

PRESS RELEASES/INFO ON PERFORMANCES AT THE BRANDON TOWN HALL

MAY 10TH

"THE PANHANDLERS STEEL BAND"...7:30 pm...Tickets, \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance. The Panhandlers are Vermont's largest Caribbean Steel "Pan" band. With 10 regular members the big happy sounds that these musicians draw from their recycled 55 gallon oil drums have been setting hips to motion and giving goose bumps of delight to listeners since 2002. The mainstay of the band's repertoire is largely of the island variety but ranges from easy going calypsos such as Jamaica Farewell and Yellow Bird, to all out turbo powered socas and even a good dose of "classic" American pop! What a great way to open our season as the Panhandlers take you on a tropical vacation to a place with bright sun, white sand, turquoise blue water and having fun. Tickets can be purchased at Carr's Florist and Gifts or at the door. Sponsored by: Andrew & Bethany Menkart, Marine Engine.com, OMYA, Kathy & Wayne Rausenberger, Sally Wood, Ben & Claudette Lawton, Virginia Wolf.

MAY 17TH

SILENT MOVIE..."THE WINNING OF BARBARA WORTH" (1926)...7:00 pm...Free Will Offering "The Winning of Barbara Worth" starring Ronald Colman and Vilma Banky is an epic Western about the settling and irrigation of California's Imperial Valley, once a wasteland but now an agricultural paradise. Shot on location by director Henry King in Nevada's Black Rock desert, one of the first films to take audiences to the wide open spaces of the great American West. With a young Gary Cooper playing a key role. Music by our ever popular and talented Jeff Rapsis. Sponsored by Nancy & Gary Meffe.

JUNE 7TH

VERMONT COMEDY CREW CABARET...8:00 pm...Tickets, \$12, for adults **18 & up**. Adult humor and situations. **Reservations are required and can be made by calling 345-3033.** Cash bar provided by Cafe' Provence, Snapple and water will also be available for purchase, snacks will be provided at each table. This is a benefit performance by the Vermont Comedy Crew for the Brandon Town Hall. This stand up comedy troupe is geared toward 18+ patrons with some mature themes. Local comic Tony Bates will emcee the show which will feature 5 of Vermont's Hottest Standup Comedians from Burlington and around the State. Performers include: Pierre Vachon, Carmen Lagala, Phil Davidson along with some surprise guests. Doors will open at 7:30. Sponsored by: Gayle Pilat & Laura Abel, Shapiro's, Jean & Gene Childers, Bob & Kathy Clark, Marc & Arlyn Brierre, Celebration Rentals. Due to the construction around the hall, patrons should park behind the Mobil Station or anywhere in town. Handicap parking is still available in front of the hall.

JUNE 14TH

SILENT MOVIE...A SERIES OF COMEDIES STARRING HAROLD LLOYD...7:00 pm...Free Will Offering, sponsored by Pam and Steve Douglass. See why Harold Lloyd was the most popular performer of the silent film era. Instead of getting ahead his character had a knack for getting into spectacular trouble, often requiring him to overcome amazing odds to win the day. Another musical rendition by our one and only Jeff Rapsis. Sponsored by: Pam & Steve Douglass.

JUNE 17TH

A BENEFIT PERFORMANCE BY THE INCREDIBLE BRANDON TOWN BAND AT THE BRANDON TOWN HALL...7:00 PM All proceeds will be shared by the Friends of The Brandon Town Hall and the Brandon Town Band. Don't miss this great presentation by our very own town band and show your support for two of Brandon's finest volunteer organizations. We will also be collecting food items for the Brandon Area Food Shelf. A real "**COMMUNITY**" event!!! This is a Free Will Offering event

JUNE 20TH

A CONCERT BY THE INFAMOUS “FROST AND FIRE” BAND. 7:30 pm....Tickets, \$12 at the door...\$10 in advance. “Frost and Fire” features Aaron Marcus who brings exuberant energy whether he is vamping on piano or clogging while playing tunes on the concertina....Hollis Easter, Classically trained in opera, choral performance, trumpet, bagpipe and musical theater, he brings a quick wit, an easy grin and a strong melodic line. Peter Macfarlane developed his characteristic Scottish fiddle style while growing up in the United Kingdom, where he played regularly for Scottish dances and weddings. He brings powerful rhythmic drive and soaring melodic lines. We enjoyed Peter's music last year when he performed with Atlantic Crossing. Another familiar face from Atlantic Crossing is Viveka Fox. She grew up playing the music of the British Isles alongside that of North America. Her music fuses a variety of styles and her smiling face, nearly always topped with a dashing hat, is well known anywhere contra dancers are found. Tickets can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Sponsored by: Heritage Family Credit Union, Gourmet Provence, Nailor & Breen Builders, National Bank of Middlebury.

