

Pentangle Arts Kicks Off its 45th Anniversary

Thanks to the work of many hands our Cheers to 45 Years gathering at the lovely Barnard Inn barn was a resounding success! We are beyond grateful for the support of our sponsors—the Kedron Valley Inn, Woodstock Inn and Resort, Farmhouse Pottery, Worthy Kitchen and Birds of a Flower—and for the generosity of over 40 individuals and businesses who donated items for our live and silent auction! Stay tuned for more celebrations of Pentangle’s past and future!

We also look forward to a summer season full of diverse programming for all ages starting with the June 1st Theaterworks live musical production of the **Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System** at 10:00 am. The production is based on the fourth book in The Magic School Bus series by authors Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen. Tickets are an affordable \$6 per person and can be purchased online at Pentanglearts.org or at the door.

Tickets are also on sale for the Vermont Symphony’s Summer Festival Tour, July 5th at the iconic Suicide Six Ski Area. This year’s program, sponsored by the VSO, Pentangle and the Woodstock Inn and Resort, is entitled “Strike Up the Orchestra!” and will be the VSO debut of guest conductor Sharon Lavery. The orchestra will showcase the composers who set America to music: Gershwin, Joplin, Bernstein and Copland, as well as the foremost film composer of our generation, John Williams. The program will also feature a jazzy solo written by Artie Shaw and performed by VSO Principal Clarinet Kelli O’Connor. The concert will close with a dazzling firework display accompanying Tchaikovsky’s famous 1812 Overture and the beloved marches of John Philip Sousa. To purchase tickets, go to www.pentanglearts.org.

On June 21nd at 5:30 pm we kick off our 39th annual Free Brown Bag Concert Series, now renamed the “Music by the River Series,” on the lovely back lawn of the North Universalist Unitarian Chapel. The folk phenomenon Pete’s Posse will get the summer-long party started. Since 2014 the Posse has released 5 albums, played numerous festivals including Shetland Folk Festival, Festival Memoire et Racine, New Bedford Folk Festival, and more!

The Posse's signature is variety: all multi-instrumentalists, the band plays a dynamic repertoire of folk-roots genres; songs and tunes, traditional and original. For over four years they've been bringing their brand of ‘Neo-Traditional Folk’ to festival stages, dance halls and concert series across the US, Canada and Europe.

Why the location change? While we were so appreciative of the Woodstock History Center’s generosity in hosting the series last year, we felt compelled to move closer to our venue and concert rain location at the Town Hall Theatre.

While it was lovely to enjoy tunes in the center of the village, attendance tended to drop considerably when rain forced us back to the Town Hall. Patrons told us that the theatre was too far to schlep once they had parked in the village.

Why a new title? The Brown Bag title was perfectly appropriate for the many years when the concerts took place at noon on the village green and folks brought lunches along, but in

recognition of our evening start time and in celebration of Pentangle's 45th anniversary we decided to reinvigorate the series with a new moniker.

We are thrilled to collaborate with the North Universalist Chapel and the Worthy Kitchen who will be on site serving tasty bits, beer and wine. Volunteers from the North Chapel will be at every concert, eager to greet patrons and share information about the wider role the North Chapel plays in our community—especially its initiatives for families and children. The series consists of a varied line up of up and coming and established performers in genres that range from folk, cajun, afro funk, and new world fusion.

On the Free Screen:

On May 24th at 6:30 pm we will screen local resident Michael Leonard's film **One Town At Time**. The film is a documentary that explores Vermont's diverse communities through the eyes of the 251 Club of Vermont—a unique club dedicated to visiting all 251 towns and cities in Vermont. First suggested by Dr. Arthur Peach in an issue of Vermont Life as a means of getting to know the state better, the 251 club has grown to boast a membership of over 6,000. The club is a loose collection of Vermontophiles with no real membership requirements or rules – other than a passion for exploring our beautiful state. There will be a pre-show reception at 5:30 and a talk back after the screening.

On May 31st at 7:00 pm we will host a community screening of **Major Arcana**, directed by Josh Melrod. This film follows a long-troubled itinerant carpenter (played by Barnard resident Jon Tokarski) who returns home to small town Vermont and sets out to build a log cabin by hand in an effort to free himself from a cycle of poverty and addiction. His attempts are stymied when he reconnects with Sierra, a woman with whom he shares a complicated past, and he becomes locked in a desperate struggle between the person he was and the person he hopes to become. There will be a talk-back with Josh following the screening. Both screenings are free of charge, with a \$5 donation suggested.

Free screenings continue with the documentary, **The Island President**, Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm, as part of Sustainable Woodstock's Climate and Sustainability Film Series. The award-winning film tells the story of Mohamed Nasheed, president of the Maldives, and his tireless fight to save his country from the ravages of global climate change. The screening is free and open to the public with a \$10 donation graciously accepted.

On the Big Screen:

Avengers: End Game PG 13

In the final chapter of the 22-film series the surviving members of the Avengers and their allies work together to reverse the damage caused by Thanos in Infinity War. The cast includes Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson, Jeremy

Renner, Don Cheadle, Paul Rudd, Brie Larson, Karen Gillan, Danai Gurira, Bradley Cooper, and Josh Brolin.

Show times:

Saturday, May 25, 2109 at 7:30 pm

Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 7:30 pm

Monday, May 27, 2019 at 7:30 pm

****No Screening Friday, May 24th!**

Up Next:

June 1- 3 Amazing Grace