



the PROMPTER

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COMING IN 2017

BILOXI BLUES

by Neil Simon

by Carol Bense

Our Spring 2017 production will be that Neil Simon favorite, *Biloxi Blues*. The second of his famous comic semi-autobiographical plays, this one deals with life in the army. (We produced the first, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, in 2001). A Jewish boy from Brooklyn endures basic training in the deep south. *Biloxi Blues* won the Tony award for best play in 1985, so it offers more than just humor.

Auditions for this production are open to all and will be held at the theater on Glendon Street on Sunday, January 8 and Monday, January 9 at 7pm. Production is scheduled for March 31, April 1, and April 7, 8 and 9.

Directors Russ Ellis and Bob Tuttle will be looking for folks to fill the following roles:

Eugene Morris Jerome - Lead Role - needs to appear to be in early 20s - writer and narrator of the show, alter-ego of young Simon

Roy Selridge - Supporting Role - young man - confident, who thinks of himself as funny

Joseph Wykowski - Supporting Role - young man - big and tough but not too smart

Don Carney - Supporting Role - young man - a private from New Jersey who irritates his bunkmates with his singing

Arnold Epstein - Supporting Role - young man - a sensitive, well-read and intelligent Jew from New York City

Sgt. Merwin J. Toomey - Supporting Role - adult - the tough-as-nails drill sergeant

James Hennesey - Supporting Role - young man - younger, sensitive and naive

Rowena - Supporting Role - young woman or adult - southern prostitute

Daisy Hannigan - Supporting Role - young woman - Eugene's first love, young and pretty

If you are interested in a role but cannot attend either of the two audition times, please contact Russ (ram2sak@aol.com) or Bob (r86tuttle@gmail.com). We are always looking for new faces.

Also needed are all the folks required to make a show happen. If you have any interest in working on any aspect of

this show, please contact producer, Joshua Spaulding at trumpet138@hotmail.com or call him at 603-630-7410. We would be pleased to have you participate.

Look What's Happening in 2017

At our annual meeting on December 13th, President James Adams, announced both our show schedule and our movie schedule for 2017. We will be producing that super Neil Simon comedy, *Biloxi Blues* in the Spring. The show will be directed by Russ Ellis and Bob Tuttle. Kathleen Hill will be directing *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a musical romp that takes place at a spelling bee, for our summer show. Our fall musical production will be *The Music Man*, that old favorite, directed by Rosemary Lounsbury. We hope you will participate in or come to see all of them.

Our movie schedule for 2017 is:

January Sat 21- Sun 22 - "Meet me in St Louis"

February Sat 18 - Sun 19 - "Blade Runner"

with Special Guest Christian Boudman

March Sat 18 - Sun 19 - "Maltese Falcon"

April Sat 23 - Sun 24 - "True Grit"

May Fri 19 - Sat 20 - "Goldfinger"

June Fri 16 - Sat 17 - "Psycho"

July Fri 14 - Sat 15 - "The Fugitive"

August Fri 18 - Sat 19 - "Gremlins"

September Fri 15 - Sat 16 - "King Kong"

October Sat 28 - "House on Haunted Hill"

and "Night of the Living Dead"

November Sat 25 - Sun 26 - "Tootsie"

December Sat 16 - Sun 17 - "It's a Wonderful Life."



Board Members for 2017

At our Annual Meeting, we also elected our board members for 2017.

President - James Adams

Vice-President - Christian Boudman

Secretary - Rosemary Lounsbury

Treasurer - Josh Spaulding

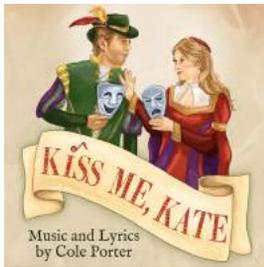
One-Year Board Member - Jay Sydow

Two-Year Board Members - Joyce Wood and Tracy

Lionetta

Continuing to complete the final year of their two-year terms are Matt Johnson and Laura Cooper.

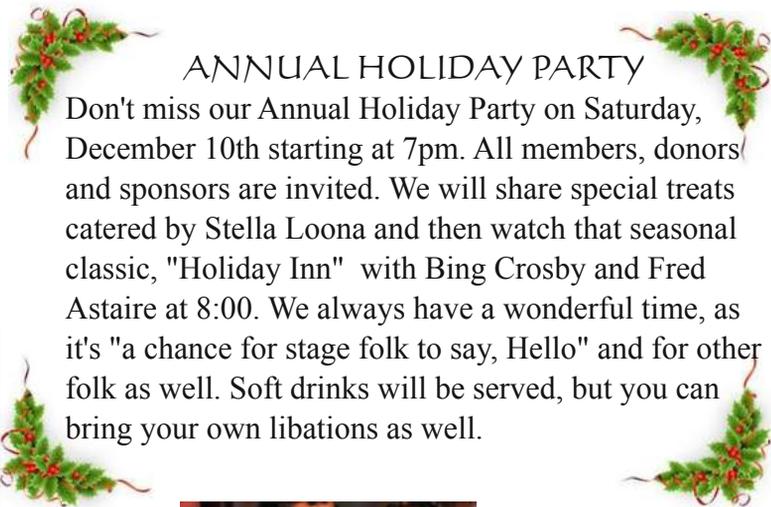
Leaving the board will be Priscilla Adams and Michael Welch. We thank them for their service to the board and to The Village Players.



