

Movies Return Outside

Here we are at the end of five months in the COVID 19 world. The reboot of our **Music by the River** series gave us the opportunity to gather, enjoy camaraderie, community, and excellent music. Thank you to our patrons, the talented musicians, and the North Chapel for hosting the series. As I was enjoying a hot day in a small cabin on Mt. Desert Island, rain, thunder, and lightning in Woodstock forced us to postpone Jay Nash's closing concert. That concert will take place Friday, September 19 at 5:30 pm. Bring your picnic, a lawn chair and be sure to put your name in for a chance to win a gift certificate from the Prince and Pauper Restaurant and the Woodstock Farmer's Market.

A huge shout out to all of our raffle sponsors: The Prince and Pauper Restaurant, The Yankee Bookshop, The Quechee General Store, Blake Hill Preserves, 37 Central, Soulfully Good, The Blue Horse Inn, Woodstock Farmer's Market and the Worthy Kitchen.

Out and About

And now for something completely different: on September 4th at 6:00 pm we will present **Covid Commedia**'s one-hour family friendly show on the back lawn of the North Chapel! **Covid Commedia** is a theatre troupe led by the talents of Lulu Fairclough-Stewart, Cameron Silliman and Seamus Good, three emerging theater professionals who have a deep connection to the Upper Valley. Their mission is to inspire people to work creatively in spite of the considerable obstacles presented by the global pandemic. In the past few months, they have created a show that they hope will forge community bonds through a shared experience and lots of laughter. The show is a series of comedic scenes that are based in the techniques of Commedia dell'Arte, a 16th century form of Italian theater that was performed by troupes of actors in local marketplaces.

The show is free of charge with donations gratefully accepted. Pre-registration and the standard safety precautions apply. The lawn will open at 5:00 pm.

On the Outdoor Screen

The pandemic continues to challenge the movie industry. Some movies such as **Hamilton The Musical** opened on the home market while others such as **No Time to Die**, the latest in the Bond franchise have been bumped to a November 2020 release date. Our solution in the short term is to screen movies outside on the back lawn of the North Chapel at 7:00 pm every Friday in September weather permitting. The grounds open at 6:00. Bring a lawn chair, or blanket with a picnic and enjoy movies under the stars. Masks and social distancing are required. Once again pre-registration is at <https://pentanglearts.org/september-movie-series/>. Sadly, no rain dates! Donations gratefully accepted. Kindly contact me if you need to cancel your reservation at director@pentanglearts.org.

The free *End of Summer September* series opens on September 5th with the highly acclaimed film **Emma** (which we were set to screen in late March). Based on Jane Austen's classic tale, the film takes place in 1800s England and follows the well-meaning but selfish Emma who meddles in the love lives of her friends.

On September 12, we will screen **I Am Not Your Negro**, the 2017 Oscar nominated documentary based on James Baldwin's unfinished narrative on race in America read by actor Samuel L. Jackson. Alongside a flood of rich archival material, the film draws upon Baldwin's notes on the lives and assassinations of Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King Jr.

On September 19, we will screen local favorite **Downton Abby**, a film so well known it does not require an introduction!

We close the series on September 26th with the 1997 award-winning film **Good Will Hunting** starring Matt Damon, Ben Affleck and Robin Williams, who won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor. Affleck and Damon won the Oscar for Best Original Screenplay. Folks may remember that the film follows 20-year-old South Boston janitor Will Hunting, (Matt Damon) an unrecognized genius who, as part of a deferred prosecution agreement after assaulting a police officer, becomes a client of a therapist (Robin Williams) and studies advanced mathematics with a renowned professor (Stellan Skarsgård). Through the course of his therapy Hunting evaluates his past, his relationships, and the course of his future.

As always, we urge folks to support Pentangle Arts during this difficult time so that we can return full force with programming to engage and entertain audiences of all ages. Online donations can be made at www.Pentanglearts.org, checks made out to Pentangle Arts can be mailed to 31 The Green, Woodstock, VT 05091, and cash can be dropped off at our September outdoor events! We are enormously grateful for continued community support!