

PRESS RELEASES FOR 2016....Fully Sponsored**

****Saturday, May 14th**

Silent Movie...Buster Keaton in "Spite Marriage"(1929)...7:00 pm

Our opening event for the 2016 season at the Brandon Town Hall is the first of six Silent Movies featuring Buster Keaton in "Spite Marriage" (1929) plus comedy short subjects on Saturday, May 14 at 7:00 pm. Keaton's final silent feature finds the poker-faced comic smitten so much by stage actress Trilby Drew (Dorothy Sebastian) that he joins the cast of her production. But the fun really begins when she impulsively asks Buster to marry her just to get even with an old flame. Classic Keaton comedy, underrated and full of great routines and featuring a shipboard climax reminiscent of Keaton's classic comedy "The Navigator". **Sponsored by, Heritage Family Credit Union.** This is a free will donation event, donations are accepted and appreciated with all monies going towards the ongoing restoration and repair of the Town Hall.

****Sunday, May 15th**

Tom Joyce and His All New Magical Comedy Show...6:00 pm

Get ready to be amazed as Tom Joyce entertains children of all ages with his new, whimsical, magical, comedy show. This benefit for the Town Hall will take place on Sunday, May, 15th at 6:00 pm. This new one hour show of magic focuses on funny adventures for family audiences playing to children and adults of all ages. Tom has performed all over Vermont primarily at libraries reading programs, First Night in Rutland, Friday Night Live, schools, fairs, etc. This is a great show for children as they get ready for the end of school and the summer of 2016. **Sponsored by, Elwin & Dorothy Leysath & Edward Loedding, Donald & Dolores Furnari.** Tickets are Adults,\$3.00 and children 12 and under... \$2.00. Tickets can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door.

****Saturday, May 21st**

Drum Journeys of Earth...7:30 pm

Returning from last years successful performance, Gary Meitrott's Drum Journeys of Earth will present a new and exciting program featuring a combination of the group Limbo Lounge, and The West African Djembe Ensemble on Saturday, May 21 at 7:30 pm. Gary and his loyal drummers usher in hints of summer with beats that start slowly, softly – then build like a trickling stream into a rushing river. A variety of African & Ethnic instruments will fill the hall with a sea of instruments. You might have seen Drum Journeys of Earth as they performed in Rutland's Halloween parade, they are the "Skellies"! They have also appeared at Friday Night Live, Relay For Life, and the Vermont Marathon. Come prepared to be swept away, emotionally & spiritually by these accomplished musicians. **Sponsored by, Andrew & Bethany Menkart, Marine Engines, Inc., Holden Financial Services, Inc., National Bank of Middlebury, Francis Fitzgerald.** Tickets are Adults, \$8...Seniors/Students/Active Military, \$6 and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door.

****Sunday, May 22nd**

Kevin Thornton's Premier Movie Debut..."Death In The Wilderness, A Love Story"...7:00 pm

The premier of "Death In The Wilderness: A Love Story" written, produced and directed by Brandon resident Kevin Thornton, will be shown in the Brandon Town Hall at 7:00 pm on Sunday, May 22. The camera, editing and technical responsibilities are by Josh Hummel. This is the story of Brandonite Frankie Davenport, and the search for her husband George who was fatally wounded in the Battle of The Wilderness on May 5, 1864. Five other men from Brandon were either killed or fatally wounded that day, the worst in the town's history. **Sponsored by, Tom & Carolyn Whittaker, Whittaker Real Estate.** This is a free will donation event, donations are accepted and appreciated with all monies going towards the ongoing restoration and repair of the Town Hall.

Saturday, May 28th

Distant Thunder Band...7:30 pm

Distant Thunder reunited in November of 2014, and played their first concert in 8 years at the Brandon Town Hall. Returning for a second year on Saturday, May 28 at 7:30 pm, this local Brandon band consists of Chris Pallutto, Greg Coolidge, Butch Gearwar, Debbie Bonanza and Dennis Bonanza. During the spring, summer and fall they played through Rutland and Addison counties at various venues and received excellent reviews. Playing the best of Classic Rock, 50's & 60's, Country, Southern Rock and Blues from the past 4 decades, Distant Thunder is sure to please just about everyone. They are thrilled to be opening their 2016/2017 season at the Brandon Town Hall again. Their performances are lively, exciting, humorous and laced with audience participation. Their songs are popular with 3 & 4 part harmonies. **Sponsored by, Dotty White, Anonymous Donor.** Tickets are Adults, \$8 Seniors/students/active military...\$6 and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Come party, sing, dance, listen and have a great time.

