

North Fork Community Theatre

December 2016

12700 Sound Avenue, PO Box 86 Mattituck, NY 11952

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January 6, 7 and 8

Caroling on Love Lane

Holiday show

General membership meeting

Deadline for play submissions

Annual Variety Show

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

President's Message

Dear NFCT Friends,

Happy Holidays! 'Tis the season to put aside difficulties and differing opinions to spend time with family and reflect on the good things we share. I hope that your blessings outweigh your struggles this year and that you enjoy relaxing time with family and friends this holiday season.

At the NFCT, we have so much to be thankful for. We are continuing the development of plans to improve the theater thanks to the remarkable support of a generous community. Our building may have many flaws, but I've only seen the amazing potential in our small theater. It is a wonderful experience to see and plan improvements to effectively utilize our small space and enhance the theater experience for our community. Changes of this nature take time, but will be so rewarding in the end.

Changes will come, but for now, the show must go on. Don't miss out on the shows and events at the NFCT this holiday season. There's Christmas caroling on Love Lane and a new holiday show this year. We're also preparing for the Variety Show and the opening of *Almost, Maine* in January. Tickets to the NFCT make a great present and don't require waiting in long lines or complicated gift wrap!

Liz Liszanckie

Caroling on Love Lane: December's activities begin with our annual holiday caroling just around the corner from the theater – on Love Lane in Mattituck. Come on down at 1 p.m. to raise your voice and enjoy a few refreshments. It's rumored that the man in red might just make an appearance.

Next comes the holiday show. This year's production will be "A Christmas Carol," a live radio play, with performances on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 (8 p.m.) and 11 (2:30 p.m.). The cast includes Mike Hipp, Kimet Speed, Peggy Ashton Straub, Phil Wilcox and Rusty Kransky as Scrooge. Tickets are \$20. Go to nfct.com or brownpapertickets.com/event/2598479, or buy yours at the door.

The December general meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13. The board will provide some holiday treats. Join us!

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Last chance to propose a play or musical for the 2017-2018 season! Submittals should be sent to vp@nfct.com and are due by Dec. 13. All proposals are welcome and will be considered, but shows submitted with a director attached are preferred. Here are the shows that have been proposed to date: **Musicals** – *Next to Normal*, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *The Producers*, *Hairspray*, *Assassins*, *Young Frankenstein*. **Plays** – *Leading Ladies*, *The 39 Steps*, *Becky Shaw*, *The Vietnamization of New Jersey*.

Don't miss the 2017 Variety Show! Performances will be held at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 6 and 7, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8. All Variety Show proceeds go to the NFCT scholarship fund for local high school seniors. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Several thank-yous are in order:

- First, to the group of students from Mattituck High School, supervised by teacher Anne Motto Gilvarry, who helped clean the NFCT basement as part of the school's Senior Class Day of Service. Thank you to students Alex Bradley, McKenzie Murphy, Amy Li Beringer and Colette Kodym.
- The next day, a small crew of board members (and a couple of spouses) continued the basement cleanup and reorganized the storage shed. They were Doreen and Don Kirby, Liz Liszanckie, Dave Markel, Mary Motto Kalich, and Mark and Lauren Sisson.
- Another great big thanks to Doreen and Don Kirby, who thoroughly cleaned and organized the theater's upstairs storage space. If you've been up there in the past few months, you know that things had gotten out of hand. But the Kirbys have gotten them in hand, and it's fantastic. Now the challenge is to keep it that way!

Almost, Maine opens in January: The drama that explores life, love and loss in an "almost-town" called Almost, Maine, features actors Tamara Flannel, Sheila Griffin, John Lovett and Colin Palmer. Robert Horne directs and Dee Andes is producer. Performances are set for Jan. 20-Feb. 5. Go to nfct.com for information and tickets.

Old programs are sought for the following NFCT shows: *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); and *On Golden Pond* (2013). Please contact 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. Thanks for your help in preserving our history.

We're still looking for an audio tech who could repair a 33 1/3 vinyl recording of a 1960s NFCT production of *Guys and Dolls* and transfer the recording to a CD to preserve it for our archives. Please contact Doreen Kirby at 631-457-2689. Thanks for your help in preserving our history.

Were you involved with a Youth on Stage production? If so, there's a new Facebook group just for you. It's a great place to catch up with old friends – or find them again. If you'd like to be added to the (closed) group, send a Facebook message to the NFCT Facebook page.



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