

North Fork Community Theatre

February 2017

12700 Sound Avenue, PO Box 86 Mattituck, NY 11952

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February 3, 4 and 5

February 11 and 12

March 21

March 19 and 20

Almost, Maine

A Standard Romance

General Meeting

***Cabaret* auditions**

(All events held at the theater unless otherwise noted.)

President's Message

Dear NFCT friends,

I'm writing this message on Inauguration Day, a day meant to be about acknowledging our differences and putting them aside to focus on an important part of our democratic process. Instead, on this day, we seem to see even more divisions and schisms. But I don't want to talk to you about politicians, or the beliefs and issues that divide us. I want to talk to you about what brings us together.

I got involved at the NFCT because I saw the way people from all walks of life came together to create, support and appreciate the arts. On the first day I volunteered I felt like an outsider for about five minutes until I realized that there are no outsiders in community theater. All are welcome. All have something to contribute. Every effort I put into this theater is with the goal of ensuring this place remains a safe haven for ALL — regardless of age, race religion, who you love or even who you voted for.

We cannot heal a hurting nation, but if this message of inclusion and compassion reminds just one person that there are people in your community who accept you and care about you, then it has served its purpose. I will continue to celebrate our differences because it is these distinctive points of view that come together to make beautiful art.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Liz Liszanckie

***Almost, Maine* opened Jan. 20 and has one more weekend**, so don't miss it! Come see Tamara Flannel, Sheila Griffin, John Lovett and Colin Palmer in a play that explores life, love and loss in an "almost town" called *Almost, Maine*. Robert Horne directs and Dee Andes is producer. Performances continue Friday to Sunday, Feb. 3 to Feb. 5. Go to nfct.com for information and tickets or call 631-298-6328.

While you're at *Almost, Maine*, check out "Feet on the Ground, Head in the Sky," an exhibit of work by North Fork photographer Bridget Elkin, in our "Side Gallery." The show, which will continue through April,

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includes photographs of the East End from aerial and ground level perspectives; 30% of sale proceeds will go toward the NFCT's Renovation Campaign. See her work at www.elkincreative.com, Instagram @northforkgrown.

Laura Meade will present 'A Standard Romance,' a concert of songs from the American Standards Songbook, at 8 p.m. Saturday, February 11, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, February 12. Laura, who lives in Cutchogue, performed in NFCT's *First Date* this past fall, and she has played leading roles all over Long Island. She's also a singer and songwriter, but she says standards are her favorite type of music. Her uncle Terry Meade will provide accompaniment. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at nfct.com or by calling 631-298-NFCT (6328). NFCT donors are invited free of charge as a thank-you for their support of the NFCT. Call Mary Motto Kalich at 917-334-6639 for the free tickets.

Gala volunteers wanted! If you've been to any of our spring galas, you know how fun and entertaining they are. So wouldn't you like to help plan this year's event? The date and location will soon be finalized, and the committee welcomes help with all aspects of the gala. If you're interested, contact Mary Motto Kalich at 917-334-6639.

Rehearsals are getting underway for *The Female of the Species*, a comedy/satire by Joanna Murray-Smith. Performances will take place March 17 to April 2. The play is about author and teacher Margot Mason, a pioneer of the Women's Liberation movement in the 1970s, who is suffering from writer's block. She's suddenly confronted by Molly Rivers, student, idealist and daughter of one of Margot's most dedicated followers, who handcuffs her to the desk and pulls a gun. Get your tickets early at nfct.com.

Cast call for *Cabaret*: Auditions for our spring musical, *Cabaret*, will be held Sunday and Monday, March 19 and 20 (time to be announced), with callbacks on Wednesday, March 22. Performances will take place May 18- June 4.

The 2017 Variety Show, which raised funds for our scholarship fund, was great fun and a great show. However, because of a snowstorm, the Saturday performance had to be canceled. If you happened to miss the show, you can still donate to the scholarship fund by sending a check to NFCT, P.O. Box 86, Mattituck 11952. Please mark it for scholarships.

March general membership meeting: The date is set for Tuesday, March 21 (a change from our usual second-Tuesday schedule), at 8 p.m. The 2017-18 slate of plays will be presented that night, so don't miss it.

Please support the NFCT Renovation Campaign! Your donations help us continue improvements to our building. The renovation committee is working with theater architects and local contractors to determine costs and decide what we will be able to include in the first phase of interior renovations. To donate, go to nfct.com (click on Support) or contact campaign chair Mary Motto Kalich at 917-334-6639 or campaign@nfct.com.



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