JUNE 25TH

BRANDON...BACKPACK THEATER PRESENTS "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" AT THE BRANDON TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH AT 4:00 pm Back after a years absence, Backpack Theater from Sheldon, Vt. consists of 20 young actors ages 6-17. Backpack has been doing performances for over 20 years and plays to audiences of all ages. This is a Free Will Offering event and is sponsored by Creative Fiber Designs, Maria Ammatuna.

JUNE 28TH

THE PORTABLE PERCUSSIONIST PLUS MARIMBA

BRANDON...A PERFORMANCE BY JANE BOXALL WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH IN THE BRANDON TOWN HALL AT 7:30 PM. Jane Boxall is a solo percussionist from Northwest Vermont. Her concert is a combination of Marimba from Zero to Eight Mallets' and Percussion numbers. Jane is an enthusiastic drummer with over 20 years of experience. Her Marimba from Zero to Eight Mallets is a unique and visually spectacular concert. She plays a solo with 1 mallet, and so on up to an 8 mallet finale. Tickets...\$5.00, available at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Sponsored by: Terry & Dottie Kline, Charles Powell & Steven Zorn, Edward Loedding & Dorothy Leysath, Elwin Leysath, “Barney”.

JULY 2ND

“NEON STARS GLEE CLUB” WILL PERFORM AT THE BRANDON TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND AT 6:30 PM. This newly formed group of students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades of the Leicester School will perform a variety of musical selections from Country to Pop. All proceeds will go to the Leicester After School Program and The Friends of The Brandon Town Hall. Come on out and support our neighbors to the North. This is a Free Will Offering event

JULY 12TH

SILENT MOVIE FESTIVAL CONTINUES AT THE BRANDON TOWN HALL Our favorite pianist, Jeff Rapsis presents a series of comedies starring Buster Keaton at the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday, July 12th at 7:00 pm.. Keaton never smiled on camera, earning him the nickname of “The Great Stone Face”. Buster Keaton's comedies rocked Hollywood's silent era with laughter throughout the 1920's, and were claimed for their originality and clever visual gags. This is another of our Free Will Offering events, sponsored by: The Brandon Artist Guild, and Dolores Furnari – Country Owl Studio

JULY 19TH

A NIGHT OF DANCING AND MUSIC BY L.C.JAZZ SWING BAND

Back by popular demand, the L.C. Jazz Swing Band will perform at the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday, July 19th at 8:00 pm. LCJazz is a 17 piece volunteer Big Band with a mission, have a great time, play fantastic music and support continuing music education of area students through scholarships. Come listen and/or dance

as this classic big band brings on the “swing”. This is a benefit performance for the Brandon Town Hall and the LCJazz Scholarship Fund. Tickets....Singles...\$8, Couples...\$14, Seniors, Students, Active Military...\$7 and are available at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Sponsored by: Andrew & Bethany Menkart, Marine Engine.com, & Cafe' Provence

JULY 23RD

RUTLAND'S SUMMER ENCORE THEATER PRESENTS "THE RACE TO SAVE THE WORLD"

Summer Encore, an extension of Rutland High School's theatre program, will present “The Race to Save the World” at the Brandon Town Hall on Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:30 pm. This will be an improvised audience participation play which will have science as a key part of the plot. A mad scientist will be one of the characters and the students will develop the story through improvisation which will engage audiences of all ages. Students in grades seven through twelve will be involved in the production of the play. Tickets are \$4.00 and are available at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Sponsored by: The Vermont Country Store.

JULY 26TH

A CONCERT BY “PETE'S POSSE”

The band “Pete's Posse” will play at the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday, July 26th at 7:30 pm. “Pete's Posse is a multi-generational string trio. The well known troubadour PETE SUTHERLAND lays down the dance groove with his inventive fiddle playing. OLIVER SCANLON has mentored much of Pete's phrasing and dynamics with twin fiddles and mandolin to energize dancers in an ever widening range. Along with the unstoppable goove of TRISTEN HENDERSON'S multitude of fretted and percussive instruments added to the mix, Pete's Posse presents a truly unique group playing incredible Vermont folk music. Tickets are \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Sponsored by: Joe & Lois Acinapura, Joe Ammatuna, Frank & Ettie Spezzano.

