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GARRISON PLAYERS

Arts Center



GPAC News

February 2013

History Onstage: "1776" Returns to GPAC

In honor of the 60th production season, Garrison Players reprises the successful musical that officially launched the Arts Center back in October of 2004. Opening March 8th, Garrison Players will present the musical "1776," featuring a cast of alumni performers recreating their roles, as well as new friends joining the ensemble.

The Garrison Players purchased the Hiram R. Roberts Grange as its permanent home in 1988. Due to the extensive renovations required, the first official stage production wasn't possible until over 15 years later with the staging of "1776".

"This is the perfect way to showcase our 60th season," said Priscilla Barton, long time active member and supporter of Garrison Players and the producer of "1776". "The first musical on our new stage is the same that opened our theater. And to bring back cast members after almost 10 years is a testament to the dedication of our performers and other volunteers."

Featuring quick-witted dialogue and a playful score, 1776 dramatizes the impassioned debates of Philadelphia's Second Continental Congress, as the representatives of the thirteen original colonies struggle to detach themselves from the rule of England and establish a Declaration of Independence.

For more information or to purchase tickets for Garrison Players' production of 1776 call (603) 750-4278 or visit www.garrisonplayers.org. Performance dates are: **March 8-10, 15-17, 22-23, 2013**. All performances will be held at the Garrison Players Arts Center on Route 4 in Rollinsford. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 3 pm (two Sunday performances only!).



The Cast of "1776"

John Adams: Don Briand

Benjamin Franklin: Tom Dunnington

Thomas Jefferson: Michael Towle

John Dickinson: Mark Miller

Edward Rutledge: Rob Ross

Richard Henry Lee: Mike Pomp

Abigail Adams: Janice Rundles

Martha Jefferson: Jessica Squier

John Hancock: Jamie Weeden

Charles Thompson: Craig Fogg

Stephen Hopkins: Craig Capone

Roger Sherman: Darrell Ford

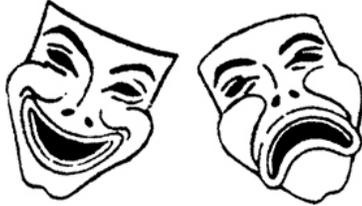
James Wilson: Christopher Gempp

Plus many, many more!

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Garrison Players Youth Education Program

Summer Musical Theatre Camp



For Kids Entering Grades 3-7

July 15th-August 2nd

Weekdays: 9 am - 3 pm

Tuition: ONLY \$250!!

SIGN UP NOW!

Registration forms

and payment info at:

www.garrisonplayers.org

For more info call:

(603) 516-4919

or email us at:

youthed@garrisonplayers.org

A Play in a Day Packs GPAC

The GP Youth Ed Program celebrated a huge success with the second offering of "A Play in a Day" on 1/12. Almost 60 kids ages 7-13 attended a full day of free theatre workshops geared toward creating an ensemble performance for parents the same afternoon.

This recent session centered around the book "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak. Almost 60 children from local communities including Lebanon, Hampton & Milton participated.

The arts center was a flurry of activity with kids constructing props and set pieces, developing characters, creating costumes, memorizing poetry, songs, and stage movement and finally, rocking out to their own interpretation of "Wild Thing".

Thanks to all of the parents and kids who participated and to our many volunteers who made this "A Play in a Day" possible!

Youth Ed Theatre and Visual Art Classes

Classes are currently in full swing with the current session running until 3/21. Please watch for fall dates coming soon!!

Summer Art Classes will take place on Tuesdays: 7/2; 7/9; 8/6; and 8/13.

For more info, please email us: youthed@garrisonplayers.org

Programming Events at The Garrison Players Arts Center

Wellfleet Band Premiers at GPAC



Patrick Curry and Craig Roy bring their full band sound to GPAC with a concert the whole family can enjoy.

Saturday, March 30th at 8 pm

GPAC Welcomes:

Susie Burke and David Surette!



If you missed the Best of Cabin Fever concert on February 2nd with Kent Allyn, don't fret (no pun intended)!

Susie and David are planning to return to GPAC this summer. Together since 1988, they have built a steady following for their own blend of contemporary, traditional, and original folk and acoustic music.

