

North Fork Community Theatre

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12700 Sound Avenue, PO Box 86 Mattituck, NY 11952

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April 6 "Turtles on the Tarmac" - East End Special Players
April 7 "Art Barre" – Peconic Ballet Theatre
May 16-June 2 "Follies"
June 8 NFCT Gala – "Broadway By the Barn"

President's Message

Happy Spring! Spring is always one of my favorite times of the NFCT year – I have many fond memories of being in one of our big NFCT spring musicals, starting with 1986's *Mame*. I remember wearing a nun's costume (*Sound of Music*) or party dress (*Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*), and many other elaborate outfits, maid, cowgirl, etc. We would sit out on the front steps of the NFCT as we waited to go onstage. Since we renovated the NFCT (which included an expansion of the basement to have a rehearsal room) in 2018, we no longer have to run around the outside of the theatre from the front porch to side staircase to make our entrances on the opposite side of the stage. This is great for the logistics of the show, and less wear and tear on the costumes, but the running around, hurrying to make the entrance on time, made for fun memories!

Over the years, with your support, the NFCT has progressed not only with the renovations on the building and in our theatre technology. It has also progressed to be a hub of activity for a variety of live performances. We are so happy to be able to work with the East End Special Players (EESP) and the Peconic Ballet Foundation this April. It is great to collaborate with other non-profit organizations and showcase their live performances. EESP will be performing their show "Turtles on the Tarmac" after successful performances on the South Fork last year. The Peconic Ballet Theatre will perform their "Art Barre," the professional ballet, jazz and modern dance performance for the first time after the pandemic. To thank our donors for their support, NFCT donors will be given free tickets to the "Art Barre," which includes wine and an art display.

We hope that you will join us, (and bring a friend) to the NFCT!

- Mary

NFCT's 16th Annual "Building on Tradition" Gala: Broadway By the Barn

"Save the Date" for this year's Fundraising Gala with Broadway style performances on Saturday June 8th at Hallockville Museum Farm. The Gala raises money to continue renovations of the theatre including the seats, auditorium, and theater technology. The Gala will include dinner, wine/beer, raffles/auction, and Broadway showtunes by members of the NFCT.

We are looking for donations of raffle items: you can personally donate an item or ask local businesses if they can donate an item. Please consider being a Sponsor of the Gala which includes visible advertising at the event and online. We are also looking for volunteers to help plan the Gala. For more info contact Mary Kalich at 917-334-6639 or campaign@nfct.com.

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East End Special Players “Turtles on the Tarmac” - April 6th

The East End Special Players (EESP) enhances the lives of adults with diverse abilities by providing opportunities for self-expression through theatre performance and artistic experiences. The NFCT looks forward to welcoming the EESP to our stage for their performance of “Turtles on the Tarmac” on April 6th at 4PM. Tickets can be purchased at nfct.com

Art Barre – Peconic Ballet Theatre – April 7th - Tickets free for NFCT Donors

The NFCT is excited to partner with the Peconic Ballet Theatre for *Art Barre* on Sun April 7th. *Art Barre* is an exquisite showcase of professional dance performances featuring a captivating array of dance styles, meticulously curated and presented by the Peconic Ballet Foundation. This dynamic production offers a spellbinding journey through the artistry of dance, highlighting the precision, grace, and diversity of movement. Tickets can be purchased at nfct.com. NFCT Donors will be given free tickets to the performance. Donors should contact Mary Kalich at campaign@nfct.com or 917-334-6639.

Show Tickets are on sale at nfct.com. For more info call 631-298-4500 or email boxoffice@nfct.com.

“**Follies**,” May 16-June 2 “**Cinderella**,” July 18 – August 4

“Follies” Cast Announcement

Follies cast members are: Michael Lyn Schepps, Mary Caulfield, Rusty Kransky, Stuart Whalen, Julia Capiello, Raven Janoski, Andrew Lenahan, Nicholas Mackey, Nancy DiGirolamo, Laura Pearsall, Dee Martin, Kathy Pasca, Linda Aydinian, Eileen Trilli, Stasia Schaum, Jenna Spates, Katrina Lovett, Cassie Beauchamp, Marie Sellers, Kat Motlenski, Peter Harrington, Kevin Magee, Michael Horn, Gene O'Brien, Andy O'Brien, Cassidy Mullin, Veronica Spaeth, Theresia Hand, Judith Ugalde, Linda Pentz, Liam Glueckert, and Lon Shomer.

Playreading Selections for 2024-2025

The Playreading Committee selections for the NFCT 2024-2025 Season are: *Spamalot*, *Leading Ladies*, *Noises Off*, *Music Man*, and *School of Rock*.

