

North Fork Community Theatre

January 2024

12700 Sound Avenue, PO Box 86 Mattituck, NY 11952

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Jan 5-7	19th Annual NFCT Variety Show – Scholarships Fundraiser
Jan 19- Feb 4	“Wonder of the World”
Feb 10-11	Magic Show – Benefit for the NFCT Renovation Campaign
Feb 11, 16, 18	Auditions for “Follies”
Mar 8-24	“The Father”
Apr 6	“Turtles on the Tarmac” - East End Special Players
Apr 7	Art Barre – Peconic Ballet Theatre

President’s Message

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season! As you catch your breath from the end of the year activities and settle into January, the NFCT is like a warm fire, crackling with energy as we head into a Whirlwind of Winter shows. First up, is an opportunity to support scholarships for HS seniors: The 19th Annual NFCT Variety Show on Jan 5-7. The NFCT aims to not only be a place for the public to see shows, but also strives to give people the opportunity to perform and be a part of a community of volunteers who care about the arts. The Variety Show is a great way for folks to perform a favorite song or do an act with a group of friends. Join us and be amazed at the plethora of talent in our community! Next up, “Wonder of the World,” a hilarious comedy, will open on January 19th.

We have exciting news related to the NFCT Renovation Campaign: Donations of up to \$5,000 will be matched thanks to the “Building on Tradition Friends” – a group of people who have come together to make a matching donation fund. Each dollar you donate will be doubled, so this is a great time to support the NFCT! Donations can be done online at nfct.com or check to Box 86, Mattituck.

Bring a Friend to the NFCT this Winter!

- Mary

Magic at the NFCT - Delightful Magical Miracles for the Whole Family – Feb 10 & 11

Renowned illusionists Carl Mercurio and Jim Vines return to the NFCT stage on **Feb 10 at 7:00 pm**, and **Feb 11 at 2:30 pm**, with a major new show of magic, comedy and mind-reading. Fun and amazing for the whole family, our master magicians will present large scale grand illusions that you’ll never forget! Proceeds will go towards the NFCT Renovation Campaign. Tickets are on sale now at nfct.com

“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. So 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 make a donation online at www.nfct.com or by mailing a check to NFCT Box 86, Mattituck NY 11952.

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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.

Art Barre – Peconic Ballet Theatre – April 7th

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.

Auditions for *Follies*

Auditions for the musical “Follies” by Sondheim will be held on Sun. Feb. 11th at 7PM, Fri. Feb. 16 at 7PM, with callbacks on Sun. Feb. 18 at 7PM. For more information email director Stephen Ness at sness1172@gmail.com.

Volunteer of the Month – Chris de Reeder

It all started when I moved back to my hometown of Mattituck during the pandemic. I had spent my 20s living in fast-paced, action-packed places like NYC and Vail, Colorado, but had come to realize it was time to return home and be near my family. While I loved being here, it was quite an adjustment. There was certainly less going on (particularly in the winter) than I was used to, and aside from my family and a few close friends, I didn’t really know anyone anymore.

It quickly became clear that I needed something else in my life, something that would provide a sense of community, reconnection, and accomplishment. I didn’t know what it was, but it was with this frame of mind that I received news that there was to be a production of Mel Brooks’ “The Producers” right here in Mattituck, and they were seeking auditioners.

I did the show. It was challenging, time-consuming, completely foreign to any of my life experiences, and an absolute, rewarding beyond belief, boatload of fun. The show itself was great, but the experience was so much more than just the production. I had discovered this entire community of incredibly talented people who were so passionate about their love of the arts, that they wholeheartedly dedicated their time and energy to uplifting each other, the theater, and the community as a whole.

That sentiment was infectious. Like so many of those around me, I too wanted to use my skills and time to do what I could to support the NFCT and its members. I began to say yes to the group texts or emails that sought volunteers. A clean-up here, a fundraising event there, it didn’t really matter what the ongoings were, I agreed to help when I could, knowing that I was going to be with a bunch of incredible people and working together for something bigger than any of us.

Like most people, my time is limited. I am not able to lend a hand every time the theater needs one. But, when I can assist, it gives me great pride to do so for a group that is so dedicated to breathing life into the town, nourishing community cooperation, and cultivating the talent and aspirations of the local youth.

Thank you for reading- see you around town.

Chris

Memberships were due July 1st, 2023 – Renew your July 2023- June 2024 membership today!

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