

The Peacock Players Christmas Spectacular

NASHUA – Peacock Players, New Hampshire's premiere award winning youth theatre, is proud to present the musical holiday tradition The Peacock Players Christmas Spectacular at the Janice B. Streecher Theatre, located at 14 Court Street, in Nashua for one weekend only, December 19-21. Tickets are now on sale at the Peacock Players box office by phone at 886-7000 and online at www.peacockplayers.org.

An original family-oriented musical review, The Peacock Players Christmas Spectacular is based on the time-honored favorites of the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular combined with the all-star holiday variety shows made popular by Perry Como, Bing Crosby and Bob Hope. This heart-warming episodic song and dance revue is already a long-standing Peacock Players holiday tradition.

The production is conceived and directed by Peacock Players' Artis-



Alumni and Resident Artist Alyssa Dumas (of Manchester) sings Where Are You Christmas? in Peacock Players' 2014 Christmas Spectacular.

sonal music," says Weirich. "There is a wealth of truly beautiful holiday music that doesn't often get to be sung or heard. Radio stations and department stores often re-sound the same old recycled Christmas classics, so we wanted to create a concert of holiday music that is both secular and sacred, entertaining and inspiring, familiar and fresh. We have really enjoyed discovering new Christmas music, while re-discovering old favorites, and we are excited to share them with you and your family."

The Peacock Players Christmas Spectacular will feature musical direction and accompaniment by Henry Kopczynski III. The all-star ensemble also features special performances from a cast of nearly one hundred Peacock Players students, alumni, parents, staff, and friends, including Lakeland Galinson (of Amherst), Mac Galinson (of Amherst) and Elayna Gardner (of Milford) – plus a special visit from Santa Claus himself.

This Peacock Players Mainstage production will be sponsored in

part by Mint Printworks Screen Print and Design, Costumes of Nashua, and The Telegraph.

Please note that The Peacock Players Christmas Spectacular is rated G for all audiences.

The Peacock Players Christmas Spectacular will mark the third production in Peacock Players 39th Annual Mainstage season. Peacock Players will next present the heart-warming romantic comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream in February. For more information regarding Peacock Players upcoming Mainstage productions, auditions, classes, and events – please visit www.peacockplayers.org.

The Peacock Players Christmas Spectacular performances are scheduled for Friday, December 19th @ 7pm; Saturday, December 20th @ 2pm & 7pm; and Sunday, December 21st @ 2pm. Tickets are currently on sale. To purchase tickets, or for more information, please call the box office at (603) 886-7000 or visit www.peacockplayers.org.

Arts & Entertainment

Exhibits



Jackie Cunningham, "Yellow Apples", 18

Art Exhibit Titled "Color In and Out" at East Colony Fine Art

Featuring Oil Paintings by Jackie Cunningham and Casein paintings by Priscilla Levesque

MANCHESTER – "Color In and Out" will exhibit from November 25 thru December 27 with the Opening Reception on Friday, December 5, 5-7pm.

Jackie's work is representational and her main focus is on beauty and making people smile when they view her work. Her inspirations come from textures and "aromas". She loves to paint flowers until you can smell them or take you for a walk on a sunny day through a sunny pasture and smell the fresh air. "Mostly it is the local color of my subject and the lovely touch of its complementary color that gets me excited." Sometimes everything else is put aside so she can paint the subject, at that very moment then and there.

Priscilla's inspiration is the landscapes by 19th century artists such as Pissarro, Seurat, Signac, Luce and others who used the pointillist technique in their paintings. She finds it challenging to create optical mixtures by juxtaposing small dots of numerous colors which, when viewed at a distance, appear to merge into one color.

She works in transparent watercolor and also casein, which is an opaque water-based paint. An advantage of opaque paint is the ease of making revisions and altering colors. Whenever she feels that an area is too dark, she can cover it with a lighter color because casein dries rapidly. She usually begins a painting with a watercolor underpainting and then works over it with casein, applying pointillist dots.

East Colony Fine Art, 55 South Commercial St in Manchester, NH, (603) 621-7400

Families Celebrate Noon Year's Eve at the Currier Museum of Art

MANCHESTER – Northern New England's largest family-friendly New Year's Eve event will happen Wednesday, December 31 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Currier Museum of Art. It's Noon Year's Eve, featuring amazing juggling performances, kid-friendly food, live music, a scavenger hunt, art activities and a chance to see our blockbuster exhibition, M.C. Escher: Reality and Illusion before it closes on January 5! For the big finish, we will cover the Currier's Winter Garden Café floor with bubble wrap "fireworks" and hundreds of balloons will drop from the ceiling!

Last year, more than 600 people rang in the New Year at Noon Year's Eve. Tickets are on sale now, and sig-

nificantly discounted advance purchase tickets are available at currier.org. Want to save even more? Become a Currier Member! Complete details available at: <http://www.currier.org/calendar/celebrate-noon-years-eve-2014-currier/>.

Key support for Noon Year's Eve at the Currier comes from Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, New Hampshire Public Television, Manchester Radio Group and Finch & Maloney.

