale will be a fun evening of music and laughs.

We know that many of the dates are in conflict with the “Forum” show, however, the opening night show - **Thurs., Nov. 16th** - should be filled with Village Players faces...so, there’s no excuse not to support these young thespians and cheer them on for their hard work. Tickets are sold at the door.

**I’ll see you there!**

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Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday evening each month.

All dues-paying members are also welcome to attend.

If you have a topic to present to the Board, please contact a member listed above.

Be sure your membership is current to receive your newsletter. Contact Marge Wilson if you have changes to your mailing address.

# Sit Down for Stand-Up WRAP-UP



.....by Jeannette D'Onofrio

The laughs were endless this summer- not only was there a fantastic summer comedy performance (That Darn Plot!) but we had nearly a full house at every one of the four comedy shows spread out from June to September. Professional comedians traveled up from the Boston area to perform their stand up routines on our Village Players stage.

Thank you to all the Village Players who volunteered to help make this such a successful event; Wayne & Louise Gehman, Carol Bense, Jo-el Gavel, Marge Wilson, Betty Sherwood, Jay Sydow, Corky Mork, Diane Ducret-Mork, Betsy DeMatteo & Ed Demarco, Alex Lizotte, London Summers, Eileen Sloan and Diane Sullivan.

Thank you also to our fantastic sponsors; Maxfield Real Estate, Kingswood Travel & Luxury Transport, Green Mtn. Communications, Points North Financial Services and for our wonderful foods at intermission for each and every show - Baby Cakes Bakery.

The profit, to date, on the series was in excess of \$3,800. All of the income, after the comedians, went directly into the building reconstruction fund. Thanks to you all who attended the shows - and laughed with us for the evening!

## TID-BITS TO NOTE

....from Jeannette D'Onofrio

### NOTE #1

Recently the Lakes Region Summer Theater had closed its doors forever and had an entire warehouse full of flats, set pieces, furnishings, greens and hardware. Lucky for us, Jay Sydow was in the right place at the right time and offered to relieve the now closed summer theater of their burdensome lot. We have inherited beautiful pieces thanks to the quick work of Jay Sydow with the help of Greg Parker, Carol Bense Jerome Holden and many others. Our thanks also to the Lakes Region Summer Theater for their years of wonderful entertainment and the donation of goods to our humble home.

### NOTE #2

We had a great old typewriter given to us to use as a set prop in this past summer's show - THAT DARN PLOT!, however, it is still sitting backstage and needs to go home now. Whomever it belongs to, needs to promptly retrieve it, or it will become property of the Village Players, post-haste. We are very thankful to anyone who is willing to part with their treasures for a short time to fulfill a prop for a show, but please remember to come back and get them - or they will become part of the permanent furnishings of the theater by the end of the season....thank you!

AUDITIONS COMING UP FOR...  
the ANNUAL FIRST NIGHT show



or... The Undermining of Sarah Sweetflowers

By R. Eugene Jackson

...from Jay Sydow

The endless hours of reading through thought provoking deep meaningful shows for First Night® is slowly coming to a head. I believe it has been narrowed down to a very highly recommended Pulitzer Prize winning.....OK, I believe we have narrowed it down to an empty, meaningless, shallow melodrama. "A Golden Fleece", which actually never won a Tony Award but it is full of bad puns and corny humor (just the way we like'em!)

This season we will actually be doing three performances in an attempt to allow everyone a chance to see the show. Performances will be **Dec 31, 6:00, 8:00 and 10:00pm**. Admission is by First Night button only – no tickets for sale and no additional shows to be performed.

Matt Comeau with assistance from Megan Brady will be directing this annual New Year's event. The show has a cast of about ten people so we will need men and women at the **auditions on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00pm**. This will be the only time/date for auditions, so if you want to jump in and have some fun this New Year's Eve with us on stage (or back stage) come on out!

### *Here's a bit about the show...*

Sarah Sweetflower has inherited Cactus Bob's Saloon in the ghost town of Elbow's Bend. It is here that she plans to open Sarah Sweetflower's Sarsaparilla Saloon and Bridal Shoppe with the help of our hero, Stanley Stoutheart. But the villainous Sly Scavenger and his accomplice, Miss Twinkle Toes, are more interested in Cactus Bob's lost gold mine. With the help of a professional gunfighter, Big Bad Granny, they attempt to do away with Sarah, only to be foiled by the town's only permanent resident, Tumbleweed, who doubles as both the town judge and constable.  
...phew!

# The ANNUAL MEETING...*from Phoebe Van-Scoy Giessler*

This year's Village Players Annual Meeting will be held **Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00pm**. As usual it will be a Pot Luck dinner and we urge all of you to make some really tasty grub for a hungry crowd.

The board is still organizing the Nominating Committee by the Prompter deadline, so if you are interested in running for a seat, please contact one of the board members and we will make sure your name is added to the Nominating Committee list. As usual the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are up for grabs, and this year there are (2) Members-at-Large positions open as well. The Members-at-Large positions are two year terms and the officers are voted on each year.

All current dues-paying members will be allowed to vote. The Village Players would love to see some NEW hard working members join the board to help us continue the fundraising efforts of this past year and bring new ideas for the upcoming 2007 and beyond.

**Please write this important date on your calendar and JOIN US !**



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## WORK EFFORTS

*...from Carol Bense*

You missed your chance. Too bad. Recently we had a big work project of painting the new iron railings out front. Those who participated were James Cross, Betty Sherwood, Carol Bense, Willie Mork and Dick and Debby Cary. You can't imagine how much fun painting with black Rustoleum is. That wonderful gooey stuff just makes its way right into your heart ---- and your hair, and your skin, and wherever it touches you – right through your clothes. It took several days of pleasant working in the warming sun before the job was finally done. Lots of people went by and told us what a great job we were doing. We missed you... but please come back when we call for help again.

(To see the front steps in production - go to our website:  
[www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com) and click on CONSTRUCTION)



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