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## SUMMER LAUGHS - OUR FOURTH ANNUAL SIT DOWN FOR STAND UP COMEDY SERIES

by Carol Bense

Once again The Village Players will be presenting our summer comedy series, Sit Down for Stand Up, giving you a chance to laugh with professional comics right here in Wolfeboro. Every third Friday, June through September, we will be hosting these terrific professionals on our stage at 8pm. AND all profits from this series go directly to the renovation fund for the building.

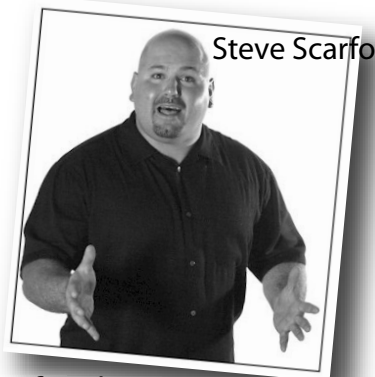
**Friday, June 19th**, will bring us the marvelous **eXtreme Helen**, artist, songwriter, author, inspirational speaker, radio/TV personality, and award-winning actress. As a 20 plus year member of Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of Radio and Television Artists, Helen has worked with celebrities such as Paul Newman, Vanessa Redgrave, Robert Urich, Gilda Radner, and Matt Dillon. Her comedy is all her own and will leave you breathless, and refreshed as well.



eXtreme Helen

**Friday, July 17th**, is the evening for two great Boston area comics.

Opening will be **Steve Scarfo**, whose high energy, real life approach to material coupled



Steve Scarfo

with his sometimes bizarre views is sure to strike a cord in any audience and keep them in stitches. He is a regular at the Comedy Connection in Portland, Me., Nicks Comedy Stop in Boston and clubs all over the region.



Robbie Printz

The headliner for this show is **Robbie Printz**, whose performance is a reminder of childhood wonders and adulthood absurdities delivered with high energy and a fast pace that keeps audiences laughing from start to finish. Robbie tours the country performing at theatres, comedy clubs, colleges and corporate events. He can be seen regularly in Boston every Tuesday at the Comedy Connection.



Tommy Vee

**Friday, August 21st**, brings us the entertainment of **Tommy Vee, Stage Hypnotist**. Comedy hypnosis is the most fascinating form of entertainment today because it involves audience participation. Tommy Vee has been presenting this clean and extremely-comical form of entertainment to corporations, universities, state fairs, high schools and conventions in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. He will make you laugh, and he is very careful to present his shows in the proper manner.



## DON'T DRINK THE WATER...

a summer production

Do they drink the water? – take a sip? – or dive right in? You have to come see the show July 24, 25, 31 & Aug. 1 at 8pm or Aug 2 (2pm matinee) to find out....

The Hollander family's European vacation is interrupted when their plane is forced to land in Vulgaria. Leaving the plane to take pictures, Walter Hollander photographs the sunset in a highly secret area which results in accusations of spying and triggering the hysterically funny chain of events. The family takes refuge in the American Embassy under the protection of the absent ambassador's hapless son, Axel. They immediately send everything out of whack by insulting the chef, tying up the phones with long distance calls, and almost starting an international incident by squabbling with a Middle Eastern emir. Eccentric characters abound, including a priest who's been in asylum at the embassy for so long he's taken up magic tricks to pass the time.

This farcical comedy written by Woody Allen is a sit back, laugh-till-it-hurts, great night in the theater. Directed by Gordon Brooks, assisted by Megan Rohrbacher, produced by Jeannette D'Onofrio with a fantastic ensemble cast of familiar and new faces to the Village Players stage... (Father Drobney) Russ Ellis, (Ambassador Magee) Corky Mork, (Mr. Kilroy) Bob Tuttle, (Axel Magee) Christian Boudman, (Walter Hollander) Tom Bickford, (Marion Hollander) Meggin Dail, (Krojack) Mike Welch, (Susan Hollander) Chrystal Moore, (the Chef) Kathleen Hill, (Communist Guard) Rick Tessari, (Sultan of Bashir) Michael Wilkes (the Sultan's Wife) Emily Marsh, (the Countess) Joyce Wood and (Kasnar) is played by Michael Wilfert.

What helps to make all those folks look great ON STAGE are the folks who work hard BACK STAGE and coordinate efforts of actually creating that STAGE... Heading up the crew is Stage Manager, Megan Rohrbacher with assistance by Jay Sydow, Athena & Meegan Ellis. The set is designed by Karen & Gordon Brooks and constructed under the guidance of Jay

Sydow. Extra 'Playas' lending hands are; Jerome Holden, Paul LaRochelle, Russ Ellis and more. A vital back-stage role is in the able hands of Laura Cooper who is organizing and implementing props. Lighting has been designed by Gordon Brooks, Hunter Emory and Gil Perham, with Gil running the lights for all the shows. Our sound master is Andrew Wood. Costume mistress is Diane Sullivan with lots of needle and thread help by Dee Graham and Willie Mork. Making all those actors look good on the stage is Delina Bickford supervising make-up. Our first-time House Manager is Jennifer (Gagne) Bruce and keeping track of tickets is Carol Bense. Our programs, posters and advertising design is in the hands of producer, Jeannette D'Onofrio, with signage by Jerome Holden. This summer production is sponsored in part by Avery Insurance – thank you for supporting the arts in the community.