AUGUST 8TH, 9TH & 10TH

SHAKESPEARE ON MAIN STREET TO PRESENT OTHELLO

Shakespeare on Main Street will present 3 performances of “Othello” at the Brandon Town Hall on Friday, August 8th at 7:30 pm, Saturday, August 9th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, August 10th at 2:00 pm. Set in 2014, amidst the political turmoil of the mid-East, this production of “**Othello**” will use contemporary events as a mirror for Shakespeare's dramatic medieval setting in which the famous Moor fought and loved. Under Gary Meitrott's thrilling direction, this breakthrough version of “Othello” will awaken deep personal awareness in both the players and the audience and is certain to be a dramatic highlight of Vermont's upcoming theatre season. Tickets for “Othello”, Adults...\$12 at the door, \$10 in advance, Seniors, Students & Active Military, \$8 (same price at the door or in advance) Tickets can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Sponsored by: Chris Russ

AUGUST 15TH

A CONCERT BY “BUCKSHOT” The band “Buckshot” will perform at the Brandon Town Hall on Friday, August 15th at 7:30 pm. This trio of talented Rutland musicians play a variety of Older Country Western, Southern Rock and Modern Country music. Adam Springer is the lead singer and guitarist, Craig Springer is the backup singer, percussionist and spoons and David Crossman as lead guitar, harmonica and singer. Don't miss this toe tapping trio. Tickets, Adults...\$8, Seniors, Students & Active Military...\$6. Tickets available at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Sponsored by an Anonymous Donor.

AUGUST 16TH

BRANDON'S SILENT MOVIE FESTIVAL FEATURES “SHOW PEOPLE” This months feature movie “Show People” will be presented on the big screen at the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday, August 16th at 7:00 pm. This 1928 silent film is about the silent film business. Young Peggy Pepper (Marion Davies) ventures to Hollywood to make her mark in drama, but finds an unexpected and unwelcome flair for slapstick comedy. Full of cameos of stars ranging from Charlie Chaplin to Douglas Fairbanks Sr. Music throughout by the

talented and well known Jeff Rapsis. This is another Free Will Offering event sponsored by: Brandon Town Players and Bill & Kathy Mathis, in memory of Maxine Thurston.

AUGUST 17TH

TOM JOYCE AND HIS ALL NEW MAGICAL COMEDY SHOW Tom Joyce and his New Magical Comedy Show will be held at the Brandon Town Hall on Sunday, August 17th at 3:00 pm. Back by popular demand, this all new magical comedy show is for children (and adults) of all ages. Tom's incredible repertoire with his audience will make for a great afternoon of fun and adventure for the entire family. Great show for children as they get ready to return to school (stop smiling parents) Tickets are \$4 for Adults and \$3 for Children 12 and under. Tickets are available at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Sponsored by: Brandon Artist Guild, Dolores Furnari – Country Owl Studio.

AUGUST 26TH-29TH

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR “BRANDON HAS TALENT SHOW” The Friends of the Brandon Town Hall will hold Auditions for their upcoming Talent Show at the Brandon Town Hall during the week of August 26th-29th between the hours of 6:00-8:00 pm. The Talent Show is scheduled for September 20th. You **MUST** schedule a day and time in order to audition. If you have a talent and would like to show it off? Sign up for a time slot to audition for the first “Brandon Has Talent” Show. No matter what your age, if you like to sing, play an instrument, dance, play in a band, have a special talent, etc. call **247-5420**. Lets show everyone how talented our community is.

SEPTEMBER 5TH

A CONCERT BY “SALT RIVER REVUE” BAND The band “Salt River Revue” will perform at the Brandon Town Hall on Friday, September 5th at 7:30 pm. This talented group is comprised of members of the Saltash Serenaders and the Cold River Band. Separately and together they have been playing for concerts and contra dancers around Vermont for the past 30 years. Appearing will be Steve Spensley on fiddle, guitar and vocals, Vickie Arthur on guitar, bass and vocals, Paul Sgalia on mandolin, guitar, bass and vocals and Marcos Levy on guitar and vocals. Don't miss this toe tapping group who will have you swinging and swaying the whole night. Tickets are \$8 at the door, \$6 in advance and are available at Carr's Florist & Gifts. Sponsored by: Ross Mackie, “Barney & Annie”

SEPTEMBER 6TH

NO STRINGS MARIONETTES PRESENT ”JACK AND THE BEANSTALK”. Once again the talented No Strings Marionette Company will present “Jack and The Beanstalk at the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday, Spetember 6th at 6:30 pm . Come experience this well-loved tale with all the magic and mischief the marionettes can muster! Marmalade the cow's appetite drives the action from Jack's humble cottage to the magnificent castle high above in the clouds. The stage is hardly big enough to contain the one of a kind hand-crafted marionettes, let alone the ravenous, rummaging Giant. A sense of adventure, optimism and three magic beans catapult Jack high into the sky where his destiny awaits. The event begins with an interactive sing along where kids get to be part of the show. Following Jack's adventure, No Strings' Dan Baginski and Barbara Paulson host an intimate question and answer session where everyone gets a closer look at the puppeteers trade. Tickets are \$7 for Adults, \$5 for Seniors and Students. Tickets are available at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Sponsored by: The Vermont Country Store, Jon & Courtney Satz, Sally Wood, Joan Salkins.

