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COMING
JULY 24, 25, 31 AND
AUGUST 1, 2

at the theater on Glendon St.

Boeing-Boeing Cast Comes Together For First Time

by Joshua Spaulding

Before the show was even on our stage, *Boeing-Boeing* was bringing the laughs. The cast of the Village Players summer show, written by French playwright Marc Camoletti, gathered at the home of director Russ Ellis for the first table read of the script and left with smiles on their faces after a few hours filled with laughter.

The show focuses on Bernard, a bachelor who is balancing engagements with three different stewardesses, all of whom are completely unaware of each other. Bernard's friend Robert comes to visit and he soon finds that the newer, faster Boeing jets are throwing off his carefully-planned schedule. Bernard's longtime housekeeper Berthe also finds herself in the middle of his unusual situation.

In casting the show, Ellis went with a group that brings tons of experience to the stage. Bernard is being portrayed by Rick Tessari, who brought tons of laughs to his cross-dressing role in *Leading Ladies* just a few short years ago and was last on stage in the production of the musical *Gypsy*. His best friend, Robert, will be portrayed by Danny Catalano, who most recently had a starring turn as Christopher Wren in the spring production of *The Mousetrap* and has also been part of the last few musicals. The one Village Players newcomer in the show is Jen Smith, who will be playing the part of Berthe, making her debut with the group.

The three stewardesses who are simultaneously engaged to Robert are from three separate countries. Gabriella hails from Italy, Gloria hails from the United States and Gretchen is from Germany.

The three actresses chosen to portray the fiancées all come to the stage with plenty of experience on the Village Players stage. Gabriella is portrayed by Toni Dingley, who was most recently on stage as part of the musical production of *Gypsy* in the fall of 2012. Gloria will be portrayed by Tori Neal, who had a memorable turn as Electra in 2012's *Gypsy* and was most recently on stage in last spring's *Death and Taxes* as town secretary Lydia. The third fiancée, Gretchen, will be portrayed by Lisa Penny, who was most recently on the Village Players

Stage as Fruma Sarah in the fall 2013 production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Ellis will welcome his brother, Pete Ellis, as assistant director, while Village Players veteran Bob Tuttle is serving as the producer. Matt Johnson will once again man the light booth, while Gordon Brooks will be helping coach dialect. Joshua Spaulding is the stage manager, Jay Sydow is designing the set, Shelia Feeney Beninati is decorating the set and Deb Jones is handling costumes. Emily Marsh is designing the poster and Sandra Ellis will be the house manager.

Boeing-Boeing will be opening on Friday, July 24, and will



THE CAST of *Boeing-Boeing* is all smiles after the first table read of this summer's show. Left to right, Danny Catalano (Robert), Rick Tessari (Bernard), Jen Smith (Berthe), Lisa Penny (Gretchen), Toni Dingley (Gabriella) and Tori Neal (Gloria).

continue on Saturday, July 25, Friday, July 31, and Saturday, Aug. 1, all at 8 p.m. The final performance will be a matinee on Sunday, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available at village-players.com or at Black's Paper and Gifts in downtown Wolfeboro in early June.

Come share in the laughter this summer with *Boeing-Boeing*.



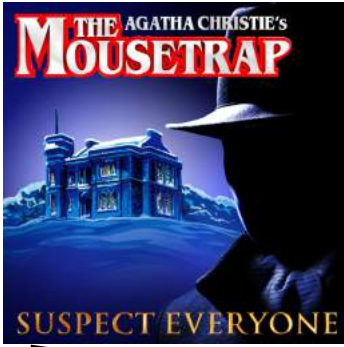
AUDITIONS
AUG. 9 & 10

by Jay Sydow

The rumors you've heard are true. The British are coming. The British are coming. Well sort of..... The Village Players are gearing up to bring Monty Python's *Spamalot* to our very own stage this coming November 13, 14, 15, 21, 22 and 23.

"Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy Monty Python and the Holy Grail, *Spamalot*, winner of 3 Tony Awards including Best Musical, retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights

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Spring Production Wrap-up

by Carol Bense

In case you missed our Spring production of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, here are a few photos from this successful production.



Photos Courtesy of Michael Wilfert

SPECIAL MOVIE PRESENTATION

by Jay Sydow

On September 25 and 26 at 8:00 pm



will be offering a special night of flying cows, Finnish dancers, and of course laughs when we present *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. Get a chance to see the movie that inspired our fall musical, *Monty Python's Spamalot*. Be prepared to laugh out loud. Proceeds from the showings will go toward the fall musical. There may even be a few surprises and a sneak peak into our live production. Hope to see you there. As always we would love to have you as a movie sponsor. Please check our website village-players.com for more information on our movie schedule and how you can become a movie sponsor.

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of the Round Table, and features a bevy of beautiful show girls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits and French people” to name a few. Of course before we can get this show up and running we need talented actors and actresses to fill some very big roles.

