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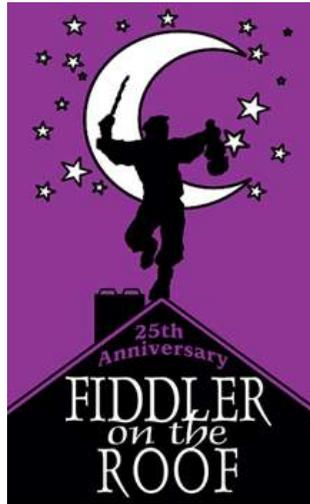
ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT OCTOBER 2013

## Circles of Life:

### VP's *Fiddler on the Roof*: 1988 & 2013

by Barbara Williams

The beloved musical *Fiddler on the Roof* returns to the Village Players stage this November with production dates of November 8, 9, 15, 16 at 8 p.m., and Sundays, November 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available at Black's and online at [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com) in early October.



Director Rosemary Lounsbury directs the production she brought to life—dare we say it?—last century. Back then she was single and Corky Mork had enough hair to perm! Other familiar faces returning again to VP's Anatevka are Carol Bense, Willie Mork, Michael Haeger, Michael Wilfert, Wayne Gehman, and Helen Rautenberg.

Rosemary, Musical Director Keith Belanger, Assistant Director Cate Poole, and Producer Diane Ducret Mork are excited to introduce other members of this cast of remarkable talent and energy. In an ironic twist, instead of scattering characters to the four winds like the Jewish diaspora, this production brings together actors and crew from 11 towns: Wolfeboro, Alton, Meredith, Brookfield, Tuftonboro, Center Barnstead, Concord, Dover, Durham, Londonderry, and even Easton, Massachusetts!



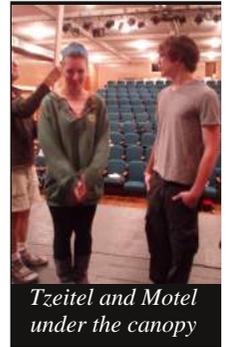
Rosemary directs the wedding scene.

Tevye, the patriarch of an early 20th century Jewish family in Tsarist Russia, will be played by Michael Welch, and his wife, Golde, is Priscilla Adams. His five lovely daughters are Tzeitel (Kaylin Dean), Hodel

(Meghan Burns), Chava (Rebecca Gronski), Shprintze (Maggie Mae Shaw), and Bielke (Ruby Hargy). Carol Bense takes on the role of Yente, the matchmaker, and

the daughters' suitors are the butcher, Lazar Wolfe (Michael Haeger); Motel, the tailor (Mike Lionetta); Perchik, the revolutionary (Jonathon Babon); and Fyedka, the Russian Christian (Danny Catalano). The Russian Dancers will be led by Michael Wilfert, who plays Sasha, and Corey Hale will play Boris. Dan Charlton "only follows orders" as the Russian Constable.

In her 45th Village Players' production, Willie Mork brings the dead Grandma Tzeitel back to life, and Lisa (Hoover) Penny breathes life into the also-dead Fruma Sarah. Of course there has to be a fiddler played by (in both senses of the phrase) Audrey Budington. Villagers of Anatevka include Jim Adams, Robin Charland, Lamar Childers-Gelinas, Catherine Collins, Gay-Ann Cooney, Laura Cooper, Steve Curtis, Barbara Curtis,



Tzeitel and Motel under the canopy

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## CALLING FOR COMMITTEES

by Megan Rohrbacher

As most everyone already knows, The Village Players is run solely by the volunteers who donate their time to all the shows, building projects, fundraisers, and every other little odd job that comes with owning and operating the theater. How do we get everything done, you ask? We have committees that work to take care of each piece. We're always looking to make our committees bigger and we're always open to new ideas that will help keep the theater and the organization moving forward.

Our committees include:

### The Building Committee:

These volunteers use their talent and time for the maintenance of the theater. One could say, they are the keepers of the "honey do" list for the organization, and they also look ahead at the big picture with renovation ideas, etc.

### The Fundraising Committee:

You've heard of Glamour in Mud Season, right? That is where the fundraising committee shines. It's been a great event two years running and we hope to keep it going. The fundraising committee also covers grant writing and organizes our yearly campaign for donations to the theater.

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## “Summer Show Wrap Up”

by Jay Sydow

After weeks of rehearsals, one lightning strike and five performances I am happy to report that “Hello Is There Any Body There” is now in the Village Players history books.

As many of you learned, not all shows have a moral or a deep hidden meaning. I would like to thank all of you who came out and allowed us to be just “plain old silly” on the stage. It was great to have a group of Village Players veterans with a collective 30+ VP shows under their belts let down their guard and allow me, to allow them, to make fools of themselves for the sake of “art”. There is something special about breaking all the rules on stage. It was much more difficult than any of us

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

by Carol Bense



Remember all those dollar bills that you put in the baskets as donations during intermissions at our productions? Well, those dollars have added up and we have funds in our scholarship account. All the money collected during intermissions is put into a special account so that we can award scholarships to deserving high school graduates. Scholarship candidates should be planning a career related to the arts or planning to participate on an amateur level. The application form can be found on our website [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com).

It should be completed and returned to The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. The board reviews all applications and determines any scholarship awards. Scholarships are awarded during the second semester of the student's first year of post-secondary education.

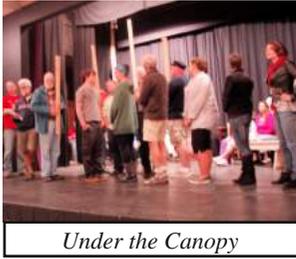


thought it would be.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to speak with the playwright before, during and after the production. That was a real treat. To be able to discuss creative choices and character issues with the author is something we don't get to do all that often...(Shakespeare never returns my calls). Another big thrill was being able to share our production with Ian Hornby (the playwright) himself. He is in the process of setting up clips from our production on his website so future directors can see what our wonderful cast did with his work. I figure if he is willing to put it out there for the whole world to see.....We did something right.