WRAP UP KISS ME, KATE

by Carol Bense

The acting, the singing, the dancing, the costumes, the sets, the lighting, the orchestra all came together to make another wonderful fall musical. In case you missed it, here are some photos taken by Michael Wilfert.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Don't miss our Annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 10th starting at 7pm. All members, donors and sponsors are invited. We will share special treats catered by Stella Loona and then watch that seasonal classic, "Holiday Inn" with Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire at 8:00. We always have a wonderful time, as it's "a chance for stage folk to say, Hello" and for other folk as well. Soft drinks will be served, but you can bring your own libations as well.



This cast and crew donated \$663 toward the roof replacement for the theater



Special thanks to our sponsors, J.C. Signs and Governor Wentworth Arts Council.



MOVIES FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

by Carol Bense

The holiday season is a wonderful time to go with the whole family to a classic holiday movie at our comfortable theater. This year we are showing "The Santa Clause" on Saturday, December 17th at 8pm and Sunday, December 18th at 2pm. All the seats have a great view of the big screen and the sound is clear on our new sound system.

"The Santa Clause" stars that television funny man, Tim Allen, and in 1995 won The People's Choice Award for favorite comedy motion picture.

Tim plays the role of Scott Calvin, a single parent who is trying to help his six-year-old son keep the spirit of Christmas. When a man in a Santa suit appears on Scott's roof, Scott yells at the man who is startled and falls off the roof to his death. Scott then becomes his replacement and ends up delivering all the gifts and, along with his son, is whisked off to the North Pole. There he discovers that because he put on the Santa suit, he is obligated to accept the job of Santa.

His struggles with the job and his ex-wife and her new husband provide the opportunity for lots of laughs and some sentiment as well. "This is a hip, likable spin on the seasonal icon told with a deft mixture of comedy and sentimentality," writes Leonard Klady in Variety.

In January we will be showing "Meet Me in St. Louis" . Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien star in this Vincent Minelli musical. The well-off Smith family has four beautiful daughters, including Esther and little Tootie. Seventeen-year old Esther has fallen in love with the boy next door who has just moved in, John. He, however, barely notices her at first. The family is shocked when Mr. Smith reveals that he has been transferred to a nice position in New York, which means that the family has to leave St. Louis and the St. Louis Fair. The film was nominated for 5 Academy Awards in 1945 with Margaret O'Brien winning the Oscar for Juvenile Award. "This movie is sheer delight from start to finish...a wonderful antidote when you need to retreat from the harsh world and have your spirits lifted for a while." (FANatic-10 in IMDB)

Popcorn and other refreshments will be available before the show. It's an enjoyable evening (or afternoon) out for everyone in the family.

Get your tickets on-line on our website, www.village-players.com or at the door on the day of performance.



VP BITS

news about members etc.

Kristine Adams, daughter of **Jim and Priscilla Adams**, is serving as a staff assistant to U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte in Washington, DC.

Emily Marsh has been awarded the Warshawer Certified Picture Framers' scholarship by the New England Chapter of PPFA - Professional Picture Framers Association. The scholarship will help her complete the testing to become a professional picture framer. Here she is holding the certificate with her mentor Barbara Gibbs.



William H. Marsh has been elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives for Carroll County District 8. Congratulations, Bill. Represent for us.

Kim Brennon has passed the open water diving check to receive her certificate for SCUBA diving.

Babies on the way to **Rick and Kim Tessari**, **Keith and Becca Belanger** and Rob and Tori (Neal) Karstedt . Congratulations to all.

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

JOIN US OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Unless you have renewed for 2017 already, your membership expires as of December 31, 2016. We hope you won't let that happen. Single membership is \$15 per year. and family membership (up to 2 adults and 4 minor children living in the same household) is \$25 per year. What a bargain. You can join by simply sending a check to The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894, or you can go to our website (www.village-players.com) and click on the Join, Donate, Endowment tab where you will find instructions. Everyone is invited to join.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Here is a photo of Joyce Wood in our production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* way back in 2000. She played the role of Elaine Harper.

Joyce played Flynt, an Aide to General Howell, in our recent production of *Kiss Me, Kate*.



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	Laura Cooper (1yr).....	569-5854

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.

Newsletter Committee

Carol Bense, Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler, Joshua Spaulding, Jay Sydow

Art Production

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Top 7 Reasons to Renew Your MEMBERSHIP in 2017

... from Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler

1. Semi-monthly issues of The Prompter (that's 6) because you can't find better reading!
2. Suffrage... well, you can vote at VP's Annual meeting in 2017, which is kind of suffrage, right?
3. Be one of the first on the 2017 membership list on line at
<http://www.village-players.com/membership/Members092916.pdf>
4. Entry into a drawing for a 6-night stay in Fiji thanks to a generous donation from past president Jay Sydow ...well, no, not really.
5. That self-satisfied feeling you get when you know you've done the right thing.
6. It's only \$15 for an individual... come on you've got 15 bucks!
7. It's just \$25 for a family... think of the savings if you have a dozen or so kids!

... WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR ?

Of course, Village Players will happily take your membership dues anytime, but for full voting rights in 2017, you'll want to renew before March 30th!