Summer Fun

Arts & Entertainment

June 27 – July 6

The Majestic Theatre Presents Larry Shue's Comedy The Foreigner, June 27 – July 6

MANCHESTER – The scene is a fishing lodge in rural Georgia often visited by "Froggy" LeSeuer, a British demolition expert who occasionally runs training sessions at a nearby army base. This time "Froggy" has brought along a friend, a pathologically shy young man named Charlie who is overcome with fear at the thought of making conversation with strangers. So "Froggy," before departing, tells all assembled that Charlie is from an exotic foreign country and speaks no English. Once alone the fun really begins, as Charlie overhears more than he should—the evil plans of a sinister, two-faced minister and his redneck associate; the fact that the minister's pretty fiancée is pregnant; and many other damaging revelations made with the thought that Charlie doesn't understand a word being said. That he does fuels the nonstop hilarity of the play and sets up the wildly funny climax in which things go uproariously awry for the "bad guys," and the "good guys" emerge triumphant.

Majestic's Foreigner is directed by Kevin Barrett of Concord and stars:

Tim Benner of Hooksett, Chad Boutin of Manchester, Pat Collins of Manchester, Elizabeth Leach of Manchester, Katie O'Donnell of Derry, Sean Racine of Manchester, Daniel Scheys of Manchester, Gary Trahan of Manchester and Barbara Webb of Plymouth.

Join us for "The Foreigner" on Fridays & Saturdays, June 27, 28, & July 5 at 7pm and on Sunday July 6 at 2pm. Performances will be held at The Manchester Community Music School's Holy Cross Hall located at 2291 Elm Street in Manchester.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for seniors 65 and above and $10 for youth 17 and under. Tickets can be purchased by visiting or calling the box office at 669-7469, online at www.majestictheatre.net or at the door prior to the performance. The Majestic is a non-profit NH community arts organization. Visit www.majestictheatre.net for more information.

June 25 – July 6

Peterborough Players Opens its 2014 Season with "Family Secrets"

PETERBOROUGH – The Peterborough Players starts off our 2014 season with an affectionate one woman show that everyone can RELATE to. Family Secrets by Sherry Glaser and Greg Howells opens on June 25th and runs through July 6th. Tickets are $39 on Saturdays and $37 all other days.

Family Secrets is a masterful and vivid portrait of an American family in a series of side-splitting scenes. Carolyn Michel (from 2011's The Lady with All the Answers) stars as five members of the Fisher family, who all have skeletons in their closets. The secrets, hilariously revealed, convey the joys and struggles of parenting, health, childbirth and love.

Michel has performed this show up and down the coast to great acclaimed. You won't want to miss the start of this great season.

Wed. – Sat. at 8:00 pm, Sun. at 4:00 pm, Monday Off, Tues. at 7:00 pm
Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd., Peterborough
Reserved Seating: $37, Saturdays $39
Rated PG
Box Office: 924-7585 or Online: www.PeterboroughPlayers.org

June 28 – August 16

Andy's Summer Playhouse Summer Season

WILTON - Andy's 2014 summer season (June 21- August 16) will include three mainstage original productions, a new touring show, the John C. Russell Playwriting Lab and much more.

The Strongest Girl in the World, performances June 28- July 5

Written by Jessica DiGiacinto. Directed by Jenny Emerson Foreman

Little Clara always knew she wanted a different kind of life; a life without rules or limitations, a life of adventure, a life like the performers at Coney Island's famous freak show. But you can't join the circus without an act. Against the advice of everyone she knows, Clara realizes her destiny -- and starts on a journey that will change her, and the world around her, forever.

The Block, performances July 19 - 26

Written and Directed by Jared Mezzocchi

When asked to write a creative story in a summer magazine for school, Eleanor is faced with one of the hardest challenges of her high school life: a writer's block. From speed writes to associative word games to bizarre character studies, Eleanor leans on her half-made characters to help her understand how her mind can unlock all its mysterious ideas.

Circumference - Around the World with Nellie Bly (Touring Production), performances July 19 - 17

Written and Directed by Shannon Sexton Potter

Around the world in 80 days? Sure, why not? It wasn't always so easy. In 1889 it was downright dangerous, unpredictable, and had never been done before! Join pioneer female investigative reporter extraordinaire Nellie Bly as she races to conquer the Jules Verne myth. Alone. With the world watching. Without luggage.

Phantasmagoria ~ or ~ Voices from the Ether (Musical), performances August 8 - 16

Written and Directed by DJ Potter. Composed by DJ Potter and Patrick Boutwell

In the middle of the 19th century the Fox sisters became famous for communicating with spirits. What started as a kind of local parlor trick quickly became a national phenomenon with young girls all over the U.S. discovering they too had the gift to speak to the dead. Were the girls telling the truth or just acting out for attention? Either way, one thing was certain: girls across the country had finally found their voice and were going to continue to use it by whatever means necessary.