Tickets are \$12 and available by the 4th of July downtown Wolfeboro at Black's or directly from the Village Players website: [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com). The theater is comfortably air conditioned, so tell your friends and make us part of your summer evening.

### Ad Policy for *The Prompter*

*by Carol Bense*

The staff of *The Prompter* will now accept one or two ads for each issue. Some of our members who own businesses have expressed a desire to run an ad, and, of course, it helps with the expenses which are not covered by membership dues.

Ad size is 2" by 3.5" (business card size) and cost \$25. If you would like to put an ad in any issue, please contact Richie O'Brien ([richie@mirrorkemedia.com](mailto:richie@mirrorkemedia.com)), Willie Mork ([williemork@yahoo.com](mailto:williemork@yahoo.com)), Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler ([pheebzmail@roadrunner.com](mailto:pheebzmail@roadrunner.com)), Carol Bense ([cwbense@roadrunner.com](mailto:cwbense@roadrunner.com)) or Diane Sullivan ([disully@worldpath.net](mailto:disully@worldpath.net)).

Newsletters are scheduled for publication in February, April, June, August, October and December. Ad materials would be needed approximately one month before publication.

## Summer Laughs - cont'd

### Friday, September 18th,

Will be our final summer performance of 2009 and features two great comics. Opening the show will be **Joey Carroll**. His clean observational comedy makes him a perfect act for just about any venue. Joey was a stand out act at the Boston Comedy Festival and was cast to appear with Bobcat Goldthwait in Comedy Central's Pulp Comics. Our headliner



will be the veteran comic, **Bill Campbell**. Bill's universal family-oriented humor has made him a sought after headline performer throughout the U.S. and Canada. Bill has done

it all, from small intimate comedy clubs to lavish cruise ships and corporate functions. He is a solid professional who night after night entertains his audiences with hilarious, poignant insights.

You won't want to miss any of these terrific evenings of laughter and fun. All are rated PG13. All shows begin at 8pm at our theater on Glendon Street and doors open at 7:30pm. Tickets (\$18 in advance and \$20 at the door) are available on-line at [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com), at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main St. in Wolfeboro, or at the door (if not sold out). Children must be accompanied by an adult. You can find more information on our website. The comedy series is supported in part by Windy Ridge Corp. of Tamworth, NH

## Keep Thinking of Us but Call First!

by Willy Mork

The Village Players always appreciates those who assist the organization with their donations, whether it's time, sweat, money or props. Without that valuable support, our community theater of volunteers could not survive, and we thank all who keep us in mind.

Diane Sullivan, costume lady, and Kathleen White

## Talent Show - Come show

by Phoebe VonScoy-Giessler *your stuff*

Brush up your Shakespeare, put on your Sunday clothes and create your *best food, glorious food!* It's time for the 2009 semi-annual meeting and talent show! Be part of the fun on Sunday, June 14 at the theater:

Meeting: 3:00

Talent show: 4:00

Pot Luck 5:00-6:00

So, whether you are the next Susan Boyle, a juggler of sharp implements, or capable of turning marshmallows into evening wear, now's the time to show your stuff! Any V.P. member interested in being in the talent show should contact Russ Ellis as soon as possible at: [ram2sak@aol.com](mailto:ram2sak@aol.com) or call 569-9218.

## Call First (cont'd)

head, official organizer and weeder of props, want to make a request, however. All too often the dynamic duo are greeted with the sudden appearance of bulky furniture or bags and boxes bulging with discards. Because storage space is limited, much ends up in the rubbish since we must concentrate on collecting items that are vintage or related to a specific time period – props or clothing that are difficult to find at the last minute. As a consequence, considerable time and/or money is spent on disposal, e.g., \$550 recently to fill a dumpster while making room for scaffolding in the upstairs Room.

Anyone who has clothing to donate should call Diane at 539-4425 to see if it's needed. Likewise, those wondering if a household item or piece of furniture could be useful should call Kathleen at 539-4973 first. If we decide to add it to our inventory, we'll let you know, make sure the building is open to receive your thoughtful donation and give you a big hug!

By the way, we have an upright piano and a few couches that wouldn't fit into the dumpster and will cost money that could be spent elsewhere to take them to the dump. Anybody want one? They'd be great for the apartment of some college student or a family hit hard by the economy. They're free – just haul them away! (Call Kathleen 539-4973.)

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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 Patti Pardy - [pardys4@aol.com](mailto:pardys4@aol.com) - if you have changes in your mailing address.



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## I LOVE A PARADE!

by Carol Bense

Don't you love a parade? Village Players does and our presence in parades has really generated much hoopla and good publicity for our summer and fall productions. We would love to be able to continue with this each year. But, we need leaders to organize both the July 4th parade and Sandwich Parade in October.

We also need volunteers to help create the display and to march in the parades. Maybe you could take responsibility for one of the parades, or maybe you would like to make up a team to do it. It's really lots of fun, and if you do the Sandwich Fair parade, you get to go to the fair free. Please contact Diane Sullivan at [disully@worldpath.net](mailto:disully@worldpath.net) or call 539-4425.

### 2008 Parade Picture

