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## AUDITIONS FOR SPRING PRODUCTION

by Carol Bense

Auditions for our spring show, *Crimes of the Heart*, will be held at the theater starting at 7pm on Sunday, December 10 and Monday December 11, 2017. All parts are available and anyone interested is invited to attend. No particular preparation is required. We will be doing some improvisation to judge your acting abilities and maybe some cold reading of the script.

The actors all have southern US accents, so that will help, but if you do not have one, we will be willing to teach you. If you would like to test your acting chops and be a part of a truly meaningful production, please come to auditions.

*Crimes of the Heart* by Beth Henley is the winner of a Pulitzer Prize, the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best New American Play and a Guggenheim Award, as well as a Tony nomination. This tragicomedy relates the story of the three Magrath sisters, Meg, Babe, and Lenny, who reunite at Old Granddaddy's home in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, after Babe shoots her abusive husband. The sisters were raised in a dysfunctional family with a penchant for ugly predicaments. Each has endured her share of hardship and misery. Past resentments bubble to the surface as the sisters are forced to deal with assorted relatives and past relationships while coping with Babe's latest incident. Each sister is forced to face the consequences of the "crimes of the heart" she has committed.

This production will be directed by Carol Bense, with Bob Tuttle assisting. Joshua Spaulding is producing and Jay Sydow will create the set. Performances will be April 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 2018.

The roles for this show are:

Lenny Macgrath - (f 30) the oldest sister who has stayed at home and cared for Old Grandad

Meg Macgrath - (f 27) the middle sister who went off to California to pursue a singing career

Babe Botrelle - (f 24) the youngest sister who has married a successful lawyer, and shot him

Doc Porter - (m 30) Meg's old boyfriend who has his own wife and children but remains close to the Macgrath family

Barnett Lloyd - (m 26) Babe's lawyer, an ambitious, talented attorney who views Babe's case as a chance to exact his personal revenge on Zackery

Chick Boyle - (f 29) The sister's first cousin a very demanding relative, extremely concerned about the community's opinion of her

You can find more information on these characters on our web-site at:

[www.village-players.com/plays/crimesofheart/crimesauditions.html](http://www.village-players.com/plays/crimesofheart/crimesauditions.html).

We are flexible regarding the age of the actors who portray these characters, so do not let that deter you.

Anyone who has any interest in participating in this production in any way, should come to auditions on the 10th or the 11th. If you cannot come to either audition, please contact Carol Bense at [cwbense@roadrunner.com](mailto:cwbense@roadrunner.com) or call 603-569-1396.

## 2018 Shows Upcoming

The plays for next year were announced at the Annual Members' Meeting. They are:

April - *Crimes of the Heart*, directed by Carol Bense, a Pulitzer prize-winning play about 3 sisters in the south.

July - *Fox on the Fairway*, directed by Bob Tuttle, another hilarious farce by Ken Ludwig.

November - *The Drunkard*, directed by Jay Sydow, a super-fun musical melodrama.

We hope you will be able to see them all.

Please see the featured article about *Crimes of the Heart* on this page.



## Annual Christmas Party for Members

Save the date! The Annual Christmas Party is Friday, December 8, 2017, at 7:00 pm at the Theater. Hors D'oeuvres and beverages will be served for our social gathering before the Holiday Movie for members and their families. We have had a great time for the past two years. Please join us.

Meredith Willson's  
**THE MUSIC MAN**



We hope you were able to see a performance of Meredith Willson's *The Music Man*, but in case you missed it (4 out of 6 performances were sold out), here are a few photos taken by Michael Wilfert.



You can find more on our website  
[www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com).

## ESCAPE ROOM PLANNING

by Carol Bense

Have you ever wanted to help design an Escape Room? Now's your chance to be in on the ground floor. The Village Players are exploring a plan to design an Escape Room for the 2018 winter season. An Escape Room is a puzzle-like room where patrons have to solve a series of puzzles in order to escape the room within an hour. Matthew Johnson has some expertise in this area and will be heading up the planning team.

If you're interested in joining this team please contact [Matthew.Eric.Johnson@gmail.com](mailto:Matthew.Eric.Johnson@gmail.com) for more information. The first meeting will likely be in December.

## Movies for 2018

Village Players shows movies each month for the general public. Admission is \$5.00 and concessions are available. Please note: All movies will be Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm - no Sunday matinees.

Show Dates:

OLIVER!	01/19/18 - 01/20/18
WHEN HARRY MET SALLY	02/23/18 - 02/24/18
Sponsored by Scott & Rosemary Lounsbury	
FROM HERE TO ETERNITY	03/16/18 - 03/17/18
THE STING	04/20/18 - 04/21/18
AN AMERICAN IN PARIS	05/18/18 - 05/19/18
INDIANA JONES TEMPLE OF DOOM	06/15/18 - 06/16/18
BLAZING SADDLES	07/20/18 - 07/21/18
WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT?	08/17/18 - 08/18/18
ON THE WATERFRONT	09/21/18 - 09/22/18
THE SHINING	10/27/18
Sponsored by Jim & Priscilla Adams	
HIS GIRL FRIDAY	11/16/18 - 11/17/18
WHITE CHRISTMAS	12/14/18 - 12/15/18

If you would like to sponsor a monthly movie at the Village Players Theater, please contact Jim Adams at [pjadams\\_wp@tds.net](mailto:pjadams_wp@tds.net) or 875-0714. The cost to sponsor a movie is \$130.00 and helps insure the continued presentation of classic movies at the theater.