****Saturday, June 4th**

Brandon Town Players Performance of Old Time Radio Plays from the 1940's....7:30 pm

The Brandon Town Players will present a performance of Old Time Radio Plays complete with costumes and original sound effects by their talented Tech crew on Saturday, June 4 at 7:30 pm. The players will take you back to the days before television with classic shows such as Burns & Allen, Superman, Dick Tracy, and Flash Gordon! They will be setting up small tables in a Cabaret style with a cash bar serving beer and wine, complimentary cheese and crackers prior to the show, special treats during intermission and of course a variety of goodies for sale at the Town Hall's concession area. All tickets are only \$5.00 and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. To make reservations, which are recommended, or for more info, call...247-6720 or 247-5420. **Sponsored by, Warren & Lorraine Kimble, Andrew & Bethany Menkart, Marine Engines, Inc., Frank & Ettie Spezzano, Fran Bull.**

****Saturday, June 11th**

Old Bones Band...7:30 pm

Bill Casavant brings his down home Vermont Folk singing to the Town Hall on Saturday, June 11 at 7:30 pm. The group is composed of mostly retired, mostly hobby musicians, mostly having fun. There are usually 6 of them, sometimes 7 (growing old bones). Sometimes less (fractured old bones). The group consists of vocal/guitarists, Keith Bagley, Ed Germon, Eric Mortensen. Guitar/vocals, Bill Casavant, Mandolin/vocals, Dave Henderson, fiddle by Libby Cram and bass/vocals, Kristin Bolton. They have been playing as a group for more than 10 years and continue to enjoy every opportunity to come together in the name of good old down home country music with a bit of bluegrass and gospel mixed in. They are a family show so kids, bring your parents, parents bring your kids. Tickets are Adults, \$6...Seniors, Students, Active Military, \$4 and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. **Sponsored by, Community Health Centers Of Rutland Region, Jim & Lyn DesMarias.**

****Saturday, June 18th**

Melissa Durkee and "Chill"...7:30 pm

The Town Hall cools off with "Chill" this summer and will be swinging on Saturday, June 11 at 7:30 pm, where the acoustic group, "Chill" will be performing. Melissa Durkee is a classically trained vocalist, seasoned singer, songwriter from Brandon. Mike Cressey is an accomplished musician, producer and talented guitar player from Grantham, NH. Together, they form the down to earth duo "Chill" that features covers and originals ranging from folk, pop and new grass selections. Art Edelstein of the Rutland Herald stated that Melissa's vocals are "somewhat reminiscent of Karen Carpenter, is crisp and upbeat. The duo's folk/pop sensibilities are evident and the music has a bouncy quality. Don't miss "Chill's" performance along with Steve Latanision of Boston, MA., a stellar multi-instrumentalist who studied at Berklee College of Music. Tickets are Adults, \$8...Seniors/students/active military, \$6....Children 5 & under, Free. and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. **Sponsored by, Dr. & Mrs. George Fjeld**

****Wednesday, June 22nd**

Backpack Theater...3:30 pm

The Backpack Theater from Sheldon, Vermont consists of 20 young actors aged 6-17. The group has been doing performances for over 20 years and plays to audiences of all ages. They will present two plays..."Sleeping Beauty" and "Wild Things" on Wednesday, June 22 at 3:30 pm. Tickets are Adults, \$3...Seniors/students/active military...\$2 and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door.

Sponsored by, Friends Of The Brandon Town Hall.

