"All the world's a stage..."

Theatre Groups to Compete at State Theatre Festival



signed to be exciting for both the performers and the audience. Each group is allowed 10-minutes create a set onstage, 60-minutes to perform and 10-minutes to bring everything back down to an empty stage. In the past, groups have dealt with this task by creating everything from a simple table and chair display to building an entire home.

The productions this year include

dark off-broadway productions, original scripts by local authors to dramatic staged readings. The first session starts on Saturday at 1:00pm with Majestic Theatre production of, COFFEE WITH GOD by Kal

LIE OF THE MIND presenting A STYE OF THE EYE by Christopher Durang. After giving Festival-goers some time to grab some food and stretch their legs, the performances continue with Bedford off Broadway's production of ALMOST ASLEEP by Julie Hebert at 7pm, followed by Milford Area Players' dramatic reading of Orwell's ANIMAL FARM and Manchester Community Theatre Players original script by Tom Anastasi and Alan Kaplan THE SCIENCE EXPERIMENT. The final four groups take the stage on Sunday starting at 1:00pm, beginning with the Community Players of Concord's original script by George Kelly, IN A THIN PLACE, followed by M&M Production's civil rights docu-drama SIX NIGHTS IN THE BLACK BELT by Lowell Williams; ActorSingers' production of HEIGHTS by Amy Fox and finishing up with Ghostlight Theater Co. production of THE PILLOWMAN by Matrin McDonagh.

The festivities will take over the Amato Center of Performing Arts

Wagenheim, followed by Nashua at 56 Mont Vernon Rd, Milford Theatre Guild with a parody of A and run all day Saturday and Sunday September 25th and 26th. Tickets are \$10 per session or \$25 for a weekend pass and are available at

the door, as well as at ticketleap. com. For more information call: 930-9536 or visit www.nhcommunitytheatre.com.



2007 Festival Winners: Ghostlight Theatre Co - Hamlet with actors Peter Saati and Melissa Groff

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Under the Knife At East Colony Fine Art



August 31st thru September 28th

MANCHESTER – Award-winning artist Larry Donovan will be East Colony Fine Art Gallery's featured artist for the month of September. His extraordinary show, entitled "Under the Knife," showcases a collection of vibrant, expressive new oil paintings, rendered entirely with a palette knife. Says Larry, "I like the feel and thickness of oil paints. The smell of this medium gets my creative juices flowing, and painting with a palette knife can render loose and interesting effects with a freedom of movement which keeps me from being too fussy."

The exhibit runs from August 31 through September 28, 2010. All gallery events are free and open to the public with free on site parking.

East Colony Fine Art is located in Langer Place, 55 South Commercial Street, Manchester, NH.

Regular gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday 11-5 and Sat 10-5. Phone: 603-621-7400. Sullivan Frame Shop (located on premises): 603-624-8833. Web site: www.eastcolony.com.



"Backyard Surprise", pastel by Pauline Dailey

Pastel Exhibit at Nashua Public Library

Pastels by Nashua artist Pauline Dailey will be on display in the Image Gallery at the Nashua Public Library in September and October. An opening reception for the artist will be held during Art Walk Nashua, on Sunday, October 3, from 2 pm to 4 pm. The event is free and open to the public. The exhibit can be viewed during normal library hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sundays starting October 3, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call Carol at 589-4610. The library is located at 2 Court Street. For directions and information on parking go to www.nashualibrary.org/directions.htm.

Hollis Fine Art Festival Applications Available

HOLLIS - Applications for the 5th Annual Hollis Fine Art Festival, which will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 16th and 17th, are now available. All major mediums i.e. oils, watercolors, acrylics etc. are represented. The photography category, however, is full at this time. Due to the popularity of this show it is recommended to apply as soon as possible in order to reserve a space. To receive an application or further information, contact Steve Previte at 465-2647 or Email steve@previtefineart.com

Macabaret Comes to WEST



Todd Fernald as "Paul Bearer," Diane Arabian as "Donna Shroud," Kelli Connors as "Victoria Bledsoe," and Robb Ross as "Phil Graves" in Macabaret.

PORTSMOUTH - ACT ONE's 4th annual Festival of Fun presents Get-A-Clue Productions devilishly delightful musical revue Macabaret at the West End Studio Theatre in Portsmouth.

