

## Wassail Weekend Tickets on Sale

Fall foliage can be a headache if you are late for an appointment or if you are running on empty with creeping traffic. Over the past two weeks more tourists than in years previous have poked their heads into the office, looking for restrooms, but also curious about the building. When time permitted, I opened the [theatre](#) and let them wander about and take photos.

At first sight they were surprised to see the size of [theatre](#). While I looked for trash and popcorn missed by the cleaning crew, they looked at the stage, the sloped floor and for some, the new carpet. I turned on the stage lights for a couple from London. They snapped photos on their phone, and eagerly gobbled up bits of the building's history.

Last week when I went in to prepare the stage for a screening, I found a foursome from Austin, TX in the [theatre](#). Two were in front of the proscenium taking photos of their friends who were posing on stage. After I got over the initial shock of seeing strangers in the theatre, I told them about the 90-year-old seats, the 1927 fire, the following renovations etc. When I lowered the movie screen, one said with a wonderful southern drawl, "Sure do wish we could stay another day and see a movie."

While initially annoyed when interrupted it was fun to meet folks, learn about the travels, and from whence they came. It was also enjoyable to answer their questions and share the history of the building and the village.

I guess it kind of sums up foliage; frustration mixed with pride in where live, and an appreciation of the impeccable beauty that surrounds us. Of course, we can't forget that according to the Vermont State Agency of Commerce officials, fall tourism brings in about \$40 million in tax revenue each year!

### **On to the week ahead:**

[Tosca](#) Comes to Woodstock

We still have tickets available for Opera Company of Middlebury's Touring production of Tosca, 7:00 pm, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Tosca, one of the world's most loved operas is a tragic story of passion and jealousy, it tells the story of the tempestuous opera singer Floria Tosca, as she fights to save her lover Cavaradossi from the sadistic police chief Scarpia. To learn more and purchase tickets go to [pentanglearts.org/event/tosca](http://pentanglearts.org/event/tosca).

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It is hard to conceive of the whiteness of winter, and 20-degree days, while enjoying warm fall days and brilliant foliage. Continue to enjoy the beauty but don't wait to get tickets to [Pentangle's Wassail weekend](#) events!

Kick off [Wassail Weekend](#) with an exclusive live concert by the [Whiffenpoofs](#), the internationally acclaimed a cappella singers from Yale University, December 13, at 7:30 pm.

### **About the [Whiffenpoofs](#)**

Established at Yale University in 1909, it is the oldest such group in the United States. The lineup changes each year, and former members include Cole Porter. Since their founding in 1909, the [Whiffenpoofs](#) have performed in all corners of the globe – they’ve just returned from performances in Peru, Morocco, China, Greece, New Zealand, and a smattering of other international and domestic venues. In fact, we are privileged to be able to bring our diverse repertoire of vocal jazz, folk, pop, and Broadway hits to more than two hundred audiences each year. The Whiffs of years past have sung for Presidents Obama, Bush (41 and 43), Clinton, and Reagan, and at venues including Carnegie Hall, Broadway’s Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center. In recent years, they’ve been featured on television shows such as “The Sing Off,” “The West Wing,” and “Glee.”

### **On Saturday, December 14, join us for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual [Holiday House Tour](#)**

Start your day with hot coffee or cocoa and a muffin, tour a wonderful group of historic houses and return whenever you feel the need to relax, refresh or warm up! Our [theatre](#) is open throughout the day with holiday music for a festive feeling, and our new boxed lunch option is an inviting, casual way to gear up before the charming historic parade. Patrons who purchase House Tour tickets can enjoy transportation around the village in an authentic Vermont horse-drawn wagon. House Tour patrons are also invited to a special Holiday Reception from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the acclaimed Prince & Pauper Restaurant.

To purchase tickets [pentanglearts.org/event/holiday-house-tour-2019](http://pentanglearts.org/event/holiday-house-tour-2019). This year we will offer a box lunch that can be purchased with your ticket.

### **On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 pm, the fiery [Celtic band Coig](#) returns to the Town Hall stage.**

[Còig](#) is one of Atlantic Canada’s most exciting Celtic traditional groups made up of four accomplished multi-instrumentalists, Chrissy Crowley, Rachel Davis, Darren McMullen, and Jason Roach. With the fiery Celtic high-energy style as its musical core, [Còig](#) easily shifts between century-old tunes of past generations to original and upbeat compositions, featuring the band’s range of over a dozen instruments (vocals, fiddles, piano, guitars, banjo, mandolin, viola, bouzouki, whistles, and more). With driving tunes, haunting songs and infectious energy, [Còig](#) is an unparalleled music force.

**To purchase tickets, go to [pentanglearts.org/event/coig](http://pentanglearts.org/event/coig)**

### **On the Big Screen:**

**[Joker \(R\)](#)**

Joker centers around the iconic arch nemesis and is an original, standalone fictional story not seen before on the big screen. Phillips' exploration of Arthur Fleck, who is indelibly portrayed by Joaquin Phoenix, is of a man struggling to find his way in Gotham's fractured society. A clown-for-hire by day, he aspires to be a stand-up comic at night...but finds the joke always seems to be on him. Caught in a cyclical existence between apathy and cruelty, Arthur makes one bad decision that brings about a chain reaction of escalating events in this gritty character study.

**Showtimes:**

Friday, October 18 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 19 at 7:30 pm

Monday, October 21 at 7:30 pm

NO MOVIE SUNDAY

Tickets: \$9 Adults | \$8 Kids & Seniors | \$7 Pentangle Members

Up next: [Downton Abby](#)