

North Fork Community Theatre

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12700 Sound Avenue, PO Box 86 Mattituck, NY 11952 October 2016

October 13-30

First Date: The Musical

October 13

Photography exhibit opens

October 23 and 24

Auditions *Almost, Maine*

November 5

Basement cleanup

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

President's Message

Dear NFCT Friends,

Fall is my favorite season. Aside from loving the crisp autumn air and the excuse fall brings to experiment with new pumpkin-inspired recipes, my favorite thing about this time of year is that the new season opens at the NFCT. *First Date* is quickly becoming one of my favorite shows because I'm getting involved in new ways. For the first time, I'm trying my hand at set dressing and props. I have to admit I was a little nervous to agree because our sets for recent shows have been fantastic. I wasn't sure if I could succeed with the bar set so high, but I realized I couldn't possibly succeed if I didn't try. As it turns out, I found a whole new way to be involved and I love it.

Let us know if you're interested in finding new ways to get involved. Maybe you would be great at running a spotlight or selling refreshments during intermission. You will never know until you try. I can't promise you that the set for *First Date* will be the best you've ever seen, but I can tell you that it's been a pleasure exploring a whole new aspect of community theater. Get your tickets now for *First Date* and you can see for yourself if I've done the NFCT proud!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Liz Liszanckie

Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's Youth on Stage production, *Urinetown, the Musical*. Those kids really lit up the stage with their enthusiasm, charm and talent. Director Brett Chizever and co-producers Michele Messinger and Susan McCabe, along with musical director John Bradley, created a show for the ages. Bravo!

Then, as if they hadn't done enough already, members of the cast and crew of *Urinetown* presented an Ensemble Night, which put the spotlight on performers who may not have played a leading role. Audience donations benefited the NFCT Scholarship Fund for 2017 and the OneOrlando Fund. Those kids are great!

A new season begins! The 2016-17 season opens with *First Date, the Broadway Musical*, directed by Christopher Fretto and co-produced by Mary Motto Kalich and Liz Liszanckie. Katie Smith is the choreographer (and coincidentally, Christopher's fiancée) and Karen Hochstedler is musical director. Show dates are October 13-30. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. For tickets, go to nfct.com or call 631-298-NFCT (6328). **Note:** *First Date* includes adult content; parental discretion is advised.

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In conjunction with *First Date*, an exhibit of Bridget Elkin's photography will be on view in the NFCT's "Side Gallery" beginning on the show's opening night (which will include a reception sponsored by Village Cheese Shop and Sannino Bella Vita Vineyards). The exhibit, "Feet on the Ground, Head in the Sky," will include photographs of Long Island's East End from aerial and ground level perspectives; 30% of sale proceeds will go towards the NFCT's Renovation Campaign. The display will continue through April. Bridget and her husband, Eric, moved to the North Fork in 2015. See her work at www.elkincreative.com, Instagram @northforkgrown.

It's time to get your season subscription, which includes five full productions, or the full season plus the holiday show. You can see all five productions in the NFCT season for only \$100 – less than the price of a single Broadway show! The shows include *First Date*; *Almost, Maine*; *Female of the Species*; *Cabaret*; and *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Youth on Stage). Add \$15 for the holiday show, *A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play*, set for Dec. 10 and 11. All show times are 8 p.m. except Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m., with opening night receptions at 7 p.m. Call 631-298-6328 for tickets. For more information, contact Mary Motto Kalich at boxoffice@nfct.com or 631-298-4500.

Auditions for *Almost, Maine*, a comedy written by John Cariani, will be held Sunday and Monday, October 23 and 24, from 6 to 8 p.m., with callbacks on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 6 to 7 p.m. Performances are scheduled for January 20-February 5. The cast consists of 4 actors – 2 women and 2 men – who play some of the 19 residents of this mystical town. Actors should be 25-35 years old, can be older or younger but need to look the age range. It's suggested that actors read the script before auditions. For more information, contact director Robert Horn 631-744-2976, or producer Deanna Andes 516-383-7462.

Now that our students are in college, we can let everyone know who received an NFCT scholarship this year. We even raised enough money at our 12th Annual Variety Show to fund an additional scholarship. Here are the 2016 recipients:

- Susan Bunchuck, Greenport High School
- Raven Janoski, Mattituck High School
- Serena Kaasik, Shelter Island High School
- Grace Lukachinski, McGann-Mercy High School

- Shannon McAlister, Riverhead High School
- Kimberly Scheer, Mattituck High School
- Ethan Sisson, Southold High School

Let's clean up! We need all hands on deck as we attempt to tidy up our basement. Join your fellow volunteers at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. There's a lot of work to do to make the space more pleasant, so come on down and lend a hand. There will be snacks!

Calling all thespians and collectors of memorabilia! Thanks to all who have supplied some of our missing programs to date. You've helped narrow the list down to the following: *Bus Stop* and *Visit to a Small Planet*, 1958; *All My Sons*, 1959; *Born Yesterday* and *The Glass Menagerie*, 1961; *The Hasty Heart*, 1962; *Funny Girl* (Youth on Stage), 1974; *Guys and Dolls* (Youth on Stage), 1975; *On Golden Pond*, 2013. Contact NFCT archivist Doreen Kirby at 631-457-2689 to make arrangements to drop off your treasured program(s). If needed, Doreen will be happy to return them once copies are made.

We are also looking for an audio tech who will be able to repair a 33 1/3 vinyl record of an original NFCT recording of *Guys and Dolls* from the 1960s. Your time and talents are also needed to transfer the recording to a CD to preserve it for our archives.

Renew your NFCT membership: The membership year for the North Fork Community Theatre is from July 1 to June 30, so if you haven't paid your dues, please do so ASAP in order to continue to receive the monthly newsletter. Dues are \$10 for an individual membership or \$20 for a family membership. Send your name, mailing address, phone number and email address with your check to NFCT, P.O. Box 86, Mattituck NY 11952.



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