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## THE MUSIC MAN AUDITIONS COMING UP

Rosemary Lounsbury, Director, announces auditions for our fall musical, The Music Man. We will need lots of folks for this production, so please consider coming to auditions. For those **12 and under**, auditions will be held on **Sunday, July 30th 2:00 to 4:00pm**. For those **over 12**, auditions will be held on **Sunday, July 30th at 6:30pm or Monday, July 31 at 7:00pm**. All auditions are at our theater on Glendon Street. If you would like to audition, please go to our website [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com) for more detailed information.

Production of this show will be November 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11, 12 with evening performances on Friday and Saturday beginning at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm.

Meredith Willson's The Music Man is one of the most beloved of all the great older musical comedies, winning five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and running for 1,375 performances. The cast album won the first Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album and spent 245 weeks on the Billboard charts.

Charming "Professor" Harold Hill comes to town with his scam of creating a Boys' Band for the town, but he is caught by love for librarian Marian Paroo. Marian cannot help but be taken with him after he helps her young brother, Winthrop, overcome his lisp.

Characters in this production are:

- Harold Hill - a con man and travelling salesman
- Marian Paroo - The town librarian and part-time piano teacher
- Marcellus Washburn - Harold's old friend, no longer a con man, who now lives in River City
- Mayor George Shinn - A pompous local politician; suspicious of Hill
- Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn - The mayor's wife
- Mrs. Paroo - Marian's Irish mother
- Winthrop Paroo - Marian's shy, lisping brother
- The School Board (Barbershop Quartet) - Four bickering businessmen united by Hill
- Pickalittle Ladies - Eulalie's four gossipy friends
- Tommy - A young man "from the wrong side of town"; secretly seeing Zaneeta Shinn
- Zaneeta Shinn - The mayor's oldest daughter; secretly seeing Tommy
- Charlie Cowell - An anvil salesman who tries to expose Hill as a con man
- Constable Locke - The town sheriff
- Amaryllis - Marian's young piano student
- Various townspeople serve as the chorus.
- Boys and Girls for the Boys' Band

You can find out more about these characters at the following websites: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Music\\_Man](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Music_Man), <http://www.mtishows.com/the-music-man>, and <http://stageagent.com/shows/musical/839/the-music-man/characters>.

Please consider auditioning or working on this outstanding show. If you cannot come to any of the auditions, please contact director, Rosemary Lounsbury at [louns84@myfairpoint.net](mailto:louns84@myfairpoint.net)

## SPECIAL EVENT! RAISING THE ROOF!

**GARY MCGLOIN AND ANDY CAMPBELL IN CONCERT.**  
**"A NIGHT OF BROADWAY, ETC."**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017**  
**6:30PM WINE AND CHEESE**  
**7:30PM SHOW**

**VILLAGE PLAYERS THEATER**  
**51 GLENDON ST., WOLFEBORO, NH**

Tickets are \$25 for this special event and all proceeds will be used to help pay for reconstructing the roof on the theater. You can purchase tickets with a check or with a credit card through PayPal. There is a \$1.50 handling charge for each ticket if you buy on line. Please go to [www.village-players.com/gary.html](http://www.village-players.com/gary.html) for information on purchasing tickets. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. You don't want to miss this special evening of entertainment. You will also be helping to raise funds to help pay for the new roof which turned out to be more expensive than the estimate because they found lots of rotting wood under the old roofing.