MOVIES

FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

by Carol Bense and Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler

Our December presentation is "It's a Wonderful Life", sponsored by Willie Mork. This is the film that just radiates Christmas spirit. You just have to feel good after watching it.

An angel is sent from Heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed. Starring James Stewart and Donna Reed, it was nominated for 6 Academy Awards and is listed as #24 in the Internet Movie Data Base's top rated movies of all time. No matter how many times you have seen it, it always brings pleasure and Christmas joy. Showings will be Saturday, December 18 at 8pm and Sunday, December 19 at 2pm.



January's coming. And in January some people want MORE snow and MORE winter. Others want MORE sunshine and MORE warm temperatures. But one thing everyone can agree on - we all want MORE GRUEL!

The good news is that's what's being served for the January movie at the Village Players. It's the classic 1968 musical drama "Oliver!" The film was nominated for 11 Academy Awards and won 6 of them, including Best Picture and Best

Director. The adaptation of the Broadway musical is based on the Charles Dickens novel. In it, 9-year-old orphan Oliver Twist falls in with a group of street-urchin pickpockets led by the Artful Dodger and masterminded by the criminal Fagin. When Oliver's intended mark, Mr. Brownlow, takes pity on the lad and offers him a home, Fagin's henchman Bill Sikes (Oliver Reed) plots to kidnap the boy to keep him from talking.

Whether you are in the mood to Pick a Pocket or Two, find out Where is Love?, or enjoy some Food, Glorious Food, Consider Yourself warmly invited to Oliver! on Friday, January 19 and Saturday, January 20 both at 8pm.

PLEASE NOTE IN 2018 WE ARE GOING TO A NEW SCHEDULE. THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY MATINEES AS THEY WERE NOT WELL ENOUGH ATTENDED. WE WILL SCREEN THE MOVIES ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8PM FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR EXCEPT FOR THE HALLOWEEN SHOW IN OCTOBER WHICH WILL BE ONE NIGHT ONLY.

As always, tickets are \$5 and are available at the door. Doors open one hour before the show. Refreshments (popcorn etc.) are available before the movie for just a dollar or two.



VP BITS

news about members etc.

Jeannette D'Onofrio announced that two of her sign designs have won the American Graphic Design Award from Graphic Design USA. Good going, Jeannette.

Wonderful cooperation between The Village Players and Kingswood Theater this past week. Several of the Kingswood Theater folks were in The Music Man or worked on make-up. Then, when Kingswood needed help with the set of The Addams Family because school closures had put them behind schedule, several Village Players folks donated their time to help get the set finished. Community, family, theater.

If you have news about current or past members of The Village Players, please email Carol Bense at cwense@roadrunner.com or call 569-1396.

Annual Meeting Information

At a well-attended meeting, the nominating committee put forward the following slate of officers for 2018:

- President: Matthew Johnson
Vice President: Jay Sydow
Secretary: Rosemary Lounsbury
Treasurer: Joshua Spaulding
Members at Large: Stefanie Marsh, Tracy Lionetta

There were no other nominations. The vote among the membership was unanimous. The members present thanked Jim Adams for his excellent leadership over the past three years and Christian Boudman for his five years of service on the board. Returning members at large are Joyce Wood and Laura Cooper, who are in the second year of their terms. Jim will remain as Past-president.

The membership reviewed and made some decisions on the schedule of movies for 2018, learned the play selection for next year, heard a brief report on the status of the roof fund and progress, I was suggested that there be a revue or other kind of show in July, 2018 to mark the occasion of our 40th anniversary. More information on this event will follow.

The next board meeting (with the current sitting board) will be Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the theater. The first meeting of 2018 (with the new board) will be Monday, January 8, 2018 (Jan 1st is the holiday). All members are welcome at board meetings.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Here you see Corky Mork as one of the quartet in The Music Man 2017 next to his father, Phil Mork in the same role in The Music Man 1990.



## CONTACT US...

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### 2017 Village Players Board

<b>President -</b>	Jim Adams .....	875-0714
<b>Vice President -</b>	Christian Boudman .....	393-3613
<b>Secretary -</b>	Rosemary Lounsbury.....	569-2599
<b>Treasurer -</b>	Joshua Spaulding.....	630-7410
<b>Members at Large -</b>	Jay Sydow (1yr).....	630-5024
	Tracy Lionetta (1yr).....	875-5305
	Matt Johnson (1yr).....	781-437-7007
	Joyce Wood (2yr).....	539-3259
	Laura Cooper (2yr).....	569-5854

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, Cathy Fraser, Joshua Spaulding  
Jay Sydow, Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler

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### DID YOU UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018?

It's that time of year again. We are finishing up 2017 and moving on to the new year of 2018. That means that if you have not already paid your dues for 2018, they are now coming due. You must pay them before April 1, 2018 in order to vote at the annual meeting in the fall. It's easy to do, just go on-line to

<http://www.village-players.com/membership/membership.html>

where you will find instructions on how to join with a credit card, or PayPal or by check with the form. Or you can send a check to The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. Be sure to include your name, address, email and phone. Single membership is still \$15 and family membership is \$25.

If you are not sure whether you are a member for 2018, please go to

<http://www.village-players.com/membership/memberaccess.html>

and click on the Members link. If you see a date beside your name in the column marked 2018, then your dues are already paid. Or call 569-1396 or email [info@village-players.com](mailto:info@village-players.com)

**DON'T FORGET TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE WWW.VILLAGE-PLAYERS.COM FOR ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE VILLAGE PLAYERS**