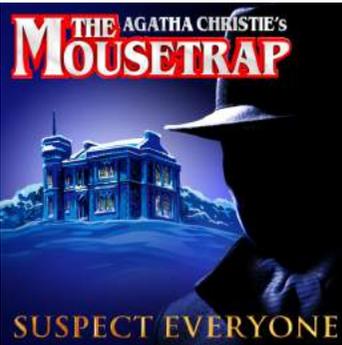




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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT APRIL 2015



COMING
April 11, 12, 17, 18, 19
at the theater on
Glendon St.

by Joshua Spaulding

The Mousetrap cast and crew have been working hard to prepare for April's production. Director Cate Poole and assistant director Jay Sydow have been putting the cast through the paces in the last few months, while Corky Mork and Kathleen Whitehead have been busy building and decorating, respectively, the set that has become Monkswell Manor.

The cast of *The Mousetrap* includes Mara Lamb as Mollie Ralston, Steve Burgess as Giles Ralston, Danny Catalano as Christopher Wren, Helen Rautenberg as Mrs. Boyle, Brooks Campbell as Major Metcalf, Emily Marsh as Miss Casewell, Ernie Bass as Mr. Paravicini and Drew Collins as Detective Sergeant Trotter.

The show centers around a murder on a snowy evening at Monkswell Manor, just outside of London. Proprietors Giles and Mollie Ralston find themselves surrounded by an unusual cast of

characters, any of whom can be murdered and any of whom could be the murderer. Only time will tell who's

involved in the murder. But all will be revealed on the Village Players stage this month.

The Mousetrap will open on April 10 and continues on April 11, 17 and 18, all at 8 p.m. and finishes up on April 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at Black's Paper Store in downtown Wolfeboro or can be purchased online at village-players.com. Be sure to get your tickets to check out this murder mystery and see the rewards of the hard work the cast has put in preparing for this show.

This show is sponsored in part by Dr. William Marsh, Eastern Propane, Catherine Collins, Harmon and Nancy Poole, and Seven Suns .



BOEING-BOEING AUDITIONS

by Joshua Spaulding

As April dawns, thoughts turn to summer and this summer at The Village Players means the French farce *Boeing-Boeing* written by Marc Camoletti, who also wrote *Don't Dress For Dinner* which The Village Players produced in 2005 .

Veteran Village Players director Russ Ellis takes the helm of this comedy and will be holding auditions for six actors, four women and two men, to bring the comedy to the stage in late July and early August. Bob Tuttle will be the producer and Joshua Spaulding is the stage manager.

Anyone looking to help behind the scenes is also invited to attend auditions and fill out an audition form.



Boeing-Boeing is the story of a pilot, Bernard, living in France. His life is complicated when the

three women he is engaged to, all flight attendants, arrive in town on the same day. Jaqueline is French, Janet is American and Judith is German. Trying to help him through the mess is his longtime friend Robert and his housekeeper Berthe.

While the characters are listed mostly as anywhere between 20-50, Ellis notes that those ages are not set in stone and can be changed to fit the actors and actresses. Berthe is listed as older than 40, but again, ages are not set in stone.

Auditions for *Boeing-Boeing* will be held on April 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. at the theater. Callbacks, if necessary, will be held on April 22 and rehearsals will start on May 3. Production dates for the show are July 24, 25 and 31 and Aug. 1 and 2.

DONATIONS

Donations in any amount are always appreciated. They help us to keep the building maintained. Although we do much of the work ourselves, we do have to hire folks to do plumbing, heating, and other repair work. You can donate with a credit card on-line. Just go to www.village-players.com and click on the Join, Donate, Endowment tab, then on the Donate link. Or you can send a check to The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. (It's tax-deductable)

VP BITS

news about members etc.

Remember **Alison Bogannan**, the little cutie who played the bread-munching daughter in our second production of *The Drunkard* in 2003? Well she is all grown up now and has been working with The Portland Players in Portland, ME for some time. She just announced that she will have the lead role of Tracy Turnblad in their production of *Hairspray*, May 22nd through June 7. Way to go, Allison. Let's go see her. For more info go to



http://www.portlandplayers.org/Home_Page.html

Kaylin Dean and **Chris Brennion** won the Dancing With The Community Stars event in February. Originally **Kim Brennion** was to dance with Kaylin, but she injured her leg and her husband, Chris, took her place. Great job, Kaylin and Chris, congratulations. Kim, get well soon.

Meegan Ellis will graduate from Keene State College this May. Her major is Secondary Math Education and her minor is Statistics. Congratulations, Meegan. You will make a great teacher.

Olivia Gubitose had the lead role of Dorothy in a production of *The Wizard of Oz* at Prospect Mountain High School. Her sister, **Mary Gubitose**, played the Mayor. You will remember them from *Seussical the Musical*.

