

The Bell Tower

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Special points of interest:

- A Breath of Fresh Air for an Old Building.
- Talented Thespians making a home at the Auditorium.
- Shows for the WHOLE family!
- It's cheaper 'cuz you live here.
- The Bell Tower will ring again this spring with more news.

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2006 at the Auditorium

We are thrilled to offer you a sneak preview of our plans for an amazing summer season at the Round Lake Auditorium (RLA)!

With the structural renovations complete, the Village of Round Lake has ensured that the Auditorium will be around for a long time to come - and in order to expand the Auditorium's offerings (and continue cosmetic renovations), Kimberley Debus has joined us as Managing Director.

Edna VanDuzee Walter will continue her role as president of the Round Lake Auditorium NFP, which will direct its focus on restoring, maintaining, and scheduling concerts for the organ as well as supporting the Auditorium's programming. Kim, in addition to being the facility manager and fundraiser, will direct the Village Players, schedule regional performances, and direct the marketing. Additionally, ROUND ARTS, under the direction of Village newcomer Barbara Gulan, will bring a variety of productions with artists who have performed in New York, na-

tionally, and internationally.

With these energetic and creative women at the helm, this season promises to be exciting for the Village and throughout the Capital Region. We believe the new season supports our vision for the Auditorium, which is all about Community.

The arts exist and are supported by community, and in return, the arts serve community. The heart of this particular community lies smack in the middle of Round Lake, within the walls of the Auditorium. And you, the Village and its residents, are our most important partner – after all, if you weren't here, the Auditorium wouldn't be here!

With your help, we can carry the vision forth: community space with regional appeal. Hot new shows in a cool old place. History. Stories. Music. Art. Plays. Film. Gathering. Learning. Sharing. Community.

Chutzpah List

What's a chutzpah list? It's a list of things we have the chutzpah to ask for! There are a lot of big and little things that the Auditorium needs to run more efficiently - perhaps you have just the thing we need!

At the moment, we're looking for:

- Hand tools - hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches, clamps, etc.
- Power tools - saws and drills of all shapes and sizes
- Closet/organization items for the dressing rooms - shelving, racks, hangers, mirrors
- A new phone/answering machine
- Wireless headsets for communication between technical personnel

If you have some stuff and would like to donate it to a great cause, please call Kim Debus at 899-7141.

Chutzpah
n : (Yiddish)
unbelievable
gall; audacity



The Zucchini Brothers, Schoolhouse Rock and the Circus, OH MY!!

For The Kids

Check out all the great things we have for kids:

The Zucchini Brothers will be here on Wednesday, June 28 for a 7pm show. The Hilll Brothers follow in two weeks, on Wednesday, July 13, for two shows - one for the little ones (pre-K) at 1pm and one for older kids (K-6) at 3pm.

Christopher Shaw will come on Saturday, July 29th to do a special presentation on Colonial life and then will perform a concert at 7pm. August 24 - 26 The Village Players will present the fun family musical Schoolhouse Rock Live! Additional shows will be announced by April 1st.

We are offering two 2-week day camps as well.

Starting July 17 and running through July 28, high school musicians are invited to join our Big Band Camp, concluding with a concert on the evening of the 28th. Starting August 7 and running thru August 18th, Circus Minimus will be in town to help create The Circus Kids Create. This is a two-week day camp for kids from 7-13, with a actual live circus performance - by the kids - on the evening of the 18th.

Registration and details will be available on February 1st; if you're interested, please send an email to kim@roundlakeauditorium.org or look for the registration forms at the Round Lake Library after February 1st.



Captain Squeeze



Bluz House Rockers



Dan Berggren

Other Events

Some of the other events we're working on include:

- **African Beats**, an interactive African drumming and dancing weekend, featuring national drumming artists Magmana, with local artists African Experience
- Singer-songwriter **Dan Berggren**, hosting a songwriting workshop and evening performance
- An October performance of **Dracula**—just in time for Halloween
- Performances by some of the Capital Region's best bands, including **Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers, Legend**, and the **Bluz House Rockers**
- **Youth Talent Showcase**, featuring the area's best local musicians

We are still booking musicians, films, theatrical pieces, and more. Our full season will be announced in late March. Look for more news from the Bell Tower in your mailbox this spring.

Organ Concerts

What would an Auditorium season be without August organ concerts?

We are especially excited that the Organ Historical Society will be holding part of their week-long convention in the Auditorium; we'll hear a lot of great music!

We'll also have our August organ concerts, hymn sings, and another great silent movie night!

Village Pass

If you're a resident of the Village of Round Lake, you can get your own Village Pass, which gives you a discount at nearly every event* at the Auditorium! For tickets \$10 and under, your pass gives you a \$1 discount; for tickets over \$10, you'll get a \$2 discount! Beginning April 1st, passes will be available at the Village Office; you must show proof of residency in the 12151 zip code.

* Exceptions to be determined by April 1st.



Murder's Afoot!

