



the PROMPTER

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by Kathleen Hill

Director Kathleen Hill is very excited to bring this happy musical to the Village Players Stage. "This show, set in the time of bobby socks, poodle skirts and innocence, has great music, a fun plot, and lively dances. You will go home humming the songs and tapping your toes."

Auditions: August 20 and 21, 6:00 PM at the Village Players Theater. Use the form on the Village Players website to register to audition.

Performances: November 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10

Rehearsals begin: September 8

Audition Requirements

Vocal Audition:

Please prepare a musical selection that shows off the character of your voice; please bring sheet music (pianist provided) or a backing track (no voices); you may bluetooth to our stereo or bring a CD. Please do not plan to sing acapella.

Dance Audition:

Please watch the Village Players website for a video of the dance audition in early August.

Acting Audition:

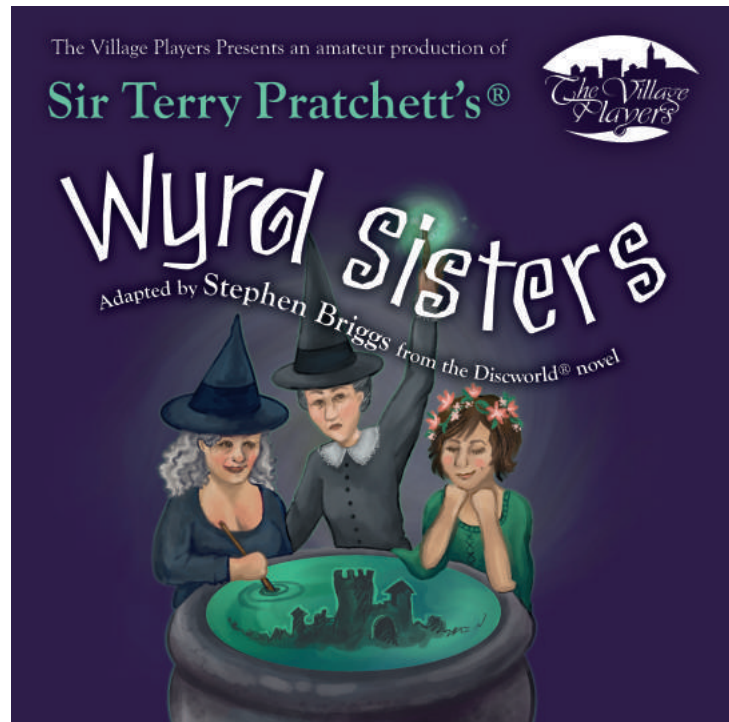
The acting audition will consist of readings from the script. Sides will be posted on the Village Players website in early August.

Characters:

Albert- President of the Almaelou Music Corporation, and Conrad Birdie's agent. He is a nervous, excitable man who spends most of his time trying to control the uncontrollable, with quite comic results. Great singer, great comic timing.

Rosie- Albert's girlfriend and secretary at Almaelou Music Corporation. She is frustrated with Albert's inability to commit to her, and is willing to do anything

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Coming August 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

by Carol Bense

Our summer show is *Sir Terry Pratchett's® Wyrd Sisters*, a zany tale of a wicked duke and duchess, a ghost of a murdered king, dim soldiers, a land in peril, and three witches who stand between the Kingdom and destruction. Those of you who are familiar with Pratchett's work will not want to miss this hilarious production scheduled for August 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25. If you don't know his work, this is a great way to be introduced to it and enjoy an evening of laughs and clever comedy under the direction of Jeannie LeGrow and Paul Stewart with Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler as producer. Performances are at 7:30 on Friday and Saturday and 2:00 on Sunday.