****Saturday, June 25th**

Silent Movie..."The Iron Horse" (1924)...7:00 pm

Join us on Saturday, June 25 at 7:00 pm to see a young John Ford who directed this big Fox production on a big subject: the building of the Transcontinental Railroad following the Civil War. This epic story weaves together several narratives and includes parts for everyone from Abraham Lincoln to Buffalo Bill. Great western action sequences set new standards for cinema! A remarkable picture from a filmmaker who would go on to win a record four Oscars for Best Director. **Sponsored by, Nancy & Gary Meffe**

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****Saturday, July 2nd**

Independence Day Open House...10:00am - 3:00 pm

Join us on the steps of the Town Hall to watch Brandon's incredible 4th of July parade. The hall's concession area will be open to sell cool drinks, snacks, hot dogs and more. Stop in for a tour of the facilities and learn about the history of the National Historic site. Donations to help with the restoration and repair of the hall are accepted and appreciated.

****Thursday, July 7th ... Friday, July 8th & Saturday, July 9th7:30 pm.**

Saturday, July 9th & Sunday, July 10th2:00 pm

The Vermont Theater Lab Presents..."The Musical" Sunset Boulevard" With Full Orchestra.

Tickets are Adults, \$25.... Seniors/students/active military...\$20 and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. Sunset Boulevard will be a large community collaboration in memory of Bette Moffett. Bette was a Brandon resident for years, a true star in our state. From her performing to her compassion for school programs and libraries, Bette was the definition of a Vermonter. Her passing effected uncountable amounts of Vermonters that adored Bette as she was constantly reaching out and supporting events all over the state. This project promises to be an honorable experience for all involved and a much deserved dedication to Ms. Moffett. Although theatre was only one of the many experiences Bette spent her life loving/supporting, we are confident that the classic story, large scale collaboration between numerous artists throughout our state, and passion each one of our company member's will share in together, will make this a fabulous dedication to our "Greatest star of all". **Sponsored by, Rowe Real Estate, Robert & Kathryn Clark.**

****Friday, July 15th**

Concert by Students of Camp Point Counterpoint...7:00 pm...Free Will Donation

The Friends Of The Brandon Town Hall are pleased to present a concert by the very talented students from the Advanced Chamber Music Program on Friday, July 15 at 7:00 pm. Located on the shores of Lake Dunmore in Vermont, Point CounterPoint combines a serious chamber music program with a traditional camp experience. The music program includes chamber music coaching, private lessons, performances, master classes, music theory and music history. They also offer some holistic classes such as Alexander Technique and Yoga to encourage students to think about ways to perform with more ease and comfort. Students ranging in age from 11 – 18 come to Point CounterPoint from all over the country. This benefit for the Town Hall is a Free Will Donation event, donations are accepted and appreciated with all monies going towards the ongoing restoration and repair of the Town Hall. **Sponsored by, Ben & Claudette Lawton, Warren & Lorraine Kimble, Judith & George Reilly**

****Saturday, July 16th**

Silent Movie...Harold Lloyd in "A Sailor Made Man" (1921)...7:00 pm

Back by popular demand! An evening of uproarious comedies on Saturday, July 16 at 7:00 pm, featuring bespectacled Harold Lloyd, the silent era's most popular box office star. Join Harold as he mistakenly joins the U.S. Navy, then ships out to foreign lands just in time to rescue his vacationing girlfriend from the clutches of an evil potentate. Lloyd's pictures are known for their audience reactions, so get ready for the whole family to have a great time. **Sponsored by, Pam & Steve Douglass.** This is a free will donation event, donations are accepted and appreciated with all monies going towards the ongoing restoration and repair of the Town Hall.

****Wednesday, July 20th ...6:30 pm**

Rutland's Encore Theater..."Look Out Olympics, Here Comes Zeus"

Rutland's Summer Encore Theater will present "Look Out Olympics, Here Comes Zeus" on Wednesday, July 20, 6:30 at the Brandon Town Hall. Summer Encore is in its nineteenth year of providing quality theater to libraries and town halls around the state of Vermont. Students in grades seven through twelve come together under the direction of Cathy Archer, theater director at Rutland High School, to develop plays which involve the audience in assisting the characters in finding a happy ending. This year the story of the play will revolve around the Olympics and Greek gods who become involved in the Olympics. The audience participation will include games the audience can play and receive Olympic style awards. In addition there will be keepsakes for each audience member to take home as a memento of the Olympics and the show. Tickets are Adults...\$3, Seniors/Students/Military...\$2 and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door.

