

# North Fork Community Theatre

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**March 8 – 25**

***You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown Opens***

**March 12, 14 & 17**

***Oliver! Auditions***

**March 13**

**NFCT General Membership Meeting**

## President's Message

Dear NFCT Friends,

I am excited about all of the fun family-oriented shows and events at the NFCT this spring and summer! One of the goals of the NFCT is to give folks of all ages the opportunity to perform and experience live theatre. These upcoming shows will feature many children and young adults from our community, starting with March's show, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, continuing through the classic *Oliver!* in May/June, and the Youth on Stage Summer Show: *Seussical!* this July/August. I also can't stop smiling and thinking about the fun and dancing in our seats that will be going on when Brady Rymer plays a benefit concert at the NFCT on Sunday, May 6th to support our renovations! Brady Rymer is a three-time Grammy nominated artist for Children's music, and a local friend of the theatre.

Mark your calendars! Our 60th Season Gala will be held this Saturday June 16th, 2018 at 6PM. We will be holding this special "Diamond Anniversary" Gala at the Southold Historical Society's courtyard. Please consider coming to a Gala committee meeting to help plan the party. We need lots of volunteers to make it happen. Additionally, we are looking for business sponsors for the Gala. Businesses or individuals can help by placing ad in the Gala program, or donating a raffle item, by donating money for us to print and mail invitations, or for us to obtain raffle items in your name. Our 60th Season Gala will raise money for the renovations to the NFCT. We are getting close to being able to renovate our beloved theatre and need your help to make it happen, so please consider attending the NFCT 60th Season Gala on June 16th or making a donation to the Gala. Please contact me at [917-334-6639](tel:917-334-6639) or [marymotto@yahoo.com](mailto:marymotto@yahoo.com) for more info.

Mary Motto Kalich

**“Rest of the Season” Subscription** –NFCT Gift Certificates are available for individual shows (\$25 each) or for a “Rest of the Season” Subscription to the 3 remaining show of the 60<sup>th</sup> Season for \$60 each. Gift certificates can be purchased at [www.nfct.com](http://www.nfct.com) or at 631-298-NFCT (6328). For more information call 631-298-4500.

**Enter To Win NFCT Raffle Items** - To celebrate the NFCT's 60th Season, we will raffle off prizes throughout the year. Prizes will include NFCT Season Subscriptions, NFCT show tickets, Tickets to the NFCT 60th Season Gala in June, NFCT gear, and other prizes from local community supporters. You can enter the 60th Season Raffle when you attend an NFCT Show or an NFCT Community event. No purchase necessary. For more info, please contact Mary Motto Kalich at [president@nfct.com](mailto:president@nfct.com).

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## Upcoming Events

***You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown Opens this March!*** Performances for the musical based on Charles Schulz's comics are set for March 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$25 and student rush tickets are \$20 may be available 10 minutes before curtain time. Director: Manning Dandridge. Musical director: Marguerite Volonts. Producer: Jennifer Eager. Choreographer: Chelsea Chizever. Featuring Jason Rios as Charlie Brown, Ryan Nowak as Linus, Leah Kerensky as Lucy, David Lopez as Snoopy, Ben Eager as Schroeder and Kat Motlenski as Patty.

**NFCT General Membership Meeting.** Join our membership on Tuesday, March 13 at 8pm at the theatre for our Spring General Membership meeting. Learn more about our renovation efforts, our upcoming Gala, upcoming productions and decisions from our play reading committee for our 61<sup>st</sup> Season!

**Auditions for *Oliver!*** Announcing auditions for *Oliver!* Join us on Monday, March 12 at 7pm (kids & adults); Wednesday, March 14 at 7pm (adults only); and Saturday, March 17 at 1pm (kids only). Callbacks to be held on Sunday, March 18. For audition information and character breakdowns, please visit "Auditions" at [www.nfct.com](http://www.nfct.com). *Oliver!* runs May 17 – June 3; no performance conflicts will be accepted. For more information, please contact Director Kelsey Cheslock at [kelsey@kelseycheslock.com](mailto:kelsey@kelseycheslock.com).

**Brady Rymer & The Little Band That Could!** Join us on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for a special performance by Grammy Nominated Children's Musician (and Southold resident!) Brady Rymer and the Little Band That Could! Tickets are available at [www.nfct.com](http://www.nfct.com) or 631.298.NFCT (6328) for \$20. This event will also include a special preview performance by the cast of *Oliver!* with Brady! This is a fundraiser in support of the NFCT Renovation Campaign.

**Continuing our 60<sup>th</sup> Season!** Join the NFCT for rest of our Diamond Season: *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*: March 8 – 25, *Oliver!*: May 17 – June 3, and *Seussical the Musical* : July 19 – August 5. Don't miss this exciting and monumental season at the NFCT!

**Did You Know: NFCT Trivia** - Volunteer Doreen Kirby has compiled a list of little known facts and trivia for each decade of the NFCT's existence to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Season!