## And a good time was had by all...Follow-up to our Auditioning Workshop

by Rosemary Lounsbury

June 27: (This was the night of the amazing thunderstorms and rainbow following...) VP Member Scott Lounsbury conducted a workshop on how to prepare for an audition for a musical. He was accompanied by Concord musician Calvin Herst and effectively demonstrated what NOT to do along with some good suggestions of what TO do. Lots of good questions and answers... all of which is just in time for the Auditions for Music Man on 7/30 and 7/31 (check our website for specifics)

"Membership has benefits!" Some comments from attendees:

"Interesting to get a different perspective," – Joyce Wood

"The auditioning workshop was particularly good for me because I have NO confidence in my ability to sing or dance and I always play mind games before auditioning. Scott was entertaining and encouraging, and I think we all left feeling more sure about how we can prepare for an audition and a little more confident of the "do's" and "don'ts" that can allow actual audition time to work in our favor." – Barbara Wilson

"Scott's audition workshop was helpful for us fellow audition-ees; not only for musical auditions, but also for the audition process as a whole. It was an entertaining and informative evening." – Mandy Ferriman

## NEW ROOF UNDER WAY

by Joshua Spaulding

Anyone who happened to be driving or walking along Glendon Street in the middle of June may have noticed some activity at the Village Players Theater building, or more specifically, some activity on the Village Players Theater building. A crew from JP Builders of Alton was on hand to begin an extensive roof project on the theater, a project that has been many years in the making and one that is needed to keep the building in good working order.

"In the spring of 2016, we noticed shingles loosening in the front of the building," said Village Players Board of Directors President Jim Adams. "There were whole shingles on the ground behind the main entrance and some in the alley (the right of way on the left side of the theater). "And just standing back and eyeballing, you could see the curled shingles on the roof," Adams noted. Then, last summer, a member was working in the third floor costume room and water started coming through the roof and it became apparent this would be a project that needed to happen sooner rather than later.

However, the non-profit community theater company was well aware that this would not be an inexpensive project and began looking for donations to help with the new roof. After requesting and getting three estimates, the board settled on JP Builders and their estimate of \$60,000 for the entire roof project. This included not only ripping off and replacing the shingles, but also dealing with some rotted trim and asbestos siding.

The board members drafted a letter and sent it out to members and others in the community who have supported the theater and the response was incredible, as theater lovers came through in a big way for Wolfeboro's community theater. Additionally, board members looked into grants and discovered Meredith Village Savings Bank had a grant program through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The board applied for a grant and

the project was funded in part by the Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The \$5,000 grant was received to go along with the donations from members and the theater was on its way to getting the project started.

The idea was to get the roof project going as quickly as possible this year and for that to happen, the board paid half of the estimate up front and continues to raise funds to help pay off the second payment, which will come upon completion of the project. "The fact that about 80 percent of money raised was from a letter writing campaign and correspondence with members and friends of the Village Players is amazing," Adams stated.

The Village Players purchased the Masonic Hall on Glendon Street in 1995 and put a new roof on at that point, so the current roof has been on for more than 20 years. Additionally, a rubber membrane roof was put on the kitchen portion of the theater, the area used as a prep room for actors heading on stage, in 2010, but that was damaged in an ice storm a few years ago and part of JP Builders' bid was to fix that area as well.

JP Builders started the shingling process on the left side of the theater, Adams noting that it was probably the easiest section to do since it is the lone roof space that is simply a long, uninterrupted surface. He also pointed out that the contractors didn't expect anything too serious in the way of problems, but with a building of the theater's age and size, you never know what might be uncovered.

The Village Players will be hosting another fundraiser on September 1st to help raise the remaining funds needed for the roof, so keep an eye out for that. The theater hosts movie weekends monthly (next one is "Willie Wonka and The Chocolate Factory, August 18th and 19th at 8pm) and live theatrical shows three times a year. The next live show is The Music Man, which opens on November 3 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information on the Village Players Theater, including how to purchase tickets and how to help support the roof project, visit [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com).



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A few things that happened during the show. Hope you didn't miss it.



news about members etc.

**MOVIES  
FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER**

by Phoebe Van-Scoy Giessler

It's easy to take for granted all the entertainment we get on demand. Most of us carry around a virtual movie and television library in our pockets every day. But, that's what makes the monthly films presented at the Village Players so special. Thanks to generous sponsors, each month brings you the chance to see classic films you may think you know but have almost certainly never seen on the big screen! Add to that the movie "knowledge bombs" that will hit you when Mr. Movie (Jim Adams) introduces each film, and you'll surely have an experience unlike any other.

