



the PROMPTER

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UNDECLARED HISTORY AUDITIONS

by Carol Bense and Russ Ellis

Russ Ellis will be directing our Spring production, *Undeclared History*, by Isaac Rathbone. Auditions will be held on Sunday, January 6th and Sunday, January 13th at 7pm at our theater on Glendon Street. Everyone is invited to audition. If you cannot be at either of these auditions, please email Russ at ram2sk@aol.com or call him at 569-9218. He wants to be sure that anyone interested has the opportunity to audition.

The production will be staged in a "black box" that will be built on our stage and rehearsals will be on Sunday nights and Wednesday or Thursday nights, whichever works out best for the cast.

Undeclared History is about a Vietnam vet who returns from the war in the late 1960's and goes to college under the GI bill, and his interactions with the college students of the day. The play was originally set at Hofstra University, but the author has committed to change the script so that the setting will be "some generic new england college". Isaac has also said that he would like to come to Wolfeboro early in rehearsals to talk about "character" and do a "talk back" with the audience after a performance. Our production will be the New England premiere of his play.

The characters in the play are as follows:

Diana - female student, muted

Finn - male commuter student, Vietnam vet, missing left arm

Maeve - female activist, flamboyant, radical

Hector - male, Black Panther, wears an "afro"

Jason - male, varsity athlete, fraternity member

Mentor - female, professor, the voice of reason

Trickster - male, shape-shifter, deviant and cunning, takes on several roles

Chorus - male and female, a group of students who vary in styles, races and genders. They also serve as guerilla troupe members, musicians, etc.

We hope you will consider auditioning, even if you have never done anything on stage. We would love to work with you. If you would prefer to work on some other aspect of the production, please let Russ know. He certainly can use your skills, whatever they may be.



Annual Meeting and Election

Our Annual Meeting and Election was held after the performance on Sunday, November 11th. Here is a word from our President, Diane Mork.

The Village Players has been working on the theater all year in small projects. We had electrical work done so now most of the theater wiring has been updated and expanded for future use. The front railings have been sanded and repainted and much of the trim that's hard to reach has been painted. We have just hired an insulation company to insulate the floor of the "Poobah" room and the ceiling over the blue and green rooms. This should really cut down on our heating bills and pay for itself very quickly. We're hoping this will be completed by the end of December.

Glamour in Mud Season in April proved to be a successful fundraiser for us and plans are under way for another successful event in March of 2013.

Next year will be our 35th anniversary so look for upcoming details in The Prompter about celebration plans.

I want to thank everyone who served on the board with me.

Everyone worked hard on making the right decisions concerning

1. the building and I appreciate the time everyone donated.

\$\$ DUES ARE GOING UP \$\$

Just like everything else, Village Players' dues are going up for 2013. Everything costs more, and expenses for the theater are no exception. BUT you can save a few bucks if you pay your 2013 dues before January 1, 2013. Right now dues are \$12 for an individual and \$20 for a family. As of January 1, 2013 they will be \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family.

Several years ago the board decided that any dues paid after September 1 of a given year, would be applied to the following year. For example, if you pay your dues now (at \$12 or \$20) you will be a paid up member for 2013. If you wait until after December 31st, you will have to pay \$15 or \$25 to be a paid up member for 2013. So save yourself some money and pay now.

You can use the form below to mail in your dues, or you can pay them on-line with a credit card at Paypal. Just go to our website www.village-players.com and click on the Join, Donate, Endowment tab. Then click on Join Us and you will see the Membership options.

We always welcome new members. Use the email address to let us know if you would like to participate in any aspect of theater. We love to see new faces both on stage and off.

VP BITS

news about members etc.

Just for a change from birth announcements, we have news from Jimmy Eischen who used to attend rehearsals with his brother, Ben, while his mother performed on stage and then later was on stage himself. Jimmy has just taken a new job as Master Electrician for the National Touring Production of *Miracle on 34th Street* with Troupe America (<http://www.troupeamerica.com/index.html>). You can read a great bio on him at http://eischenld.com/About_Me.html. You can see some photos of him as a little boy on our Past Productions page under *Allegro 1993*.