Scholarship Applications Due April 8th

Each Year the NFCT awards scholarships to Graduating Seniors from the Eastern End of Long Island. Awards will be based upon the following criteria: talent, academics, essay, letter of recommendation, and performance/participation history. Preference will be given to active NFCT members or participants, but this is not an absolute requirement. Applicants must have a history of either performance or off-stage experience (e.g. lighting, crew, set design, etc.) either in high school or in local community organizations. Applications are due April 8th. The Scholarship Application can be found at www.nfct.com

Nominations for 2024-2025 Board of Directors

The NFCT 2024 Nominating Committee includes Stuart Whalen, Joanna Paulsen, and Laurie Phelan. Please send any nominations for the 2024-2025 Board of Directors or officers to nominations@nfct.com

Auditions for our Youth on Stage show, *Cinderella*

Auditions for our Youth on Stage show, *Cinderella*, for youth ages 14 to 22 will be held at the NFCT on May 19th and May 22nd at 7:00PM with callbacks on May 25th at 2PM. Prepare up to 32 bars of a song; an accompanist will be provided. Bring comfortable clothes and shoes to dance in. For more information see www.nfct.com/auditions or contact the director, Liz Liszanackie at lisanackie@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL YOUTH and recent YOS ALUMNI!

The YOS production team of *Cinderella* is looking to add youth members to the production team. If you are interested in getting involved on the production side or learning more about how a show is put together, we would love to have you join our team. We are looking to fill the following positions with youth or YOS alumni.

- Assistant Director
- Assistant Music Director
- Stage Manager
- Stage Crew
- Technical Director
- Lighting Design
- Sound Operator

These positions will shadow someone on the production team and take on responsibilities for certain areas of the production based on your level of experience and skill. If you want to help in other ways not listed, please let us know your area of interest.

We will work with any students looking to gain internship credits from the experience.

Please note that any students on the production team will not be eligible to be in the cast of this production. Please send any questions or requests to join the team (and please include a theater resume if you have one) to Liz Liszanackie: lisanackie@gmail.com. For those interested in joining the cast, auditions will be in mid-May for this production. Performance dates are July 18 - August 4.

Recognizing NFCT Volunteers: Presidents Volunteer Service Award

Each year the NFCT recognizes those members who have completed at least 100 volunteer service hours with a President's Volunteer Service Award. The volunteer hours can be completed both at the NFCT and other organizations. If you have completed 100 or more volunteer service hours in 2023, please contact Mary Kalich at marymotto@yahoo.com so we can recognize you.

“Building on Tradition Friends” Matching Donations!

Great news! A group of “Building on Tradition Friends” have come together to provide matching funds for the next \$5,000 that is donated. Each dollar you donate will become \$2 towards the NFCT's “Building on Tradition” Campaign which raises money to improve the NFCT building and theatre technology. This Fall, we upgraded our sound system to use body microphones to improve your listening experience. Our future plans are to improve the auditorium's seating and lobby/refreshment area and remove the pole. You can donate online at www.nfct.com or by mailing a check to NFCT, PO Box 86, Mattituck NY 11952.

Volunteer of the Month – Addison Heck

My name is Addison Heck and I am a sophomore at Riverhead High School (RHS). I love theater and music. I have been acting, singing, and playing the trumpet since fifth grade. Ever since I started playing instruments and performing, I haven't been able to stop. Outside of NFCT I play in both RHS's Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble. I am also a member of Riverhead CAP and volunteer at an after-school drama club in Roanoke Elementary School. I am the captain of my schools Unified Sports team and play soccer, golf, bowling, and basketball. I participate in Interact Club and Science Olympiad. I have been a part of five productions at RFCT including my favorite role of Miss Phelps in Matilda Jr. and have been a part of various other theater groups.

I first came to NFCT in 2023 for the play *Ripcord*. I was a part of the stage crew for the first time and loved it. NFCT is by far the most welcoming and supportive theater I've been a part of. I came back recently as Assistant Stage Manager for the play *Wonder of the World* where I pushed 300-pound barrels around on stage for six minutes and had a blast. I was also the Stage Manager for the 2024 Magic Show, and I am currently the Stage Manager of *Follies*. I am so glad to get to spend my nights in the theater with so many amazing people. Thank you to everyone who makes NFCT so great and a special thanks to Stephen Ness for being my number one fan.

Sketch the NFCT Building and get FREE Tickets

Submit a sketch of the NFCT Building and get FREE tickets to a NFCT performance. As part of our rebranding effort, we are looking for an image - in sketch form - of the NFCT building that can serve as inspiration for a new logo design. Just pick what you think is the most important building element and do a sketch or sketches. Send an email with the sketch to president@nfct.com by April 15th, 2024 and get a pair of tickets! This is not a contest. Everyone that submits an online drawing gets one pair of tickets.

Here are the guidelines:

- No full renderings, nothing mechanical or stiff
- Just a quick energetic gesture or impression
- Focus on part of the building
- does not have to be the entire structure

The simpler the better, the less detail the better. See the example below (using a cat instead of the NFCT building)



Renew your July 2023 – June 2024 NFCT Membership at nfct.com or by check to PO Box 86 Mattituck NY 11952. Memberships received after 6/1/24 will cost \$15 per person & be for the 2024-2025 Membership year.

Name: _____ **Email:** _____
Address: _____ **Town:** _____ **State:** ____ **Zipcode:** _____

\$10 per individual, \$20 per family