Macabaret, by Scott Keys and Robert Hartmann, is an evening of "gallows humor, song & dance." This cabaret-with-a-twist will make you laugh 'til it hurts with its outrageous look at the kooky and spooky, the morbid and macabre. The "Corpse de Cabaret" includes Phil Graves, Victoria Bledsoe, Paul Bearer, and Donna Shroud...so you get an idea of what you are in for!

Macabaret is filled with plenty of "hellish jokes" and "ghoulishly

bad puns." Hilarious songs such as "Dead End Job," "Grave Mistake,"
"Boogie Woogie Boogieman," and "Marriage is Murder" parody murderous spouses, horror films, evil cows, and strange things that go bump in the night.

Macabaret is fiendishly fun enter-tainment and will play Friday, September 17 and October 8 at 8pm and Saturday, September 18 and October 9 at 2pm and 8pm. Tickets are \$18/\$16 and available at 300-2986 and online at www.actonenh. org. Reservations are highly recom-

The West End Studio Theatre is located at 959 Islington Street.

World Premiere at Peterborough Players

This Verse Business

PETERBOROUGH - The Peterborough Players professional theatre closes their summer season with a world premiere of This Verse Business by A. M. Dolan, September 15-26. This play about poet Robert Frost stars Gordon Clapp – best known for his Emmy-winning role as Detective Greg Medavoy on

Clapp portrays the great American poet Robert Frost, who "barded" around the country for fortyfive years with his poetry, dry wit, and "promises to keep." Frost's fame stemmed, in part, from the many entertaining "talks" he gave, usually in college towns before mixed crowds of students, faculty, and local citizens. These audiences witnessed some of his broadest thinking and humor. This Verse Business is likewise both poignant and funny. Rated G - age 12 and up. Performances: September 15-26, Tues-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 4 p.m.



Gordon Clapp as Robert Frost

Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd., Peterborough.

Tickets: \$38, except Saturdays \$40. Box Office: 924-7585 or Online: www.peterboroughplayers.org

Celtic Blaze Concert

NASHUA – The Nashua Community Concert Association opens its 2010-September 27, with an exciting program of Canadian music and dance by Stephanie Cadman's Celtic Blaze. The 8 PM performance will be held at Nashua's Elm Street Middle School, 117 Elm

Celtic Blaze is an energetic, entertaining and motivating show that appeals to audiences of all ages. The group reflects Canadian heritage through music and dance blended by Cadman's contemporary, creative edge. Cadman, a world champion tap dancer, has traveled throughout the world as a dancer and fiddle player.

Joined by singing and fiddling sensation Miranda Mulholland, Celtic Blaze's unique choreography invites you to a Celtic sojourn of dance and

and pencil draw-

ings of turtles. Glen

McInnis crafts large

wall turtles in clay.

Jeffrey Cooper (NH

Furniture Masters)

benches for chil-

dren to ride. Victo-

ria Mauldin (from

New Mexico) puts

animal-

wooden

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guitar; Hornby, bass; Kirk White, percussion, and Brad Fremlin, piano

and marching snare drum. Audiences will be drawn in to Celtic Blaze's uplifting musical experience. Call 888-9158 to purchase tickets or go to www.nashuacommunityconcerts.org for more information. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.cityartsnashua.org.

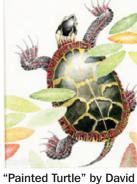
"Four Legged" Exhibit at Mill Brook Gallery and Sculpture Garden



"Bull Dog" by Ilene Richard, oil

CONCORD - Join the cavalcade of animal lovers at Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord for an artistic celebration of the animal kingdom, and lend your support to a noble cause! Twenty-nine creators showcase their talents in this exciting visual arts menagerie featuring some of our premier area artists. A truly astonishing exhibit, "Four Legged" is also a fund-raiser for the Concord-Merrimack SPCA, in appreciation and recognition of their efforts on behalf of New Hampshire's animals. A few highlights

from this family friendly exhibit: Bob Shannahan (of the Woolly Mammoth fame) conjures a prehistoric horse from all natural materials. David Carroll (MacArthur "Genius" award winner) contributes delicate watercolors



Carroll, watercolor

face-to-face with amazing horses. Plus, paintings by Melissa Miller, Rosemary Conroy, Heidi Lorenz, and Mary Iselin. Bronzes by Wendy Klemperer and Patricia Verani, and much more!

The stars of the exhibit are domestic, farm, and wild creatures to turtles, created in numerous mediums. An exhibit that will delight all the visitors. Website: www.themillbrookgallery.com. Phone: 226-



Victoria Mauldin, oil: "Eye To Eye #3"



"Rabbit Paradise" by Fleur Palau,