Here are some facts from the 1980s:

*\*A robbery took place at the theatre of various tools and equipment. No worries though, all was recovered, thanks to Southold PD.*

*\*Our tickets were hand written by our beloved ticket lady, Judy Utter. Hand written tickets were finally replaced in the 80's by professional printing but Judy could never be replaced. We remember her fondly.*

*\*Sadly, the arsonist that set the 1982 fire was never found. (A show was scheduled to open just a few days after the fire. Fortunately, Mattituck school district offered their stage while the cleanup began at NFCT, and the scheduled production opened April 16 1982. The show.....Desperate Hours. Ironic.)*

*\*When the boarded-up window in the box office was reopened in 2016, ashes from the 1982 fire were still in the wood frame.*

## Renovation Campaign

**NFCT Renovation Campaign: It takes a Community!** As we look forward to the NFCT's future, we recognize the sound problems and other challenges of our historic building. We plan to renovate the NFCT and improve the building's theatrical capabilities. Our goal is to keep the small town charm, look, and feel of the NFCT, while we make improvements including a live orchestra pit underneath the stage, expanded stage space, a new rehearsal room below, and new lighting and rigging infrastructure. We want you, as patrons to see, hear, and experience the best theatre possible, right here in our community!

**Become a "Diamond Donor"** - For our 60th Season, we are celebrating with the traditional 60th Anniversary gift of DIAMONDS. Everyone who donates \$1,000 or more between September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018 will be recognized as a "Diamond Donor." A list of NFCT "Diamond Donors" will be permanently displayed at the NFCT and recognized in the NFCT playbills.

**Save the date for our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala to benefit our "Building on Tradition Campaign."** This year's gala will be held on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Southold Historical Society. Keep an eye out for your invitation! For more information, please contact Mary Motto Kalich at [president@nfct.com](mailto:president@nfct.com).

**We're looking for volunteers for our Gala Committee!** Are you interested in helping plan and organize our annual Gala? We are looking for volunteers to help acquire sponsorships and donation items from local businesses. Contact Mary Motto Kalich at [president@nfct.com](mailto:president@nfct.com) for more information and to join our next committee meeting!

**NFCT 2017-2018 Membership is now past due.** The NFCT Membership year starts 7/1/17 and goes through 6/30/18. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so now to continue receiving the newsletter. Membership dues are \$10 per person or \$20 per family and should be sent to NFCT Box 86, Mattituck, NY 11952.

**We need your help! NFCT Missing Programs.** Do you have any of these programs at home? Please contact Historical Documents & Archives Volunteer Doreen Kirby if you have these important historical documents at [doreenkirby732@yahoo.com](mailto:doreenkirby732@yahoo.com): 1958: Bus Stop, Visit to a Small Planet; 1959: All My Sons; 1961: Born Yesterday; 1961-62: The Glass Menagerie; 1962-63: The Hasty Heart; 1973-74: Funny Girl (Youth on Stage); 1974-75: Guys and Dolls (Youth on Stage); 2007-08: The Haunting Of Hill House; 2008: Bertha the Beautiful Typewriter Girl (Special Event).

**Newsletter Submission.** Have something you would like to include in next month's NFCT Newsletter? Email Kelsey Cheslock at [secretary@nfct.com](mailto:secretary@nfct.com) before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to submit information to be published in the following month's newsletter.

## Volunteer Information

**Volunteer Profile** - Each month, NFCT will be featuring a volunteer that makes our community a very special place! This month, we are featuring Marne Olsen. We are so grateful for all the support Marne has shown us over the years! Please read her story below:

Marne Olsen is a volunteer and donor but first and foremost, an audience member. She became a season subscriber several years ago and enjoys watching shows at the NFCT with a variety of friends and family. Music and the arts have always held a place of importance in her life. Her mother was a featured soprano in many operettas on Long Island and her father frequently did set design and construction. Marne has been a church organist and choir director on the North Fork for more than 25 years.

When asked to become a volunteer, she decided it was something she'd like to do with her niece and so she introduced Liz Liszanckie to the NFCT. Liz volunteers on a regular basis, and Marne is quick to help her out whenever needed. Supporting the arts gives her great joy and one of the simplest ways to do that is to usher for a show or make a donation to her local community theatre.

**Volunteer as an assistant to the director!** *Oliver!* Director Kelsey Cheslock is seeking an assistant to the director for this Spring musical! The assistant to the director has a very important role in supporting all moving parts that go into staging and producing a musical! The assistant will be responsible for taking notes, recording blocking, organizing props, assisting the stage manager and leading stagehands and production assistants. For more information on volunteering at the NFCT, please email Mary Motto Kalich at [president@nfct.com](mailto:president@nfct.com)

**Call for production volunteers!** The *Oliver!* production team is currently seeking production volunteers including an assistant to the director, stage manager, stagehands, and spotlight operators. Rehearsals begin in late March and performances run through June 3. Please contact Director Kelsey Cheslock at [kelsey@kelseycheslock.com](mailto:kelsey@kelseycheslock.com).



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