

SKITbits

Winter 2016

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From the President

Hi SKIT friends,

Here we are in the midst of winter and right in the middle of rehearsing a brand new show. *Hapenny Magick, the Musical* is a charming story by Jennifer Carson, with original music by her son Aaron and Will Ogmundson. See page 3 for more information about the show and how to obtain tickets.

Well, it took awhile, but our snug little storage spot in Newbury is empty and we've stacked and packed it into a unit at Jewell Box Storage in Wilmot. Many thanks to our "team captains" Charley Freiberg and Dave Munn who took care of all the organizing in Wilmot; and thanks also to the rest of the moving crew: Lyman Smith, Delilah Munn, Derek Senor, Spenser Jerome, Bonnie Lewis, Kendra West-Senor, Heidi Leighton, Tom Tuthill, Judy Lowe . . . and I've probably forgotten someone – so sorry if I have.

For those who haven't heard, *The Best of Burt (Bacharach, that is)* was a huge success. Thanks to Wally Borgen for creating, performing, directing, costuming, and so much more to bring this show to life. Our audiences were delighted and we all learned about the life of a very talented man as well as enjoyed his wonderful music. Susan Cancio-Bello did an outstanding job of adjusting, playing, singing and doing all the things she does so well as our music director to help our cast and band sound great.

Please mark you calendar for our Annual Meeting on March 20, 2016 at the Hilltop Place meeting room, 1000 Hilltop Place – 'the office aka Hilltop House' in New London (see page 5 for more information). As usual, our feast will be pot luck and we will be entertained by part of our very large cast for *Hapenny Magick, the Musical*. Please call me if you have any questions: 603-455-6934. See you there! – *Kendra*

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The Best of Burt (Bacharach, that is)

⚠ More than 240 people attended *The Best of Burt (Bacharach, that is)* Columbus Day Weekend at Whipple Hall in New London. The revue of ■ Burt's life and music was a combination of solo and ensemble favorites and a few lesser known pieces.

■ Bud Dick narrated while Power Point slides shared pictures of Burt, his family and friends, and his horse. The singers included Melody Blake, Wally Borgen, Susan Cancio-Bello, Jessica Goodlin, Dave Munn, Nina Rogers, Lauri Smerald, Judy Thackaberry and Tom Tuthill. The musicians included Susan Cancio-Bello (music director), piano with David Cook on sax/clarinet and Alden Keyser on drums. Polly and Don Wright and Heidi Leighton danced their way across the stage.

The Lake Sunapee Region Center for the Arts partnered with SKIT to put on this production. A great time was had by all. -- Wally Borgen



HAPENNY MAGICK, THE MUSICAL

Hapenny Magick is the tale of one small voice creating big change. It is a family show with a large cast of 34 actors ranging in age from 7 to... retired adults. It is based on Jennifer Carson's award-winning children's fantasy novel by the same name, and was composed by Emmy-nominated composer and lyricist, William Ogmundson, with Jennifer's son, Aaron, having composed one of the songs for his senior project last year. Jenn, Will, and Aaron all live in Sutton, and all of our actors are from the Kearsarge/Sunapee area as well.

The play delves into the life of Maewyn Bridgepost, the smallest Hapenny. Hapennies are little people, like hobbits, but they have a bit of magick in their history that has long been relegated to legend. Maewyn is the first Hapenny in a very long time to show magickal gifts. When her best friend, Leif, goes missing, Maewyn must use her newfound gifts to save her friend, and her village, from an invasion of trolls.

It is a whirlwind, magickal adventure that you don't want to miss!

Performances will take place on April 1 at 7 PM, and April 2 and 3 at 2 PM, at the Warner Town Hall. Tickets will be available in New London at Tatewell Gallery and Morgan Hill Bookstore, as well as in Warner at Foothills Restaurant and Mainstreet Bookends, or call 526-2910.



SKIT!

S.K.I.T. (Sunapee-Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre) is an all volunteer 501 (c)(3) non-profit group dedicated to raising funds for area charities and other non-profit organizations through the presentation of theatrical events. We produce several shows per year, showcasing our community talents in both musical and non-musical productions. The proceeds are shared between SKIT

and its partnering group. We also award scholarships to local high school students each spring through our Scholarship Fund. Since its inception in 1993, SKIT has participated in, and has been recognized for excellence at the NH Community Theatre Association (NHCTA) competitions.

~~~~ Sunapee-Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre ~~~ Annual Membership through Dec. 31, 2016

Mail to: Linda Lambert, SKIT Membership, 135 Shindagan Road, Wilmot NH 03287

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Member News

Bud Dick (Ancestral Voices, Best of Burt (Bacharach, that is)), is in rehab recovering from a fall. We send him our best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery. According to his wife **Wally Borgen** (The Melody Lingers On, Beguiled Again), he's "determined to leave the rehab center under his own power!" We're all pulling for you, Bud!!



Send us your news! Anything exciting going on in your life? Engagements? Weddings? Births? Awards? Performances? Athletic feats? If any SKIT member has any news to share, theatrical or otherwise, please contact Linda Lambert by phone at 768-3998 or email her at jay.linda.nh@gmail.com. We'd love to include your news in the Member News column.

It's 2016 Membership Time!

Make sure you stay in the loop with news of upcoming auditions and productions (and that you receive future editions of *SKITbits*) and *become involved* in our fun group by joining SKIT for the first time or renewing your membership. We've enclosed a 2016 membership form with this newsletter (*facing page*). And please consider going up to the next level of membership and showing your support for your local, all-volunteer community theatre group. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to provide scholarships to local students who were enriched by the arts during their high school years. **Thank you!** We couldn't do it without you!

Mark Your Calendar!!! SKIT ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2016

1000 HILLTOP PLACE
"The Office-Hilltop House"
2:00 – 5:00 Pot Luck Lunch/Dinner

Agenda: Meet and eat, business meeting, entertainment from "Hapenny Magick, the Musical"

Call Kendra: 455-6934 with any questions

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