The Village Players are bringing mystery back to the Auditorium! This summer, there will be three weekends and three different mysteries for you to help solve! We will once again have a buffet dinner catered by Lake Ridge Restaurant accompanying the mayhem. Tickets will be on sale for Village residents on March 15th and the general public on April 1—details will follow in the spring issue of The Bell Tower.

Reservations

Beginning in mid-March, you will be able to reserve tickets online! Go to www.roundlakeauditorium.org and follow the links for reservations. You can also call 899-7141 after April 1st for reservations and information.

A word from



THEATER/MUSIC/ART/DANCE/FILM

Hello and Happy New Year from Artistic Directors, Barbara Gulan and Will Bond.

We are happy to announce our first season here in residence at Round Lake Auditorium. Our focus this year is Storytelling. Audiences will delight in performances of great humor, strength and pathos. Here's a preview of what to look forward to:

***June 1-17th THESE CHILDISH THINGS:** One woman show by French playwright Raymond Cousse. NYC actress Jen Taher portrays a young boy at the turn of the century who takes us on his journeys of school, poverty, the misadventures of growing up in a small village, and the surprising death of his best friend.

Barbara Gulan will direct. (for adults)

***Sept. 1-18th THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD FROM THE VERY BEGINNING:** Written and performed by Drama Desk Nominee Will Bond, in collaboration with violinist, Christian Frederickson, (RACHELS.) A modern day storyteller combines heart, poetry, music, and memory to find answers of the universe.

***June 10th: Orson Welles'': WAR OF THE WORLDS-THE RADIO PLAY** as performed by members of the SITI company. Directed by renowned director, Anne Bogart.

Prior Productions: Edinburgh, The Kennedy Center, Joe's Pub, NYC

***June 18th:** An evening of music

with members of THE RACHELS. Known to varied artists as a classical post rock group, Hailed by the NY-TIMES and Rolling Stone Magazine, and treasured by grandparents, punk kids, classical and jazz devotees alike.

STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE:

- FILM FESTIVAL in collaboration with CAMILLA'S FILMS.
- RADIO PLAYS
- NEW WORKS FESTIVAL

We invite you to participate with us in this venture: Many of you have already been so helpful, utilizing your skills to help us inch forward. Many of you that we have yet to meet, are artistically inclined, or have had experience in the arts. Others of you may just have a love for the arts. No matter, all time and talent counts, and we hope that you will join us to make this dream come true. Arts organizations rely on the generous volunteer support of their surrounding communities. Know that our door is open, and we will leave the light on.

If you would like to become involved or would like more information please contact:

Barbara Gulan bgulan@earthlink.net

Special thanks to Edna, for preserving the heart of the matter, and to Kim Debus, for pumping the lifeblood.

Here's what we are up to on our own time.

***Feb. 18th** Will Bond will appear in Williamstown in DEATH AND THE PLOWMAN. "PLOWMAN" is a SITI Company production, and has also been produced in NYC at Classic Stage Company, has toured in Australia, CA and St. Louis, and will

travel to Singapore in June.

***March 5th** (date subject to change) Barbara Gulan will appear in a benefit reading of Best selling author and playwright, Betsy Howie's CALLY'S

TALLY at the Public Theatre, in NYC. Playwrights Horizons will support this benefit, sending much needed funds to the Southern Arts Foundation. Barbara was to have performed CALLIES TALLY this fall in New Orleans.

***March. 15-25th** Barbara will appear in Javon Johnson's BREATHE at the Lark Theatre, in NYC. BREATHE was performed last year at the New York Theatre Workshop as part of the Hip Hop Festival

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We Can't Do It Without You

We have many ways for you to become involved at the Auditorium- for free tickets, of course! Volunteer for one of the many Teams - and every little bit of help helps.

The Events Team: coordinate essential logistics for special events, which will include a Benefit Night, the Victorian Harvest Festival, African Beats and also ROUND ARTS events.

The Food Team: Works closely with Events Team to coordinate vendors and provide food, and beverages. Separate from general concessions.

The Hospitality Team: provide guest accommodations for visiting artists, provide rides to the airport/train station, feed the artists, help artists with any special needs.

The Word Team: work with the press, hang posters, send out press releases, arrange for ticket giveaways and other special media events, coordinate event road signs.

The House Team: sell tickets, usher, sell concessions.

The Stage Team: work on sets, set up and/or run lights and sound, gather properties and costumes tech person, stage managers.

The Looks Team: help maintain gardens, paint, organize, clean-up, work on signage for the Auditorium (so people know where it is!).

The Relay Team: help run errands, make phone calls, make copies, keep track of volunteer schedules.

The A-V Club: take photographs of events tape video and sound recordings, assist with films and other audio-visual needs.

If you'd like to do to be part of the magic, please come to the grand gathering of minds on February 7th, 7:30 p.m. at the library. Give us a heads up if you are coming, call Leah Stewart at 533-7744.