Also, Judith Gallagher, a very active member while she lived in Wolfeboro, has moved to Idaho. She wanted to say "Good Bye" to her fellow VP members, but did not have a chance to do it in person before she left. So she asked to do so in *The Prompter*. We wish her well and hope that some lucky theater organization in Idaho will benefit from the energy and enthusiasm which she so generously shared with us.

Gillian Brown, who appeared as one of the River City Kids in our production of *The Music Man* in 1990 is listed as the Co-Producer for the movie, "The Perks of Being a Wallflower." She is a member of Mr. Mudd Production Company, founded by John Malkovich. You can see a brief resume of her film work at <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm3834836/>

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

Sad to say, we lost a member, Debbie Cary, on November 16th. Debbie was lost in the fire which destroyed the family home on Tuftonboro Neck. Both Deb and her husband Dick are long-time members and supporters of The Village Players. Debbie was always there to help with ushering and we will long remember her quiet efficiency. Dick did the architectural planning for the theater expansion and renovation as well as serving as usher and adviser.

Debbie was also an accomplished weaver, being a member of several prestigious weaving organizations, and having her work juried and sold at the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen.

Always pleasant and kind, Debbie will be sorely missed by all the Village Players. A memorial service is being held at the theater on November 30th at 2pm.

The Village Players Membership Form 2013

The Village Players PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 603-569-1396 www.village-players.com
(please print)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Would you prefer to receive your Prompter Newsletter via e-mail? Yes No

Call me to help on a Committee / Project / Production _____

Individual \$12 _____ (\$15 AS OF JAN. 1, 2013) Household \$20 _____ (\$25 AS OF JAN. 1, 2013)

Check # _____ Date _____

NOTE: Dues paid before Jan. 1, 2013 will be at the current rate - dues are being raised as of Jan. 1, 2013.

(Remit payment directly to The Village Players by April 1, 2013 to be a current voting member)

Please make checks payable to The Village Players, and mail to PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894
or go on-line to www.village-players.com to pay with credit card or Paypal.



Here's hoping you had a chance to see our production of Gypsy. We had such very responsive audiences. But if you didn't, here are a few photos to give you an idea of what you missed.



Glamour in Mud Season® Returns in March

by Stefanie Marsh

Plan to get all decked out for our second Glamour in Mud Season® fundraiser, taking place the weekend of March 15-17. Friday night we're pleased to welcome comedian Fred Marple, who will bring us the news from "Frost Heaves", a little New Hampshire town strangely similar to our own. Check out a sample of his hilarious show at www.frostheaves.com.

A completely new cast of exotic animals will take the stage Saturday morning as the W.I.L.D.Center presents an Animal Encounter. And Saturday night, the Village Players Theater will rock with Wolfeboro's band The Traveling Wolfeburys.

To finish the weekend, our generous friends at The Strawberry Patch Restaurant will give us a benefit breakfast on Sunday morning. We are also working out the details of expanding our popular Glamour art show this year.

If you are looking for a unique Christmas gift, elegant and quirky Glamour items are for sale on the Glamour website www.glamourinmudseason.org.

Want to get involved? Please contact Stef Marsh, 569-6382, tumbledown@metrocast.net.

In other fundraising news, the annual letter went out, and we look forward to more donors and more contributions. Have you made your donation yet to the theater?—make sure to send a check or give online. Every little bit helps, and it helps a lot!



Glamorous attendees at last year's event



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	Michael Wilkes (2yrs).....	569-4814
	Jerome Holden (1yr).....	569-0078
	Deb Jones (1yr).....	496-7522

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.

Newsletter Committee

Carol Bense Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler Jay Sydow

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Your new board for 2013 is as follows:

- President - Megan Rohrbacher
- Vice-President - Jay Sydow
- Secretary - Cate Poole
- Treasurer - Hilde Talbot
- Past President - Diane Mork
- Members at Large
- Jim Adams (2 yrs)
- Deb Jones (2 yrs)
- Christian Boudman (1 yr)
- Michael Wilkes (1 yr)

We all thank the current board members for a year of hard work. Running a theater company and taking care of our huge building is a major commitment and we know how hard the board members work.

We wish the new board the best for their work in 2013.

Also, there are several committees which the new president will be appointing. If you are interested in serving on any of our committees, please contact Megan Rohrbacher.

Some of the committees are Building, Fund Raising, Reading, Nominating, Newsletter, Membership. There are others and we will try to have a more definitive listing in the next issue of The Prompter.