BLUEGRASS

Musicians and Fans, come listen or jam with Mark Wiley and his Bluegrass Friends.

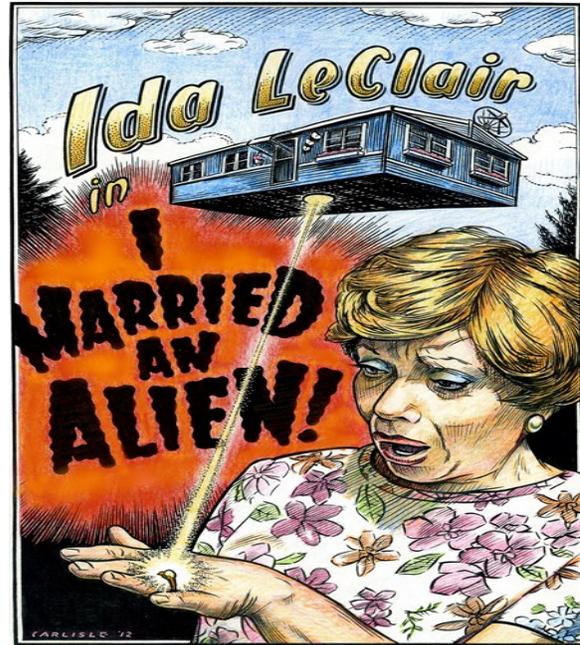
Once a month at the Arts Center from 6:30-9 PM.

FRI: 2/22; 3/29; 5/31; 6/14.

G-Pack Tickets Still On Sale

The G-Pack is a set of six tickets at a discounted price. (\$90 instead of the regular \$108!) Available on our website and redeemable for productions and programming events through the end of May 2013. Only two tickets redeemable for "1776".

Brand New Show: Ida LeClair Returns to GPAC!



Ida LeClair is back in "I Married an Alien"! Susan Poulin as her alter-ego returns to GPAC after last season's success in "A Very Ida Christmas". In this show, Ida shares her take on love, marriage and what to do when the double-wide's feelin' just a little small for the both of you. The Women Who Run With the Moose get to throw in their two cents, too, and yes, even Ida's husband Charlie manages to squeeze a word in edgewise.

As Ida, Poulin pens the popular Maine humor blog and podcast, *Just Ask Ida*, for Down East magazine. Her book, *Finding Your Inner Moose: Ida LeClair's Guide to Livin' the Good Life* was released in September.

Join us for a show that's out of this world !

February 15 & 16 at 8 pm; February 17 at 3 pm.

GPAC Seeking Talent

Are you a member of a band or other artistic group looking for an affordable and intimate venue in which to perform? Garrison Players Arts Center may be the place for you!

For more information about how you can get into the act at GPAC, please email us at:

Info@garrisonplayers.org

GPAC Seeking Volunteers: A Note from the President of the Board of Directors

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year.

We are halfway through our 60th season here at GPAC and exciting things are happening. 1776 is in rehearsal, the Youth Education Program winter schedule of theatre and arts classes is in full swing, several exciting programming events have been slated for February, and we are already selecting our shows for next season! What's so amazing is that all of this is done through volunteer efforts.

The key to our success is having some of the most talented and dedicated people in the area working with us. Our Board of Directors works tirelessly to provide leadership and oversight to the organization. We are now seeking like-minded individuals to join us in the effort.

Please consider a position on the board for yourself or recommend someone you believe would be an exceptional candidate. We are taking suggestions now and will be presenting nominees to the membership at the annual meeting on June 2nd. We are also looking for people to serve on the nominating committee itself. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

president@garrisonplayers.org.

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Rich Salvati, President

IMPORTANT SUBSCRIPTION NOTICE!!!

In celebration of our 60th season, we have mailed out two complimentary issues of the GPAC News. If you wish to continue to receive mailed copies of the GPAC News in the 2013-2014 Season, you must be a paying member of GPAC with a minimum membership fee of \$10. Please mail your membership dues to:

Garrison Players; PO Box 127; Dover, NH 03821

To receive our free e-newsletter, please simply send us your current email address to:

info@garrisonplayers.org

For general information about Garrison Players, how to either volunteer or become a member, or to be placed on our mailing list for auditions: (603) 516-4919

Email: info@garrisonplayers.org

