

News from the Hall

August 2017

BURNED OVER

*Return of Historic Play Features
Acclaimed Director and Talented Cast
September 8-17*

Burned Over rehearsals are underway and we are on fire! We have a wonderful company with cast members from Williamson, Ontario, Penfield, Chili, Rochester and Syracuse, and we are excited to bring the story back to life after its premiere in Gates Hall forty years ago.

Rehearsals are filled with creativity and thoughtful discussion about this fascinating piece of local history. So many different religious and spiritual movements spread through the area after the opening of the Erie Canal. How did communities live together in the midst of such difference? Because the topic of religious tolerance is still so relevant, we are able to work on this historic piece through a contemporary lens. But the play is much more than an historical study. Bess Atlas wrote a story about family, friendship, love, and conviction. The characters range in age from nine to sixty, so the tale is told through multiple perspectives. Also, because Gates Hall was built during this time period, it's even more exciting to present the play there, and the design team is exploring ways to incorporate and honor the history of the building as a church, community meeting space, and 150-year-old community theater.

We are eager to share this play with you and hope you will join us in going back to Williamson 1844 to discover what it might have been like to be *Burned Over*.



Rebecca Pfohl, Ayla Gafni, and Alandra Kunz work on a scene from *Burned Over*



Gates Hall, home to community theatre since 1867.

"... A story about family, friendship, love, and conviction"

Lindsay Warren Baker, director

Burned Over cast

Ammi Strang - Rebecca Pfohl
Daniel Strang - Steven Wood
Oliver Strang - Eli Owens
Mary Jule Strang - Audrey Erwin
Benjamin Strang - Liam Keeney
Rebecca Bogardus - Ayla Gafni
Evert Bogardus - Greg Ludek
Jedidiah Bogardus - Carter Evans
Harmony Bogardus - Alandra Kunz
Thankful Bogardus - Olivia Tarquinio
Lorenzo Reynolds - David Wilkinson
Stafford Reynolds - Victoria Webster
Rev. Charles Finney - Martin Nott
Florentine Fox - Kimber Wood

Artistic Staff

Director - Lindsay Warren Baker
Set Designer - Gordon Leonard
Costume Designer - Jessi Temple
Lighting Designer - David Odgers
Light Board Operator - Nash Cahoon
Producer - Dan Montondo
Executive Producer - John Westerberg

Burned Over, by Bess Atlas, is presented in recognition of 150 years of community theatre at Gates Hall, purported to be the longest continually active community theatre venue in the U.S.

Want to know more?

The Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society will present an informational program, "The Burned Over Movement: The Millerites" on Wednesday, August 16 from 7:00-8:00 PM at Gates Hall. All are welcome!



Summer Fun Reigns at Gates Hall

Rapture, rapture! The Gatesingers summer show, *The Gondoliers*, was presented to large and appreciative audiences during Pultneyville Homecoming weekend, July 15-17. Complete with singing, dancing, and the requisite topsy-turvy Gilbert & Sullivan plot, the show involved both young and more seasoned actors.

The weekend also featured a cadre of Gatesingers marching in the parade with our brand new banner, as well as a ceremony in recognition of 150 years of community theatre at Gates Hall.



Above left: The men's chorus of *The Gondoliers*; Above right, Homecoming parade participants Kit Hohenboken, Audrey Erwin, Autumn Pollock, Annalise Mantelli, Lonnie Hohenboken, Moriah Mantelli, Devon Woodward, Larissa Myhowych, Kate Winslow, Mackenzie Wood and Julia Green.

Still to come in our 2017-18 Season

Burned Over

By Bess Atlas
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Seussical: The Musical

2017 YouTheatre Production
By Lynn Ahrens & Stephen
Flaherty
Autumn Pollock, Director
November 24-December 2, 2017

Pippin

By Stephen Schwartz & Roger Hirson
Karen Skerrett Nail, Director
April 6-15, 2018

“Oh the **thinks** you can **think** when you **think** about **Seuss!**”

Calling all youth 12 years old to upcoming Seniors in High School: Come join the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss as it comes alive on the Gates Hall stage this Fall in

Seussical: The Musical!

By Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty

Auditions for *Seussical* will take place Saturday August 19th at 9:30 am and at 2:30 pm. You only need to attend one time slot, so come to the one that is most convenient for you. There will be a vocal and a dancing audition as well as some reading of lines. If callbacks are needed they will take place Monday August 21st at 6:30 pm. Please visit gateshall.com for specific audition material.

There will be an **OPTIONAL Audition Workshop on Saturday August 12th at 9 am.** This event will help prepare youth interested in auditioning. Our goal is to educate and empower youth by covering audition skills for *Seussical* and future endeavors. Audition materials for *Seussical* will be introduced at this time. The workshop is not limited to prospective *Seussical* participants only. Anyone in the age group can attend and benefit from the expertise of Director: Autumn Pollock, Vocal Director: Eric Thompson, and Choreographer: Katrina Kaplin.

Performance dates for *Seussical* are November 24th, 25th, 26th and December 1st and 2nd

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Director Autumn Pollock (autumn.pollock24@gmail.com) or Producer Katy Kolyer (katynkolyer@gmail.com)

We hope to see you there!

Seussical is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)

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All performances at Gates Hall, Pultneyville, NY

ADULTS \$14.00

STUDENTS/SENIORS \$12.00

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Fri. Sept. 8th @ 8:00 pm: # Adults = _____ # Seniors = _____ # Students = _____

Sat. Sept 9th @ 8:00 pm: # Adults = _____ # Seniors = _____ # Students = _____

Sun. Sept. 10th @ 2:00 pm: # Adults = _____ # Seniors = _____ # Students = _____

Fri. Sept 15th @ 8:00 pm: # Adults = _____ # Seniors = _____ # Students = _____

Sat. Sept 16th @ 8:00 pm: # Adults = _____ # Seniors = _____ # Students = _____

Sun. Sept 17th @ 2:00 pm: # Adults = _____ # Seniors = _____ # Students = _____

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