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SKITbits

Winter 2017

From the President

Hello SKIT friends,

To paraphrase Frank Sinatra, "*It was a very good year*" – for SKIT, that is. We had two very successful shows in 2016. In April SKIT presented *HaPenny Magick, The Musical* at the Warner Town Hall. In November, SKIT presented a Live Suspense Theater, an old time radio show featuring *Dragnet, The Bickersons* and *My Dear Niece* at the Whipple Town Hall in New London.

The Best of Burt (Bacharach, That Is) was so well received in 2015 that we were asked to do a condensed version of the show in August at the Jim Mitchell Bandstand in Warner.

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting on March 5, 2017 at St. Andrew's Church in New London. There will be a potluck and you will be entertained once again by the wonderfully funny Susan and Noel Cusack as Blanche and John Bickerson, with another of their hilarious bedroom banter.

If you have any questions, please let me know at 603-927-4247. We hope to see you there. – *Judy*

The President welcomes new members in 2016: Dave Bettoney, Bob Bussey, Susan and Noel Cusack and George West.

We are grateful for all donations made in 2016 including those from these generous individuals: Nola Aldrich, Dana Dakin, Gordon Hamilton and Jim and Judy Lowe.

Looking Back

HaPenny Magick, The Musical, based on Jennifer Carson's award-winning children's novel, with music composed by Emmy-nominated composer and lyricist, Will Ogmundson and Jen's son Aaron was staged in 2016. It featured a large cast of 35 youngsters and adults all from the Sunapee/Kearsarge area. The show brought in wonderful crowds for both evening and matinee performances. Partnering with SKIT was the Kearsarge Visual and Performing Arts Club.



CONGRATULATIONS

Students awarded SKIT's Steve Mendelson Scholarship in 2016 included three Kearsarge Regional High School students. They were Grace Brooks, who is attending Plymouth State University; Morgan Carafa, attending High Point University and Sophie Lizotte, attending St. Michael's College. We congratulate these three extraordinary young women and wish them well in their college careers.



Looking Ahead

The Civil War - The Journey of a New Hampshire Patriot

Under the direction of board member Dave Munn, this new show will be a story of the Civil War and New Hampshire troops' involvement. Along with re-enactors, there will be music from the time period – fife and drums and more. Performances will take place on Friday, May 26 at 7 PM; Saturday, May 27 at 7 PM; with a Sunday matinee at 2 PM May 28, all at the Whipple Town Hall in New London. Tickets will be available at Tatewell Gallery and Morgan Hill in New London as well as at the door.

Songs and Tales of WWI

November 11, 2017 is the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day (now called Veterans Day). SKIT was approached by the Warner Historical Society to commemorate this occasion. Wally Borgen is creating a musical about the historical events leading up to the war and interesting facts about the war. Many fabulous songs were written in that time period including "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary," "Over There," "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now," and so, so many more that will be included in the production. It will be an event you won't want to miss.

The production will be in the fall at the Warner Town Hall. Look for more details about date and time in the Kearsarge Shopper. We are looking for any WWI memorabilia or old family photographs (to scan into a PowerPoint presentation) that we might borrow for the show.

Musical Comedy

We also have on our agenda a request to revive one of Tom Lowe's musical comedy shows that were so popular here in the 1970s and '80s. We hope to have a production in the works for 2018. We hope to see you there!

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-aged students (including private school and home-schooled) each spring through our Steven Mendelson 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, 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Your e-mail address will help save postage costs. We'll only use it for SKIT correspondence; it will not be shared.

\_\_\_\_ To help SKIT save even more postage and some trees, I would like to receive my newsletter via e-mail.

**Choose your level of membership:**

(All members will receive "SKITbits" newsletter and notices of all SKIT events.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Youth: \$ 5 (under) age 18** Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Single: \$10** (age 18 or older)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family: \$15** (may include children under the age of 18)

For Family membership, please list each member's name and children's ages (use another sheet if necessary).

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Friend \$35\*** / **Supporter \$36-\$49\*** / **Patron \$50-\$99\*** / **Benefactor \$100+\***

\* listed in programs for all productions during the membership year.

**There are many opportunities to volunteer. Please tell us how you'd like to help:**

Production Coordinator \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ Stage Manager \_\_\_ Music Director \_\_\_

Accompanist \_\_\_ Choreographer \_\_\_ Performer \_\_\_ Set Design \_\_\_ Set Construction \_\_\_

Set Painting \_\_\_ Lighting \_\_\_ Sound \_\_\_ Tickets \_\_\_ Costumes \_\_\_ Makeup \_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ Play reading \_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_ Props \_\_\_

Musician (specify instrument) \_\_\_\_\_ SKIT board \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: SKIT**

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

\*SKIT is a 501(c) 3 not for profit organization and donations are deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

## Member News

**Shane Boucher** (*Hitchcock Live Radio Show*) is performing in the stage production of *Billy Elliot The Musical* in Boston at Wheelock Family Theater from January 27-February 26. He is reprising his role of Michael, Billy's best friend and is an understudy for Billy. He is expected to play Billy three more times after his initial "Billy" role on February 1 and 2, when the other cast member fell ill, in advance of a later scheduled performance. There are only 170 boys in the world to have performed this role. Shane will be listed as one of these boys having now premiered as Billy. Shane has been studying dance, voice and acting for six years (KCPA in Warner, Junior Intern at the NL Barn Playhouse).

*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](mailto:jay.linda.nh@gmail.com). We'd love to include your news in the Member News column.*

### It's 2017 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 2017 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 5, 2017

2:00 – 5:00 PM—Pot Luck Lunch/Dinner  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
52 Gould Road, New London

Agenda: Meet and eat, business meeting, entertainment from  
*The Bickersons*

For more information, call Judy Lowe: 927-4247

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