SEPTEMBER 12TH

A SPECIAL FUND RAISING CONCERT BY SCOTT HELMER TO HELP FIX PART OF THE TOWN HALL ROOF. National touring and recording artist Scott Helmer will headline a special fund raising concert at the Brandon Town Hall on Friday, September 12th at 7:30 pm., Scott has opened for iconic acts including HEART, EDDIE MONEY, BIG COUNTRY and 3 DOORS DOWN and is working to help historic theaters across the US raise funds to preserve their legacy for future generations. Helmer is offering his time and talents by performing solo-acoustic, free of charge.

Over 35 historic theaters have signed up for Scott's tour from California to Vermont. His act consists of rock & country music and is perfect for all ages and very family friendly. More information will follow as we get closer to the concert. You can see Scott perform by going to his website (www.scotthelmer.com) or on Facebook. Tickets are \$20 with **all proceeds** going to the Friends of The Town Hall in an effort to raise close to \$5,000 to repair sections of the roof. Tickets may be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door.

SEPTEMBER 13TH

SILENT MOVIE FESTIVAL FEATURES A SERIES OF COMEDIES STARRING HARRY LANGDON This month's silent movie at the Brandon Town hall on Saturday, September 13th at 7:00 pm is a series of comedies starring Harry Langdon. These comedies feature the unique style of Harry Langdon, whose innocent baby-faced character rocketed to fame late in the silent era on the strength of films directed by a very young Frank Capra. Rediscover Harry's quiet genius the way it was intended to be seen: on the big screen, with a live audience and the musical talent of our very own Jeff Rapsis. This is a Free Will Offering event and is sponsored by: Brandon Artist Guild, Steven Zorn & Charles Powell.

SEPTEMBER 20TH

“BRANDON HAS TALENT” SHOW...The Friends of the Brandon Town Hall will present the “Brandon Has Talent Show” in the Town Hall on Saturday, September 20th at 7:00 pm. Tickets...Adults \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance. Seniors, students & Active Military...\$6 (same price at the door or in advance) This fund raiser will showcase the multi-talented community members from Brandon and the surrounding area. Come see your neighbors as they sing, dance and entertain you and vote on your favorites. Tickets can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Sponsored by FOTH, Thomas Coleman, DDS, Fran Bull, Kellie Martin & Mark Corbo and The Neshobe School PTO, Bud & Jane Coolidge, Warren & Lorraine Kimble, Lynn & Maria Styart..

SEPTEMBER 27TH

A CONCERT BY “THE DOUGHBOYS” BAND “The Doughboys” will perform at the Brandon Town Hall on **Saturday, September 27th at 7:30 pm.** Meet Middlebury's premier faculty rock band! In the fifteen years that the Doughboys have been playing together they've covered the waterfront in terms of styles and influences. Their upbeat original pop-rock tunes remain the foundation of their repertoire, but they also cover everything from Paul Simon to Chuck Berry to the Grateful Dead. With the recent addition of a horn section, they've branched out to include a broad spectrum of soul and R & B classics, from Aretha to Otis to Sam and Dave. When the band gets in the groove with “Black Magic Woman”, and the lead guitar does its snakey Latin line and the dueling drums build up to a crashing climax, the room will crackle with energy and excitement. Tickets, \$10 at the door...\$8 in advance, tickets can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Sponsored by: Brandon Town Players, Holden Financial Services, Hayes Pallets, Inc., Dolores & Donald Furnari.

OCTOBER 18TH

SILENT MOVIE...”CHILLER THEATER” Our very popular “Chiller Theater” will conclude our Silent Movie Festival and will be held in the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday, October 18th at 7:00 pm. This annual event takes place in the unheated town hall and everyone dresses accordingly. From hats to mittens to blankets, folks file in to enjoy our last event of the season (Maybe we will get lucky and it will be hot out!!!!) Jeff Rapsis brings his multi-talented skills to this double feature starring Lon Chaney just in time for Halloween. Two classic silent films that will creep you out. In “The Unknown” (1927). Lon Chaney plays “Alonzo the Armless”, a disabled circus performer smitten with Joan Crawford. What he does to prove his love for her makes for an unforgettably twisted tale from director Tod Browning. Plus: a second Lon Chaney feature will be shown to complete your chilling night. This is a Free Will offering event sponsored by: Lake Sunapee Bank.