

Arts & Entertainment

Exhibits



Joyce Collier Fearnside's monotype, monoprint and collagraph prints on exhibit through May 7.

Five Fanatastic Frogs

The Jaffrey Civic Center is pleased to present an exhibit of prints by Joyce Collier Fearnside in the first floor Display Cases until May 7.

These monotype, monoprint and collagraph prints are affordably for sale as well as the small book, "Five Fanatastic Frogs" in which the illustrations are found.

"Ever since my daughter walked around for hours with a wild green frog on her shoulder, I was hooked. Frogs are our environmental barometers for the well being of our planet for many millions of years. Their defenses are numerous and I like the fact that they eat copious insects. Their strong legs help the frog jump ten times its length. Other defenses also prolong their life. Their evening songs are soothing to our ears as well."

"By age twelve, I made my first woodcut. Printmaking has become my main focus, because of its versatility by using painting, drawing, and texture. I include dry point or collagraph with monotype or monoprint to help keep the artwork new. I continue to sketch from my kayak while visiting ponds and lakes."

"My challenge was to create a small book inspired by the artist Beatrix Potter. Growing up my family would read her little books at bedtime. Not long ago, I visited her home to see what gave her the vision to write and illustrate her little books." "This year I am working on another little book about bubbles at a rambling brook where creatures come to visit."

The Jaffrey Civic Center is located at 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, New Hampshire, next to Library, parking in rear. Hours are Tues: 10-6, Wed-Fri 1-5, Sat 10-2. Admission is always free. For more information about us, call 603-532-6527, e-mail us at jaffreycntr@aol.com.

Spring is in The Air: Student Art Show May 2015!

AMHERST – When it is Spring, it is time for the Student Art Show! Mark those calendars the Friends of the Amherst Town Library will be showcasing selected artworks from the SAU-39 schools in the 2015 Student Art Show during the month of May at the Amherst Town Library. Artists' reception to be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Again this year, in addition to students receiving participation ribbons, art awards will be given to selected artworks juried by five local artists.

Awards will take the form of framing two-dimensional artworks or a plaque for three-dimensional artworks. Award ceremony for selected juried artwork will be at 3:00 p.m. on Mother's Day. Artists selected for awards will be notified prior to award ceremony.



Artist: Alex Airey, 2014

Peacock Players Proudly Presents

The Wizard Of Oz

Running For Three Weeks – May 1st through May 17th

NASHUA – Follow the Yellow Brick Road to New Hampshire's premiere award winning theatre, as Peacock Players proudly presents the stage adaptation of the MGM classic movie musical *The Wizard of Oz* for three weekends in May at the Janice B. Streeter Theater, located at 14 Court Street in Nashua. Tickets are now on sale at the Peacock Players box office by phone at 886-7000 and online at www.peacockplayers.org.

The *Wizard of Oz*, written by L. Frank Baum, is the classic tale of little Dorothy Gale of Kansas, who dreams of what lies over the rainbow. One day a twister hits her farm and carries her to the magical Land of Oz. Join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion, and Toto as they journey down the Yellow Brick Road to encounter witches, Munchkins, talking trees, flying monkeys, the Emerald City, and (of course) the wonderful *Wizard of Oz* himself.



Featuring the music and lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg from the classic 1939 MGM motion picture, audiences will delight in the famous score including *Over The Rainbow*, *Follow The Yellow Brick Road*, *If I Only Had A Brain*, *We're Off To See The Wizard*, *The Merry Old Land of Oz*, and *If I Were King Of The Forest*.

This much-anticipated Peacock Players Mainstage production will be created by the same multi-award winning production team that received two distinct Best Production awards (Spring Awakening, Community Division and *The Addams Family*, Youth Division) at the 13th Annual New Hampshire Theatre Awards this year. Peacock Players was the proud recipient of 14 New Hampshire Theatre Awards and 28 Top Three Finalist honors at the 2015 NHTA ceremony, held at the Stockbridge Theatre in Derry last January. Peacock Players is proud to have received more industry awards than any other professional, community, or youth theatre in the state.

The *Wizard of Oz* will be directed by Broadway performer, and Peacock Players Artistic Director Keith Weirich. Henry Koczynski III (musical director), Valerie Psoinos Nelson and Alyssa Dumas (choreographers), Dan



Elsa Keefe (as Dorothy Gale), Stephen Koehler (as The Scarecrow), Jake Harkins (as The Tin Man) and Brandon Feiciano (as The Lion) in Peacock Players' upcoming Mainstage production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Koehler and Keith Weirich (scenic design), Maggie Mahony (costume design), Norm St. Germain and Keith Weirich (lighting design), and Rich Loomer (sound design), will also lend their extraordinary talents to the project.

"The *Wizard of Oz* is a perennial family favorite, one that has become a rite of passage for every new generation," says Weirich. "This production will charm children of all ages with the power of believing in the most imaginative things. Experiencing a production of this magnitude and design is a once in a lifetime adventure, and Pea-

cock Players is proud to bring this classic to a whole new generation of adventurers."

The cast of *The Wizard of Oz* will include Mac Galinson (Amherst) as the Emerald City Doorman. The rest of the large ensemble is rounded out with New Hampshire's most recognized and awarded theatre performers, including Lakeland Galinson (Amherst), Elayna Gardner (Milford) Grace Giannetti (Amherst), and Delaney Kipp (Mont Vernon).

