

North Fork Community Theatre

March 2017

12700 Sound Avenue, PO Box 86 Mattituck, NY 11952

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March 2

March 17-April 2

March 19, 20 and 22

March 21

Gala volunteer meeting

The Female of the Species

***Cabaret* auditions**

General Meeting

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

Coming soon to the NFCT stage: *The Female of the Species*, a comedy/satire by Joanna Murray-Smith, will be presented Fridays to Sundays, 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 her desk and pulls a gun. (But it's funny!) The cast includes Susan Hedges, Kelsey Cheslock, Michelle Corbett, John Lovett, John Hudson and Kyle Cranston. Get your tickets 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. Actors should prepare 16 bars of a Broadway theater song (an accompanist will be provided) and be prepared for a dance audition if you're interested in the roles of the Emcee or Sally or the Ensemble. Leads will also read briefly from the script. You may sing from the score, but not the title song. Rehearsals will be held Mondays-Thursdays till opening, with perhaps a couple of Sunday evenings if needed. No performance conflicts, please. All roles are open; you can find details about parts at nfct.com. Contact director Manning Dandridge at manningdand@outlook.com if you have questions.

The March general membership meeting will be held 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. But wait, there's more: Come hear about exciting updates on our renovation plans for the NFCT stage, orchestra pit, backstage, lights and more. These changes will keep the unique historic look of our building but allow us to use theater technology and proper sound acoustics to put on the best shows possible.

Are you interested in being a part of a NFCT show? Don't want to be on stage? Why don't you help out in the lighting booth. We are looking for people to help out running lights and sound for shows. NO technical expertise needed. Anyone interested can contact David Scheer at

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Photography exhibit: Bridget Elkin's photography show, "Feet on the Ground, Head in the Sky," is currently featured in the NFCT's side gallery. Bridget will be at the opening night reception for *The Female of the Species* on Friday, March 17, at 7 p.m. to discuss her work. The show features Bridget's photographs of the East End from aerial and ground level perspectives; 30 percent of sale proceeds will benefit the NFCT's Renovation Campaign. Come check it out - and stay for the show!

The NFCT's 'Future's So Bright' Gala will be held on Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m. at Sparkling Pointe Winery in Southold. Gala proceeds will go toward the NFCT Renovation Campaign to renovate the interior of the NFCT. So save the date!

Gala volunteer meeting: You're invited to be a part of planning this year's gala. The next meeting will be held at 7:30p.m. Thursday, March 2, at the theater. Thank you to volunteers Laura Meade, Warren Zuwalski, Laurie Phelan, Joyce Podlas, Jocelyn Podlas, Katrina Lovett, John Lovett, Liz Lisanckie, Mary Motto Kalich, Stacey Zulawski, John Bradley, Mike Hipp, Chelsea Chizever and Mike Drozd for their help so far! Please RSVP to Mary at marymotto@yahoo.com or 917-334-6639 if you can make it.

Raffle and auction items needed: Please consider asking your friends/family or local businesses that you frequent to contribute a gift certificate or gift item to the NFCT Gala on June 8. Advertising and sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact Mary Motto Kalich at 917-334-6639 for more information.

Kudos to Laura Meade, who gave a wonderful performance at our annual donor appreciation event on Feb. 11 and 12. Despite the rotten weather, the audiences were treated to an entertaining program of American standards, complete with an appearance by NFCT performers Manning Dandridge and Matt Senese and accompaniment by Laura's uncle Terry Meade.

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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