Taking the lead roles of the witches are Lynn Madore as Granny Weatherwax, Jayson Andrews as Nanny Ogg and Emily Marsh as Magrat Garlick. The wicked Duke Felmet is played by Bob Tuttle abetted by his evil Duchess, Magner Peruto. The Fool, who is more than he seems, is played by Jim Bomersbach. Portraying King Verence, a ghost, is Brendan Berube. Tomjon, an actor and the son of Verence is played by A. J. O'Neil. Other members of the acting troupe are Hewl, Russ Ellis; Mr. Vitoller, Ben Dudley; Mrs. Vitoller, Stefanie Marsh; Gumridge, Carol Bense; Witches, Max Gehring, Luca J. Pelegrine, and Syllas Kenerson.

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Mindreading, Magic, and Hypnotism Peter Gross Performs at the Village Players September 14

by Stefanie Marsh
The always-popular comedian-magician Peter Gross returns to the Village Players to perform two shows at the theater Saturday, September 14, as part of our fundraising for the rebuilding of the theater front entrance.

At 4:00 you'll be amazed by "99 % Honest Mind Reading" - An unforgettable program of magic and mentalism with award-winning performer Peter Gross. Using the quick hands of a card shark, the improvisational skills of a stand-up, and a con man's command of human psychology, Peter reveals thoughts, predicts what you'll do next, and acts as a human lie detector. The show takes you on an interactive roller-coaster ride of impossible outcomes.

At 7:30 "Get Hypnotized" - Using the power of the subconscious mind, Peter lifts audience members out of their seats and plops them center stage. Hypnosis transforms audience members into stars and takes them to amazing places and realities. Imagine...a room full of people talking to this year's hottest celebrities... through their shoes? Imagine...watching the shy guy from your neighborhood singing like Elvis and the more you applaud, the more he writhes, dips and belts out the tune.

And remember anyone can volunteer so you can see the show OR you can BE THE SHOW.

Peter has been performing for 20 years in theaters, at festivals and on cruise ships around the world. His performing has taken him to Tierra Del Fuego, Tahiti and Vladivostok, on the far east coast of the former Soviet Union. He's been invited to the White House, performed at the Kennedy Center, Canada's National Theater and has made numerous TV appearances. Peter also won two

silver medals at the Oranjeboom International Variety Performer's Competition in Rotterdam, Holland.

Vancouver International Comedy Festival called Peter "Hip sophisticated and very, very funny. A first class performer," and the Actor's Theatre of Nantucket said "You were spectacular! Our audiences raved. Our staff raved. And I was raving mad that I missed it."

Tickets are \$25 each, \$40 for tickets for one individual to attend both shows, and will be available online and at the door.

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Jasmine Emerson, Janice Knepp, Emily Close, Lee Kennedy, Mary Foedermaier, and Amy Estes take on multiple roles as soldiers, guards, and actors.

Tickets are available at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main Street with cash or check, online at www.village-players.com with credit card, or at the door (providing we are not sold out).

The Village Players' production of "Wyrd Sisters" is generously sponsored by Bruce and Kris Gurall and KeithMurrayLoans.com



Actors work on stage combat



VP Bits

Jay Sydow is doing well, out of the brace and undergoing physical therapy. We look forward to his full recovery.

We are really excited to have lots of new faces in our summer production this year. Welcome **Magner Peruto**, **Jim Bomersbach**, **Brendan Berube**, **Mary Foedermaier**, **Sylas Kenerson** and **Janice Knepp**. We hope to see you in many more shows.

Summer Fundraiser Focus is the Front Stairs and Patio

by Stefanie Marsh

Summer is always a busy time and it appears to be a busy time for all the architects, contractors, and engineers working on the project to rebuild the front steps and patio at the theater. We're still not quite at the showing-you-drawings phase, but we hope that you can make a donation toward this much needed work.

Contributions to our summer fundraiser will be earmarked for this project, unless of course, you'd like to designate otherwise.

Did you know we are one of only two community theaters in the state to own their own building? It takes a lot to keep our theater running, both onstage and off. We could not exist without you, our members and donors. Your support is what allows us to have a space where our whole community can enjoy all aspects of theater, from being a part of productions to cheering on the actors from the audience.

Please consider sending a check to The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 or donate online at village-players.com. Thank you!