The Currier Museum of Art, located at 150 Ash Street, Manchester, N.H., is open every day except Tuesday. For more information, visit www.currier.org or call 603.669.6144, x108.



Mac Galinson (of Amherst) Kurtis Beeten (of Merrimack) sing The Little Drummer Boy in Peacock Players' 2014 Christmas Spectacular.

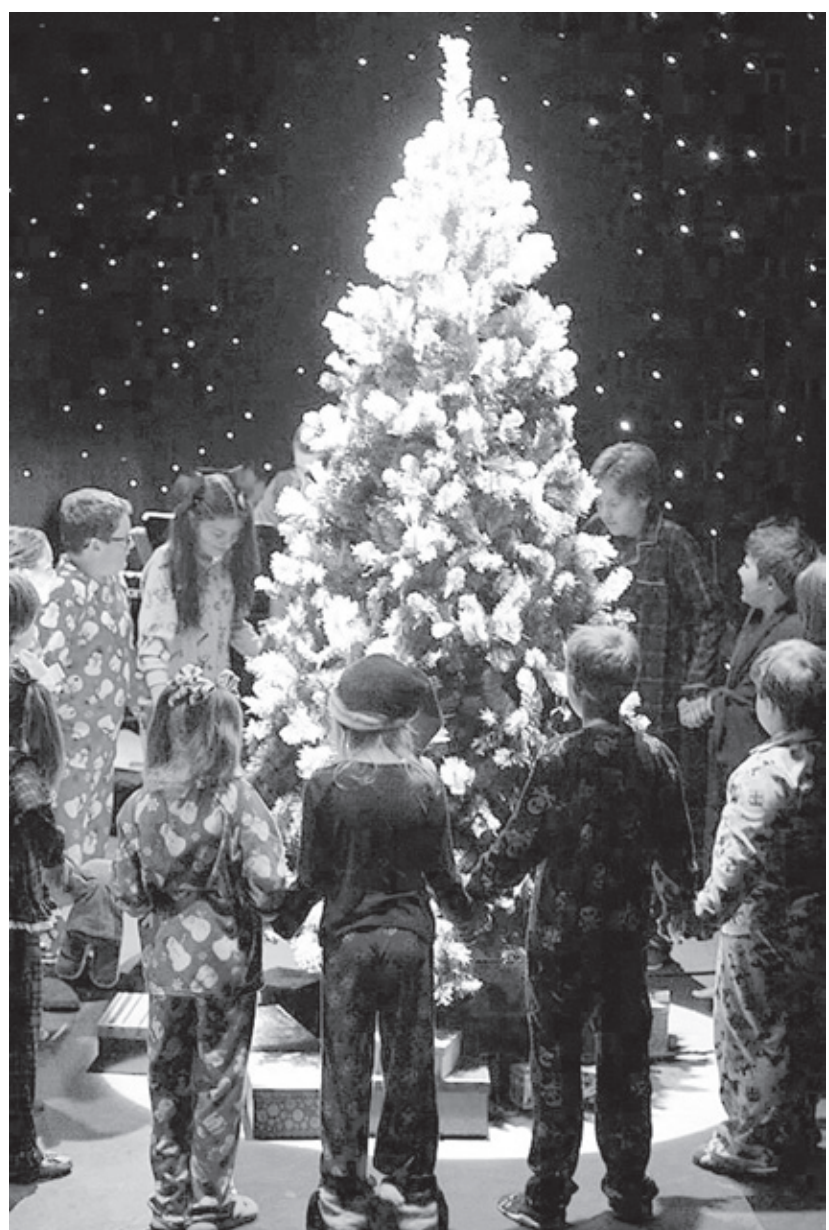


Alumni Danny Shea (of Nashua) entertains the current students in Peacock Players' 2014 Christmas Spectacular.

tic Director, and Broadway veteran performer, Keith Weirich. Mr. Weirich has received several New Hampshire Theatre Awards in his connection with Peacock Players,

and was honored this past year as the recipient of the Children's and Youth Award for his work in theatre arts education.

"Our Christmas Spectacular is a much-needed celebration of sea-



Children gather around the tree and sing Believe from The Polar Express in Peacock Players' 2014 Christmas Spectacular.

NH Master Chorale

NASHUA – As one of New England's finest choral ensembles, the 2014-2015 concert season of the touring Chorale features the New England premiere of John Rattledge's cantata The Divine Siren. This lush, new work based on the life and poetry of Gaspara Stampa – a 16th-century Italian poet – and her affair with Count Collaltino di Collalto inspired many of the 311 poems she published and dedicated to the Count.

The work is sung in English and Italian, interspersed with virtuosic solo work, accompanied by piano.

The NH Master Chorale makes its first return to Nashua since 2005.

Dan Perkins will conduct works by Brahms, Esenvalds, Rattledge and others.

At the FIRST MUSIC CONCERT SERIES, The First Church (UCC), 1 Concord Street, Nashua on Sunday, February 1 at 3PM.

Admission: \$20/Adults - \$15/Seniors - \$1 Students under 21
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