"There is no better way to experience all the joys of live theatre than to rediscover this timeless classic with Peacock Players,"

adds Weirich. Peacock Players is proud to offer additional free audience enrichment opportunities. Meet your favorite characters on-stage after each performance, and join us on Sunday, May 10th for post-show audience discussions with the artists that helped to create this production of *The Wizard of Oz*. "Peacock Players is the home of quality theatre production and theatre arts education in New Hampshire, and there truly is no place like home."

Please note that *The Wizard of Oz* is rated G for all audiences.

The *Wizard of Oz* will culminate Peacock Players' 39th Annual Mainstage season. For more information regarding Peacock Players upcoming Mainstage productions, auditions, classes, summer theatre camp, and events – please visit www.peacockplayers.org.

The *Wizard of Oz* performances are scheduled for Friday, May 1st @ 7pm; Saturday, May 2nd @ 2pm & 7pm; Sunday, May 3rd @ 2pm; Friday, May 8th @ 7pm; Saturday, May 9th @ 2pm & 7pm; Sunday, May 10th @ 2pm; Friday, May 15th @ 7pm; Saturday, May 16th @ 2pm & 7pm; and Sunday, May 17th @ 2pm. Tickets are currently on sale. To purchase tickets, or for more information, please call the Box Office at 886-7000 or visit www.peacockplayers.org.



Elsa Keefe (as Dorothy Gale) and introducing thespian canine Dora Kaufman (of Hooksett) in Peacock Players' upcoming Mainstage production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Final Concert of Season for Nashua Community Concert

NASHUA – The Nashua Community Concert Association is pleased to present "Hector Olivera, Internationally Acclaimed Organist", the final concert of the 2014-2015 season, on Thursday April 30th, 8 p.m. at the Keefe Center for the Arts, 117 Elm St. Nashua, NH.

Born in Buenos Aires, Mr. Olivera began playing the pipe organ when he was three. At age five he played for the legendary Eva Perón, and at age six he entered the Buenos Aires Conservatory as a child prodigy. When offered a scholarship at the renowned Juilliard School of Music in New York, he moved to the United States. Three years later Mr. Olivera's outstanding professional concert career was launched when he won the AGO's National Improvisation Contest.

Maestro Hector Olivera has become one of the greatest, most sought after and revered international concert organists of the present time. The *Times Reporter* (Portland, Maine) describes an evening with Hector Olivera as "an event, a happening, a joyful celebration of the sheer power and pressure that a true virtuoso like Hector Olivera can unleash in a concert hall."

Mr. Olivera not only possesses a prodigious technical proficiency,

but is a passionate and gifted musician, whose personal interpretations of both classical and popular music have amazed and delighted audiences around the world.

Whether in a prestigious venue like Carnegie Hall, Royal Albert Hall, Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, Constitution Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, or in conjunction with a celebrated event like the Olympic Games or the Classical Newport Music Festival, the most sophisticated and demanding organ aficionados claim that Maestro Hector Olivera is one of the greatest organists in the world today.

To purchase tickets, visit our web site. www.nashuacommunityconcerts.org, call 318-1792, or send a check made out to Nashua Community Concert Association to Mary Sayre, PO Box 1563, Nashua, NH 03061-1563. Tickets for the general public are \$25 adults, \$10 students. For further information call 579-0603. Tickets will also be available at the door. We now accept credit and debit cards at the door.

Handicap entrance opens at 7:10 p.m., and general admission at 7:15 p.m.

Piccola Opera Announces May 9 Opera Auditions for "The Magic Flute"

CONCORD – In a time when many arts' communities seem to be shrinking, Piccola Opera is working to promote a musical renaissance in downtown Concord. With a new studio and office on North Main Street, the organizations' directors Carlos Martinez and Jane Cormier are hard at work preparing for the upcoming summer season.

"Having been young opera singers who needed stage experience to get to the next audition level, we are excited to offer performance opportunities to these singers", say Carlos Martinez, Music Director of Piccola Opera. "There are considerably fewer operatic opportunities for young singers these days and we believe New Hampshire can offer these performers lead role stage experience in a beautiful, historic setting. "The Magic Flute" will be a fabulous event for all concerned", says Martinez.

Martinez knows what he is talking about. He and his wife, Jane Cormier, have performed all over the world on the operatic stage. In addition, Cormier and Martinez have worked with the cream of the crop in the opera world. Martinez has worked with Carlisle Floyd and Buck Ross at Houston Grand Opera and Robert Larsen at Des Moines Metro Opera. Cormier has studied

with Joan Dornemann, Nico Castel, and Janet Bookspan from the Metropolitan Opera in NYC.

Piccola Opera will hold Open Auditions for community members desiring to perform in "The Magic Flute" which will be fully staged with orchestra at the Concord City Auditorium July 24 & 25.

The audition will be held on May 9, 9:00 am – 11:00 am at 8 North Main Street, Concord, NH. An accompanist will be provided free of charge and singers are asked to bring two operatic selections, one in English. These auditions are for singers of all ages as Mozart's "The Magic Flute" has roles for children and adults.

"We look forward to educating the public on the beauty and power inherent in the operatic medium. Opera is a wonderful opportunity to bring all the art forms together – music, drama, design, and dance. And, of course, Mozart's "The Magic Flute" is a classic which has reigned for over two hundred years", says Martinez.

For more information visit www.piccolaopera.net. Piccola Opera is a 501 c 3 organization dedicated to educating, enlightening, and entertaining audiences in the realm of opera.