July 14 – 18

BYPC Offers 1-Week Intensive Dance Class

Jessica Davison

Always wanted to kick eye high like the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes? Well now is your chance! Bedford Youth Performing Company (BYPC) is offering a one week dance intensive taught by Bedford native Jessica Davison. Ms Davison is a graduate of Boston Conservatory and has danced with the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes for two seasons. A perennial favorite at BYPC, Ms Davison has the depth and experience to challenge the most advanced dancer and a teaching style that is both warm and inviting for absolute beginners. So, join us as we learn the tricks of a kick line, the intricacies of precision dance and the real story of life on the NYC stage. It is the perfect workshop for dancers, dance teams, and cheerleaders. Great for beginners to advanced dancers.

BYPC's Broadway Dance Intensive is Monday July 14 - 18 from 2:00 - 4:00 for grades 1 - 4 and 4:00 - 8:00 for grades 5 & up. Register online at www.bypc.org or by calling 603-472-3894. Join the fun!

July 12

Kangaralien Concert to Benefit The Majestic Theatre

MANCHESTER – Kangaralien will perform a special concert to benefit The Majestic Theatre on Saturday, July 12th. Kangaralien is a Boston-based acoustic guitar duo. That their music calls to mind traces of progressive rock bands like Rush and Porcupine Tree shouldn't be surprising, as its two members, Eric Clemenzi and Steve Belleville, met playing in a Dream Theater tribute band. But more than a passing listen displays a range of influences including bluegrass, jazz, and classical. If you sit close enough to your speakers, you may even hear the faint smells of a kangaroo thinking of a spaceship. Opening for Kangaralien is The Sherpa Lizz Expedition featuring musicians; Steve Brough, Lizz Ferdina, James Davenport and Kevin Barrett. Come enjoy some great music and support The Majestic Theatre productions and educational programs. It's sure to be a fun night!

Performance will be held at the Radisson Hotel Manchester in the Curriers Room. Show begins at 7:30 with opening act The Sherpa Lizz Expedition followed by Kangaralien. Tickets are $15 each or $20 per couple. Enjoy free parking courtesy of the Center of NH Parking Garage. Cash bar and lighter fare menu available. Make it a full night and enjoy dinner at JD's Tavern prior to the performance. Present your show ticket to your server to receive 20% off your dinner. Special thanks to event sponsor The Radisson Hotel Manchester Downtown.

More about Kangaralien: Since their formation in 2004, Kangaralien has released two full-length albums; their self-titled debut in 2006 and its follow-up, Inspired by Humans, in 2009. They've supported these recordings by playing at all types of venues. No, really; rock clubs, restaurants, apple orchards, ice cream parlors, libraries . . . you name it. As a duo, Kangaralien plays concerts, visits schools, and sets up clinics for aspiring musicians. As individuals, Eric hones the craft of the brain-melting guitar solo and still finds time to be a dad and teach 80 students every week. Steve finds time to do less and less as his gigging schedule and Wii Bowling schedule become increasingly demanding.

Join us for the performance on Saturday, July 12 at 7:30pm at Curriers, the Radisson Hotel Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101.

Tickets are $15 per person or $20 per couple and may be purchased by visiting or calling the box office at 669-7469, online at www.majestictheatre.net or at the door prior to the performance. For more information visit www.majestictheatre.net.

Open 2nd & 4th Saturdays through October 15

Barrett House Goes Bare

NEW IPSWICH – An exterior preservation project at Barrett House in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, recently began with the removal and assessment of more than 150 wood shutters adorning the c. 1800 mansion. A painting crew is on site and has started prepping the siding and trim to receive a fresh coat of paint.

This project also includes the repair and painting of the property's front iron fence and gates, a new roof on two sections including the main museum, minor masonry repairs, and window conservation.

Barrett House is open for tours on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month through October 15. Call 617-994-6675 for information or visit http://www.historicnewengland.org/historic-properties/homes/barrett-house.

June 28

Fitzwilliam Historical Society

41st Annual Strawberry Festival

The FHS is delighted to announce its 41st Annual Strawberry Festival to take place on Saturday, June 28th from 1:00-4:00 pm on the historic Fitzwilliam Town Common. This event never fails to delight all who visit on this splendid afternoon. Come and enjoy fresh, juicy strawberries, whipped cream so fresh it is being made while you wait and a warm biscuit baked by Fitzwilliam's experienced bakers. A drink is included in this wonderful dessert! Sit under the tents and listen to music. No need to rush; stay and relax, visit, enjoy yourself.