Sponsored by, Chris Russ.

****Saturday, July 23rd.**

LCJazz Swing Dance Band....8:00 pm

Back by popular demand, the LCJazz Swing Band will perform at the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday, July 23 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 are Adults, \$8...Couples, \$14...Seniors/Students/Active Military, \$7 and are available at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. **Sponsored by, Nancy & Walter Salzman, Andrew & Bethany Menkart, Marine Engines, Inc., Jim & Lyn DesMarias.**

****Friday, July 29th & Saturday, July 30th ...7:30 pm. Sunday, July 31st ...2:00 pm**

Shakespeare On Main St. presents "Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead".

Shakespeare on Main Street will present 3 performances of "Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead" on Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, July 31 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are Adults...\$18 Youth (18 & Under)...\$12, and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. (no sponsors needed)

Saturday, August 13th

The Phil Henry Trio...7:30 pm

Singer-Songwriter Phil Henry, brings his talented band to the Town Hall on Saturday, August 13 at 7:30 pm. Accompanied by Gary Moon on vocals, djembe, cajon, shakers, high hat, tambourine and xylophone and multi-instrumentalist Jeff Kimball on mandolin, accordion, keyboards and vocals. Phil is that rare contemporary folk artist who will impress you from every direction. There is that strong voice, intricate and flawless guitar work and songs so rich you'll wish you wrote them yourself. The bands music is like an old school storyteller who builds songs from a place of honesty without crossing over into the T.M.I. of confessional songwriting. In addition to being the music teacher at West Rutland High School, Phil is also a member of Drum Journeys of Earth. Tickets are Adults, \$8...Seniors/students/active military, \$6 and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. **Sponsored by, Jim & Lyn DesMarias**

****Saturday, August 20th**

Curbstone Chorus....7:30 pm

This well know Rutland based men's a capella group will present a concert in the hall on Saturday, August 20 at 7:30 pm. This group of 30 singers and their excellent barbershop harmony, has entertained countless music lovers in Vermont and New York as they reach for the sky with voices that both thrill and send chills up the spine. Curbstone has been a participant in Brandon's Independence Day Parade and teamed with Maiden Vermont to perform in many venues around the area. **Sponsored by, Andrew & Bethany Menkart, Marine Engines, Inc., Anonymous Donor, Found Objects.** Tickets are Adults, \$8...Seniors/students/Military, \$6

****Saturday, August 27th**

Silent Movie..Rudolph Valentino double feature.."The Sheik" (1921) & "Son Of Sheik" (1926)..7:00 pm

This double billing on Saturday, August 27 at 7:00 pm, stars the screen's original Latin Lover in his most famous role, that of Sheik Ahmed Ben Hassad who is the ruler of a vast desert empire & conqueror of many a woman's heart. Prepare to swoon! This is an exotic adventure film that captured the imagination of early movie audiences. Shown in honor of the 90th anniversary of Valentino's untimely death in August 1926 at age 31. This is a free will donation event, donations are accepted and appreciated with all monies going towards the ongoing restoration and repair of the Town Hall. **Sponsored by, Jim & Lyn DesMarias**

****Saturday, September 10th**

3rd Annual "Brandon Has Talent" Show...7:00 pm

The Friends Of The Brandon Town Hall will present the 3rd Annual "Brandon Has Talent" Show on Saturday, September 10 at 7:00 pm. This fund raiser for the Town Hall will showcase the multi-talented community members from Brandon and the surrounding area. Come see your neighbors, friends and family as they sing, dance and entertain you. This year the judges will select winners in two categories, Adults (18 & up) and Students (17 & under). Tickets are Adults, \$8...Seniors/students/active military, \$6...(Children 5 & under **FREE.**) and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. **Sponsored by, Gayle Pilat & Laura Abel, FOTH, Anonymous Donor, Creative Fibers, Found Objects, Jim & Lyn DesMarias.**