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it takes to get Albert to give up the music business and settle down. Headstrong and confident, strong actress and great singer, alto.

Mrs. Mae Peterson- Albert's controlling mother. She loves her son, despite her disapproval of the way he runs the family business. She does not approve of Rosie. She is always parenting Albert and provides much comic relief during the show. Non-singing role, strong actress with great comic timing.

Conrad Birdie- teen heartthrob who has been drafted into the army. Think Elvis Presley. He says little, but conveys much with his body language, swagger, and music. He knows that good looks and a killer smile will get him more than his personality. Must be a great singer/dancer with an over-the-top character.

Kim MacAfee- A self-confident young member of Conrad's fan club who is chosen to receive a kiss from Conrad before he leaves for the army. She sees herself as more mature than the average teenager. Great singer, soprano.

Hugo Peabody- Kim's devoted steady boyfriend who is jealous that Conrad is getting so much attention from Kim. Nonsinging, comic role, a bit nerdy.

Mr. Harry MacAfee- Kim's father, thinks he is in control of his family (but isn't). Great actor, good singer, must be able to find the comedy in his character's frustration and irritability.

Mrs. Doris MacAfee- Kim's loving mother who knows just how to handle her husband and her household. Good actor/singer.

Ursula Merkle- Kim's best friend and the hyper-enthusiastic teenager who leads the girls in screaming for Conrad. A unique character with a one of a kind voice.

Randolph MacAfee- Kim's younger brother, fun young character.

The Mayor- Head figure of Sweet Apple, Ohio who welcomes Conrad Birdie to town. A bit naïve to the effect Conrad has on the girls of the town. Comic actor.

The Mayor's Wife, Edna- one of the adults of the show who cannot resist the charms of Conrad Birdie.

Gloria Rasputin- Dreamy, ambitious knockout who Mrs. Peterson chooses to replace Rosie. She is looking for her big break in show business and hopes Albert can help her. A ditzy chorus girl, larger than life character. Great dancer.

Mrs. Merkle- Ursula's overbearing mother who also gets a touch of Conrad Birdie fever.

Harvey Johnson- a typical nerdy teenager.

Mr. Johnson- Harvey's father and one of the many parents in Sweet Apple desperate to keep control of their children as Conrad Birdie comes to town.

Ensemble- teens and adults

Questions? Contact Kathleen at teacheractress@gmail.com

News from your Board of Directors

by Rosemary Lounsbury

In an effort to keep the membership up to date on what's going on "behind the scenes," we will report in The Prompter what has been discussed at recent meetings of the Board.

All members are invited to attend any board meeting. If you would like to speak, please let Paul Stewart know so that he can add you to the agenda. Due to some conflicts, a few of our meeting dates have changed, so this is the new list of upcoming meetings: Aug. 5, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and December 2. The annual membership meeting is usually the Sunday after the first matinee of the musical (should be November 10 this year.)

Show Announcement:

The biggest news to share this month is that we have selected shows for our 2025 season! We will be hosting a party when the plays will be announced with great fanfare. Mark your calendars for Friday evening, September 6 at 7:00 PM in the theater. (More info will be coming with your invitation, but save the date in the meantime.)

Patio Project:

As you all are aware, the next big project for the Village Players is a new front patio. The existing platform is crumbling and presents a safety issue. The fundraising campaign for this undertaking will be called, "Step up!" and more information will be forthcoming once we have finalized a plan with drawings, details and a projected timeline. We've selected an architect and will be meeting soon with the civil engineer, structural engineer, and construction manager. We hope to have town approval and dates in order by the annual meeting.

Village Players Lending Library

Lastly: Some used "theater books" are available for anyone to borrow or have; they're in the makeup room. If you have some to share, we can keep such items in a small bookcase for your reading pleasure.

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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 notice of special events. Contact info@village-players.com or call 603-569-9656 if you are unsure of your membership status.

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Save The Date

Village Players 2025 Season Announcement Party

September 6, 7:00

Join us for a little entertainment, dessert, and the big reveal of the 2025 Season.

See you there!