As Summer 2017 winds down you'll be glad to know that the August and September films are no exception: **"Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory"** and **"King Kong!"**

On August 18 and 19 at 8PM, you can relive the exploits of the silly Oompa Loompas, the creepy Mr. Slugworth, the sweet Charlie Bucket, and (of course) the outrageous and unpredictable Willy Wonka! The 1971 family musical is based on the children's book with a screenplay written by the author himself, Roald Dahl. It stars Gene Wilder as Willy Wonka, Jack Albertson as Grandpa Joe, and Peter Ostrum and Charlie. The plot is simultaneously charming and delightful and, based on the consequences delved out to naughty children by Willy Wonka, sometimes kind of dark! Young, old, and everyone in between will love movie. Willy Wonka is brought to us by the generous sponsorship of Gay-Ann Cooney.



In September our sponsor, Estelle Parsons, takes us back to the truly early days in Hollywood with 1933's "King Kong." This movie is so much more than the iconic scene of beast v. biplanes! Before he terrifies New York City, King



Kong falls for a beautiful movie star (Fay Wray) when she arrives to shoot a film on his tropical island. He is captured and brought back to New York for public exhibition. What could go wrong!? Even if you already know, of course, you'll want to see it on the big screen and imagine how audiences experienced it almost 90 years ago.

You can buy tickets at the door for just \$5. Tickets are always available on the evening of the movie. Just show up at the door, no advance notice needed. Popcorn and water are just \$1 and \$2. It's a perfect family night out! We hope you'll join us.

It's summertime and everyone is out painting, visiting, camping, sailing, swimming, travelling, and generally enjoying the weather. Me too, just spent a long week-end at Wells Beach, Maine for our annual anniversary celebration at the beach.

If you have news about current or past members of The Village Players, please email Carol Bense at [cwbense@roadrunner.com](mailto:cwbense@roadrunner.com) or call 569-1396.

**FORGOTTEN FARMS TO BE SHOWN AT  
OUR THEATER**

by Carol Bense

On August 11 starting with a pre-show open house at 6:30, the Agriculture Commission of the Town of Wolfeboro will be presenting FORGOTTEN FARMS, an award-winning documentary film about dairy farming in New England at 7:00pm at The Village Players Theater on Glendon Street. The event is free to all and is designed to inform people about dairy farming and farming in general in New England. The director of the film, Dave Simonds, will be present and there will be a question and answer period after the film. "New England's dairy farmers remain the backbone of the region's agriculture, but fight for survival in an age of baby greens and artisan cheese." *Forgotten Farms* gives us a glimpse into the past and a vision for a future regional food system. The documentary shows the cultural divide between the new food movement and traditional farming, highlighting the need to examine differences, develop mutual understanding, and find common ground. A truly sustainable local food system that benefits everyone will rely on all of our farmers.

**PROPOSALS FOR 2018**

If you are interested in directing a show in 2018, please make your proposal, including a proposed budget to the board before August 31, 2017. All proposals will be considered by the board for the 2018 season.

**BLAST FROM THE PAST**

Here is Joshua Spaulding in his more usual role as a member of the backstage crew for *Leading Ladies* in 2012, but now he has expanded his repertoire to singing and dancing in a leading role in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.



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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 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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Family Fun day at The Village Players Theater Glendon Street, Wolfeboro is free to all Village Players members, \$5.00 per person for non-members. Family Fun Day will feature all sorts of games including Escape the Room, The Resistance, Munchkin, King of Tokyo, Sheriff of Nottingham, Pandemic, Settlers of Catan, Betrayal at House on the Hill, Epic Spell Wars of the Battle, Wizards, Ticket to Ride, and Last Night on Earth, plus traditional board games Monopoly, Life, Risk, Apples to Apples, and many more. Come and join us for some good old fashioned face time with the family and be sure to return for *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* at 8:00 pm on the big screen at The Village Players Theater. Regular movie charge of \$5.00 per person applies.