Auditions are scheduled for Sunday August 9th and Monday August 10th at 7:00 pm. Bring your singing voice, dancing shoes and comedic timing. Please check our website village-players.com for list of characters and other audition information.

If you would like to be part of the production team please email Jay Sydow at jaysydow@gmail.com or by phone (at reasonable hours) at 630-5024.

Special thanks to show sponsor Dr Richard Neal.

VP BITS news about members etc.

Tori Neal has completed her training as a Dental Hygienist at New Hampshire Technical Institute. Congratulations, Tori.

Phoebe Van Scoy-Giessler ran the Boston Marathon in April this year, finishing in under 4 hours. Go Phoebe. She also got her photo on the front page of The Manchester Union Leader. She says "If you can't be first, try to be funny."



Jerome Holden took 1st place among men over 50 in the Stacey Burns 5K run. Everyone's a runner these days.

Kristine Adams, daughter of **Jim and Priscilla Adams**, has been awarded the 2015-2016 Fr. Bernard Holmes, O.S.B., Scholarship for full tuition for the year at St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH. The award is granted annually to an incoming senior who demonstrates concern for and assistance to others, potential for leadership, and a love of learning. They must also participate in the life of the college. And sister, **Sarah Adams**, has graduated from Lyndon State College. Great work, Kristine and Sarah. Congratulations.

Also, **Andrew Wood**, son of **Joyce Wood**, has graduated from UNH. Congratulations to all our graduates.

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



This is from our very first summer production in 1988, *Barefoot in the Park*. Prior to this we had produced only one show in spring and one in fall. Here we have Jennifer Ganem in the back, Connie Ruggieri aghast, and Wayne Gehman looking accusatory.



by Carol Bense

Superman is up for June 19th and 20th at 8pm. Starring the great Christopher Reeve, this film was nominated for three Academy Awards. Other favorites in this film are Marlon Brando as Jor-El, Gene Hackman as villain Lex Luthor, Jackie Cooper as editor Perry White, Glen Ford as Pa Kent, and Margot Kidder as love interest Lois Lane.

Since the distant Planet Krypton is about to destroy itself, scientist, Jor-El, decides to put his infant son in a rocket and send him to planet earth to save the child and the Kryptonian race. The baby is found and raised by an elderly farm couple, Ma and Pa Kent. As he grows and experiences his great powers, he learns that they must be used only for good. As an adult, mild-mannered Clark Kent travels to the great city of Metropolis, becoming a reporter for The Daily Planet and The Man of Steel stunning the city with his amazing feats. He is pitted against the evil Lex Luthor, the world's greatest criminal mind.

On the 17th and 18th of July we bring you **Jurassic Park**, directed by Stephen Spielberg. This film won three Academy Awards as well as the Saturn Award for the best science fiction film of 1993. In addition it won many other awards, particularly for its amazing special effects.

Two paleontologists, several other scientists, and the owner's two grandchildren are invited to tour Jurassic Park An island full of living dinosaurs created by cloning. But the dinosaurs escape their enclosures and begin hunting the visitors who must find a way to get off the island. This film is sponsored by Tangles Salon, Wolfeboro, NH.

And, of course, our own Mr. Movies, Jim Adams, will give his usual trivia-filled chat about each movie before it begins. Tickets are only \$5 and are available on line at www.village-players.com as well as at the door. You can buy popcorn, candy and water in the side room.

Want To Get Involved?

by Carol Bense

Have you thought about being more involved in The Village Players? Maybe you thought, "They don't need me", or "I don't know how to do anything they need done." BUT we always need you and we will teach you whatever you are interested in learning. Want to work backstage, on the crew, in lighting? Want to help produce this newsletter? Want to work on our website? Want to be part of the fund-raising committee, or the building committee? How about the nominating committee? Maybe the membership committee? We can teach you what you need to know. All you need to bring is your interest and commitment to the group. If you have these two things, please contact Carol Bense at cwbense@roadrunner.com or call me at 569-1396 and let me know your interests.

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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.

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A HARD WINTER FOR EVERYONE AND PARKING LOT ISSUES

by Carol Bense

Winter was hard on all of us this year, but the handicapped ramp at the theater took a particularly difficult blow. A giant cascade of ice slid off the roof bringing down the fire escape onto the air conditioning compressors and the ramp. Tim Brown brought over his crane and was able to pull the fire escape off the ramp and compressors, and several of our board members cleared the snow and ice from the ramp so that it is useable, but the ramp was badly damaged, and the compressors will also need repair.

As you may know, the parking lot next to our building belongs to Fairpoint Communications. For years we have used it to provide access to our handicap ramp, but some legal issues have arisen and Fairpoint can no longer allow us to park there at any time, or to access our handicap ramp through the parking lot. We are in the process of working out a solution which will probably involve creating access to the ramp from the left side of our building. More on that when it is more firmly planned.

Please, do not park in the Fairpoint lot for any reason. You may be ticketed and towed if you do.