****Saturday, September 17th**

Silent Movie...Charlie Chaplin in "The Kid"....7:00 pm

Our 5th Silent Movie is the classic Charlie Chaplin film, "The Kid" on Saturday, September 17 at 7:00 pm. Along with Chaplin is a young Jackie Coogan. Chaplin's breakthrough comedy/drama finds the Tramp raising an infant against all odds. Highlighted by amazing work of five-year-old Coogan, who delivers one of the most remarkable child performances in all of cinema. As the film tells us: "A story with a smile, & perhaps a tear". There will also be two of Charlie's earlier slapstick comedy shorts that helped establish him as a star. This is a free will donation event, donations are accepted and appreciated with all monies going towards the ongoing restoration and repair of the Town Hall. **Sponsored by, Bill & Kathy Mathis in memory of Maxine Thurston.**

****Saturday, September 24th**

"The Doughboys" Concert...7:30 pm

Don't miss this highly anticipated performance by "The Doughboys" which will take place on Saturday, September 24, at 7:30 pm. Meet Middlebury's premier faculty rock band! In the 17 years that the Doughboys have been playing together they have 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. They have branched out to include a broad spectrum of soul and R & B classics from Aretha to Otis to Sam and Dave. There will be plenty of room to sit and enjoy the music or get up and boogie on the dance floor! Tickets are, Adults, \$10...Seniors/students/active military, \$8. **Sponsored by, Kevin and Debra Jennings, Anonymous Donor, Andrew & Bethany Menkart, Marine Engines, Inc., John & Deb Perry.**

****Sunday, September 25th**

No Strings Marionettes..."Nick Of Time"...4:00 pm

The No Strings Marionette Company serves up a sci-fi time travel thriller with "Nick Of Time" on Sunday, September 25 at 4:00 pm. On a special mission to explore a mysterious dark object nearing planet Earth, a rocket ship carrying Astronaut Nick Eastman and his hoverbot Glitch is attacked by a deep space alien. Investigating, Nick is sucked into a time-warp and lands millions of years in Earth's dinosaur-riddled past. Snatched as a pterodactyl snack, Nick escapes only to be warped into a bizarre future where creatures have mutated to survive on a barely recognizable Earth. Get hooked on science and science fiction with the foundations of this rollicking show. Puppeteers Dan and Barbara have toured America for over twelve years, dazzling children and adults with their marionette magic. Most of the time, the marionettes perform on the puppet stage. But part of each show is geared toward extending the stage into the audience's realm. The biggest marionette we've ever made will visit the audience in the "Nick Of Time" show. Tickets are Adults, \$7...Seniors/students/active military, \$5 and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door.

Sponsored by, Lake Sunapee Bank

Friday, September 30th & Saturday, October 1st

The Brandon Town Players present..... Murder Mystery.....7:30 pm

Tickets are Adults, \$8...Seniors/students/active military, \$6 and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. **Sponsored by,**

****Sunday, October 2nd**

The Dissipated Eight....7:00 pm

Don't miss this incredible performance by Middlebury College's premier a cappella group on Sunday, October 2 at 7:00 pm. The group was founded as a combination of two all male quartets in 1952, singing traditional barbershop music. They are currently the fourth oldest a cappella group in the nation and sing a range of songs, from modern day pop to traditional barbershop songs. Their stage presence and comedic routines will certainly entertain you in addition to the wonderful harmonies, solos and group numbers. The group prides itself in its history and aims to preserve it while adding new material from the modern age to its repertoire. Tickets are Adults, \$8...Seniors/students/active military...\$6 and can be purchased at Carr's Florist & Gifts or at the door. **Sponsored by, Harold & Jean Somerset.**

****Saturday, October 15th**

Silent Movie..."Chiller Theater"...(no heat in the upper hall...Maybe!!!) "The Man Who Laughs"

Our last silent movie of the season will be shown on Saturday, October 15 at 7:00 pm. "The Man Who Laughs" is a creepy thriller starring Conrad Veidt. Silent film adaptation of Victor Hugo's historical novel about a man cursed with a permanent carnival-freak-like grin on his face. The make-up job for actor Conrad Veidt inspired the look of Batman's arch-nemesis, "the Joker". Directed by Paul Leni, who pioneered the visual style used in Universal horror classics such as 1931's "Dracula" and "Frankenstein". See it if you dare! Preceded by spooky comedy short subjects. This is a free will donation event, donations are accepted and appreciated with all monies going towards the ongoing restoration and repair of the Town Hall.

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