Becky Marsh, daughter of **Stefanie and Bill Marsh**, will be the Master Electrician at the Maine State Music Theater at Bowdoin College this summer.

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



by Carol Bense

Coming up in April and May are a couple of real nostalgia evoking films.

First, in April is that Marx Brothers classic, *Duck Soup*. "Arguably the Marx Brothers' funniest film" according to the Rotten Tomatoes website, this certainly presents them unforgetably. If you have seen it before, you will want to see it again; and if you haven't seen it, it is a classic that belongs in your movie repertoire. Groucho, Chico, Harpo and Zeppo give their usual hilarious performances in this comedy about what happens when a country makes Groucho its commander-in-chief. But that's not all. Along with *Duck Soup*, you will see a short film by The Three Stooges. These masters of slapstick, keep everything moving but usually in the wrong direction.

Then in May we offer a more modern classic, *The Blues Brothers*. This legendary film starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd also includes music greats, Aretha Franklin, Cab Calloway, Ray Charles and James Brown. Jake Blues (Belushi) and his brother Elwood (Aykroyd) are trying to save the boarding school where they were raised. They need to raise \$5000 to pay the property tax and they have only 11 days to do it. To earn the money, they decide to put their old blues band together for one last gig. With unexpected detours, encounters with zany characters, and some great music their adventures are sure to enthrall you.

And, of course, you also get the interesting trivia and information that Jim Adams (Mr. Movies to us) provides, both before and after the show. Some people have said that the real reason they come is to hear what Jim has to say.

You can enjoy these wonderful movies on the big screen with our new sound system for only \$5 per person. Tickets will be available on-line at www.village-players.com on the first of the month. Just click on the Village Players presents the Movies logo, or the red Ticket tab at the top of the page. You can also buy tickets at the door starting one hour before the movie is shown. Popcorn, candy and water are sold in the adjoining room before the movie.

It's a great (and inexpensive) way to have a night out close to home.

Duck Soup will be shown on Saturday, April 25th at 8 pm and on Sunday, April 30th at 2PM.

The Blues Brothers will be shown on Friday, May 22nd at 8pm and on Saturday, May 23 at 8pm. This is the first movie shown on our new Friday and Saturday schedule for the summer.

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Helen Rautenberg, who plays Mrs. Boyle in *The Mousetrap*, is the person in this cast who has the longest history with VP. She first appeared in *Angel Street* back in Spring of 1981, but we don't have a good photo of that. This photo shows her as Gertie Cummings with Barbara Jackson in *Oklahoma!* in the fall of 1981

WILLIE MORK CELEBRATES HER 90TH

by Carol Bense

Since 1981, when she appeared in our first production of *Oklahoma!* (our 8th show as an organization), Willie Mork has been a mainstay of The Village Players. She has supported the group in more ways than most of our members will ever know, both on stage and off. If we needed someone to help with something, the word was, "Call Willie," and she always came through. She was there for cleaning the building, raising funds, making costumes, producing shows, ushering, selling tickets, and so much more. In honor of her 90th birthday we wanted to share a few of her most memorable moments with VP.



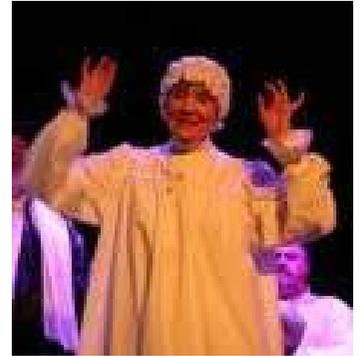
Here she is whooping it up with Chuck Mulloy in her first performance with us.



27 years later she is still kicking it up in our second production of *Oklahoma!* in 2008.



She appeared as Yente in our first production of *Fiddler on the Roof* in 1988.



An, after 32 years with VP, she made a wonderful Grandma Tzeitel in our second *Fiddler* in 2013.



Isn't she lovely dancing with Chuck again in *L'il Abner* 1992.



But Willie could be glamorous too. Here she is in femme fatale mode with Dan Charlton in *Lend Me A Tenor* 1994.



Willie can play serious roles as well. Here she is as Mrs. Hale with Carolyn Sanborn in the drama, *Trifles*, in 1983.



And here with Jean Benjamin in the drama, *Save Me a Place at Forest Lawn*, in 1985.



And what a delight as Florence in *Leading Ladies* in 2012.

So Happy Birthday Willie, and here's to many more years of wonderful performances with The Village Players. Your fans adore you, and we are all your fans.



Willie played a bag lady in our first production of *The Drunkard* in 1987.



We did *The Drunkard* again in 2003 and here is Willie playing Mrs. Wilson who kicked the bucket.

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