Thanks to a wonderful cast, production crew and audience. I know it wasn't easy for any of you but.....You make what we do very rewarding. I will do my best to try to make sure that the next show I direct will not have British accents or British Humour. Please note....I said “try”.

Russ Ellis, Chrystal Gauvreau, Wayne Gehman, Elliott Hargy, Scott Corky Nieman, Helen Norm



Under the Canopy

Giessler, Don Brynn Jeddrey, Lounsbury, Mork, Kristi Corinne Porter, Rautenberg, Rautenberg,

Dianna Serrano, Nolan Urquhart, Barbara Wilson and Joyce Wood. Sons include Gwen Collins and Brynn Jeddrey. The latter two are acting beyond gender limitations...don't we love theater where we can be anything we believe ourselves to be?

The famous, "Bottle Dancers" will be played by Rory Coughlin, Abraham DeMaio, Ryan Hamilton, John Lemay, Tom McCullough and Josh Stanley.



The Russians confront Tevye

Notable songs such as "Tradition," "Matchmaker," "Sunrise, Sunset," and "To Life" take special meaning for the Village Players in this 25th anniversary production of our first staging of Fiddler. While many actors from the first production take on new roles reflecting their own life journeys since 1983, others, such as our first Tevye, Michael Wilkes, and Bob Pralle our last Lazar Wolf, will be sadly missed.

### VP BITS

news about members etc.

Some of our members and friends participated in the First Annual 24-hour Playwriting workshop held at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse in Meredith. **Scott Geissler** wrote a play. **Carol Bense** directed another play. **Kathleen Hill** was one of the organizers. **Shayla Locke** and **John Findlay** were among the actors. Five plays were written, rehearsed and presented in 24 hours.

On a sadder note, after a multi-year battle with cancer, **Jim Findlay**, husband of faithful crew member, **Donna Findlay**, and father of VP stage veteran, **John Findlay**, passed away on September 11th. Our condolences to the family.

When we said "Good-bye" to **Michael Wilkes**, most of us did not realize that he left behind two adult cats. Stephen's aunt, Lois, has been taking care of them, but she is moving out of town and can no longer do so. They need a good home. One cat is gray and the other is black. **Dick Cary** says they are both very nice cats looking for affection. If you can give them a home, or maybe even one of them a home, please contact Dick at [re1cary@gmail.com](mailto:re1cary@gmail.com) or call him at 365-6600. This would be something you could do for Michael who loved both these cats.

If you have news about current or former Village Players, please forward it to [cwbense@roadrunner.com](mailto:cwbense@roadrunner.com).

### The Play Reading Committee:

Every year we have to look ahead and decide what we'd like to put on stage for the upcoming year. The play reading committee reads plays, and organizes submissions for plays to present to the board.

### The Publicity Committee:

It's important that everyone knows who The Village Players are and what we're up to. Advertising and publicizing are the main responsibilities of The publicity committee.

### The Newsletter Committee:

We're so lucky to have our own newsletter to share with our members. It keeps the members up to date on what's happening in our organization, and all the little tid bits you may not know.

### The Movie Committee:

This is a new committee that recently formed, as we look ahead to opening our doors to a new venture of showing old movies at the theater. Curious? Have a movie you want to see? This might be the perfect committee for you.

All these committees need you! If you have a talent or skill that applies to one of these areas, don't be shy. Everything great starts with one seed of an idea. We want to hear yours! Contact me anytime at [drivetimeproductions@gmail.com](mailto:drivetimeproductions@gmail.com) and I can connect you with right committee and people who are a part of it.

### Coming to your "Theater" ....

by Jay Sydow



Remember those days when you used to go the theater to see those big studio films like "Singing in the Rain" or the "Road to..." movies with Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour on the Big Screen? How about those date nights at the "Creature Double Feature" when your date would snuggle up close for protection? How about those Pink Panther cartoons prior to the feature instead of previews and commercials?

We're getting ready to do it again. The Village Players are working to bring these old films back to the big screen. Starting in the very near future we will be showing some of those old classics.

At press time the "Movie Committee" was still working out the kinks but by the end of the year we are hoping to make Movie Night at the Village Players a reality. The plan is to have a monthly movie night (and a Sunday matinee) showing musical classics, "B" horror flicks, "Marx Brothers" marathons and maybe even the sing-along version of "The Sound of Music".

The actual start date is still up in the air but we will be sure to let you know as soon as everything has been finalized. If you have any movies that you would love to see on the big screen again please feel free to contact Jay Sydow at [jaysydow@gmail.com](mailto:jaysydow@gmail.com) and the committee members will do their best to make it happen.

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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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Carol Bense      Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler      Jay Sydow

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**\$\$\$\$\$ NEW TREASURER \$\$\$\$\$**

by Carol Bense

You may notice in the list of officers above that Hilde Talbot has been replaced by Richie O'Brien. Richie was our treasurer for several years before she moved to Florida. Hilde graciously took over the job, which is only slightly less challenging than president, and requires a good deal of knowledge and expertise in the use of computer accounting programs. Hilde was about the only member we know of who had that knowledge and expertise, and, even though we had to twist her arm a little to take it on, she did a great job for us. Now Richie has returned from Florida and Hilde is pleased to hand the job back to her. The board has confirmed her to complete Hilde's term and she will be up for election this fall. So welcome back Richie, and a huge round of applause for Hilde for the great job she did these past couple of years.

**ANNUAL MEETING COMING SOON - CONSIDER RUNNING FOR THE BOARD  
WE NEED YOU**