The Amos J. Blake House Museum will be open for free self-guided tours during the Festival. Our special exhibit this year is "Rarities & Oddities." You may also visit the newly reopened Blake House Country Store & Gift Shop, located right across the street. We'll see you soon!

fhs@myfairpoint.net, 603-585-7742, or find us on facebook

Register by July 1 for September 4 Event

Terrarium Workshop with Art Scarpa

AMHERST – Art Scarpa, well known for his miniature plants and succulents, in the garden world, will be coming to Amherst to present a workshop on terrariums. The afternoon lecture and workshop will take place on September 4 from 1pm to 3pm at Parkhurst Place. It is being sponsored by the Amherst Garden Club and is open to the public to participate. The workshop fee will be $50.00 and includes everything you will need to make a 2 gallon terrarium. Registration is limited to 20 participants.

The 2 gallon glass terrarium can be made into a fairy garden if desired. Participants will be able to select from a variety of wonderful plant material provided by Art. Along with the fun of putting together your terrarium you will learn about the plants and how to care for them.

If you are interested in joining this workshop you need to register before the July 1 deadline. You can register by emailing Marti Warren at martiwarren@comcast.net or calling 673-7054. A check for $25.00 will hold your place and the remainder will be due at the class. Come join the fun. Master clay artisans will offer workshops and demonstrations. Activities include outdoor firings, a student exhibition, pottery potluck, kids' activities, music, food and more!

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Never Too Late or Too Early

BY AMY CONLEY, M.ED.

Amy Conley

MILFORD – There are people in my ukulele classes who have never played an instrument before but something inside of them said, "This might be fun, I should do this." Six weeks later they are strumming in a group, singing lots of old songs that were a part of their youth and having a wonderful time. For these students I am thrilled because they are discovering the joy of music, something I discovered long ago thanks to parents who supported my interest. If you are retired, an empty nester, or have a little time each day to try something new, I encourage you to branch out and learn the ukulele! As one adult student said, "learning and playing the ukulele has given me joy and opened up my heart and soul to music in a whole new way." Summer session begins July 1. Call 249-9560.

For young children, age birth to six is the best time to develop musical skills, skills that will help develop the whole child and promote successful learning of other subjects in school. Research indicates that music learning supports all learning. I have been teaching parent-child programs in music and movement for over thirty years. My primary goals are to create a joyful community experience and develop a love of music. Come to an open house and visit my studio in Milford on June 30, 10:00 – 11:00. Please RSVP 249-9560. www.amyconleymusic.com

Now thru September 1

PEM Presents Turner & the Sea

On view May 31 to September 1, 2014

Joseph Mallord William Turner, The Battle of Trafalgar, 21 October 1805 (1822-1824). © National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London. Greenwich Hospital Collection

SALEM, MA – The Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) presents the first and largest US exhibition of Joseph Mallord William Turner's maritime paintings. Turner & the Sea features more than 100 works spanning the fifty-year career of one of Britain's celebrated painters. Encompassing oils, watercolors, prints and sketches from the 1790s to the mid-1800s, this first full-scale examination of Turner's lifelong attraction to the sea follows the artist's evolution from precocious young painter to one of the most important, controversial and prolific masters of his art. Dramatic and roiling, sunlit and cloudstruck, the power of Turner's glorious canvases changed the maritime aesthetic and influenced countless painters hundreds of years after his time.

Turner painted the sea more often than any other subject, and it was central to his artistic vision from his earliest, career-establishing works right to the very end of his productive life. The sea in itself would provide endless pictorial inspiration with its physical characteristics and inherent poetry. The infinitely mutable nature of water and its relationship with light would offer everlasting interest and challenge to any painter. Combined with the sociopolitical realities of Turner's surroundings, there was no escaping the magnetism of the sea as subject matter. In Turner's time, Britain was engaged in decades of naval conflict and life on the open seas was very much in the public imagination.

"Turner lived in one of the world's most powerful nations at the water's edge for much of his life, at the very peak of British sea power. As any great artist will do, he embraced the atmosphere of his time and presented it through his work. Turner's talent was such that he went a step further and also redefined marine painting, and perhaps all painting, forever," said Daniel Finamore, the Russell W. Knight Curator of Maritime Art and History.

HOURS: Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 am–5 pm and the third Thursday of every month until 9 pm. Closed Mondays (except holidays), Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. ADMISSION: Adults $18; seniors $15; students $10. Additional admission to Yin Yu Tang: $5. Members, youth 17 and under and residents of Salem enjoy free general admission and free admission to Yin Yu Tang. INFO: Call 866-745-1876 or visit our Web site at www.pem.org

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Exhibit hall and Saturday night film are free and open to the public.
Saturday night dinner is open to anyone ($25 fee).

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