

North Fork Community Theatre

July 2017

12700 Sound Avenue, PO Box 86 Mattituck, NY 11952

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July 6

July 20-August 6

August 6, 7 and 8

August 11 and 12

August 26

60th anniversary planning meeting

***Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Youth on Stage)**

***Young Frankenstein* auditions**

Youth on Stage Ensemble Nights

Improv workshop

President's Message

Dear NFCT Friends,

First things first: I want to thank Liz Liszanckie for being NFCT president for the past 2 years! She has devoted her heart and countless hours to the NFCT. We are so lucky to have her as part of our group (and continuing as vice president). The NFCT is volunteer run and does not have any staff, so without people like Liz, who contribute their time and energy to the NFCT, we would not be here today, about to start our 60th Season. We love you, Liz!

Speaking of our 60th season: Did you know that this fall the NFCT will kick off its 60th season of shows? To celebrate, the NFCT will be performing all musicals this season: *Young Frankenstein*; *Next to Normal*; *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*' *Oliver!*; and *Seussical*. Besides this fun season of all musicals, what else should we do to celebrate this milestone? We are looking for your ideas: wacky, fun, big or small! Please come down to the NFCT on Thursday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m. to brainstorm with fellow NFCT friends. If you can't be there on July 6, please email or call me with any suggestions (president@nfct.com, 917-334-6639).

Thank you to everyone who helped make the NFCT "Our Future's So Bright" Gala a success: the Gala Committee, the performers and everyone who attended as we all joined together to raise money for the NFCT renovations. As you know, we continue to raise money toward our interior renovations that will include an orchestra pit, extensions of the stage both in front of and behind the curtain, new rigging, lighting and a rehearsal room under the stage. As we work on the plans for the larger interior renovations, we continue to make improvements including our new box office window. You can now pick up your tickets at one of two windows: one outdoors on the porch or the one to your left as you enter. We hope this will make your experience at the NFCT ticket windows even better.

I hope to see you at an NFCT show or event soon!

Mary Motto Kalich

***Thoroughly Modern Millie* opens July 20!** Get your tickets now for the Youth on Stage musical, which runs Thursdays to Sundays, July 20 to August 6. The production is directed by Youth on Stage alum John Bradley, with musical direction by Karen Hochstedler. Liz Liszanckie and Jen Eager are co-producers. Go to nfct.com for tickets or call 631-298-6328. After the show closes, the cast plans two Ensemble Nights, on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11 and 12. Check our August newsletter for details.

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Congratulations to NFCT's new officers and directors, and thank you to the nominating committee of Christina Stankewicz, Joanna Paulsen and Anne Gilvarry. The following slate was voted in at the June 13 general meeting: Mary Motto Kalich, president; Liz Liszanckie, vice president; Mike Hipp, treasurer; Kelsey Cheslock, secretary; and board members Katrina Lovett and David Markel. Laurie Phelan recently joined the board to fill out the term of Doreen Kirby.

Members of the play reading committee were also chosen at the June meeting: Bob Kaplan, Robert Horn, Marissa Russo and Tammy Flanell. The committee is led by vice president Liz Liszanckie.

An exciting 2017-18 season: In honor of our 60th anniversary, we will present a season of musicals. The schedule is as follows: *Young Frankenstein*, Oct. 12-15, 19-22 and 26-29; *Next to Normal*, Jan. 19-21, 26-28 and Feb. 2-4; *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, March 8-11, 15-18 and 22-25; *Oliver!*, May 17-20, 24-27 and May 31, June 1-3; and *Seussical* (Youth on Stage), July 19-22, 26-29 and Aug. 2-5.

Help plan how to celebrate our 60th anniversary: A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6, at the theater. Bring any and all ideas – brainstorming welcome!

Auditions for the musical *Young Frankenstein* will be held Sunday, August 6, at 7:30 p.m. and Monday, August 7, at 7 p.m. Callbacks will be on Tuesday, August 8, at 7. Please prepare to perform about 32 measures of a song. It is OK to sing a song from the show. Actors will receive some group dance instruction to see the level of their rhythmic dexterity. There will be readings from the script at callbacks. Performances are set for October 12-15, 19-22 and 26-29. If you have questions, call director Bob Kaplan at 631-929-3042.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners! The following seniors graduating from our local high schools received NFCT scholarships: Casey Plitt, Riverhead; Shannon O'Brien, McGann-Mercy; Alex Bradley, Mattituck; Connor Vaccariello, Southold; Nellie Spackman, Greenport; and Zoey Bolton, Shelter Island.

A shout-out to the gala committee for a job well done: Bernadette Aldcroft, George Aldcroft, John Bradley, Kelsey Cheslock, Chelsea Chizever, Mary Motto Kalich, John Lovett, Katrina Lovett, Liz Liszanckie, David Markel, Laurie Phelan, Joceyln Podlas, Joyce Podlas, Sherry Powers, Julia Pulick, Lauren Sisson, Christina Stankewicz, Terry Wildrick, Stacey Zulawski and Warren Zulawski.

Learn improv at NFCT: Join members of Long Island's own SEE Saw Repertory Company and NFCT for a workshop that will explore the Art of Improv. In its purest and simplest form, improv is acting without a script. Join us at NFCT on Saturday, August 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. The workshop fee is \$50. Seating is limited; register at hornbird830@gmail.com. For more information, email Michael Horn at that address or call 631-827-4578. Look for SEE Saw Repertory Company on Facebook.

NFCT performers Chris Fretto, Michael Horn, Liz Liszanckie and Brendan Noble are part of The Comedy Assassins, who will present three evenings of improv comedy at Vail-Leavitt Music Hall this summer. The dates are Saturdays, July 1, Aug. 26 and Sept. 9, all at 8:30 p.m. Keep an eye on thevail.org for details.

The East End Fringe Festival will feature six very different plays nearly every night from July 26 to August 6 at the Vail-Leavitt Music Hall in Riverhead. The plays, as well as TheaterExpress original shorts and poetry, were chosen from a multitude of entries and curated by festival producers Debbie Slevin and Cindy Clifford. One of the plays – a humorous visit with God and his wife – was written by our own Michael Horn. On August 1, Project Poetry presents new and notable poets reading original works on stage at the Vail-Leavitt. Visit TheVail.org or EastEndFringeFest.com for details and tickets.

Renew your membership! Yearly dues are \$10 and cover from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. You can renew by sending a check to NFCT, P.O. Box 86, Mattituck, NY 11952.



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