

**This issue is dated 03-08-2011. Next planned edition is about 03-29-2011.
Please submit events a few days before that date.**

The newsletter lists specific groups alphabetically within their category:

(Theater {Community then Equity} / Opera / Dance / Music / Visual / Museum / Venue / Other / Calendars)

To look for events happening by time, search by month abbreviation (Oct, Nov, etc)

**Please note that the Arts Alive web-site is on-line and waiting for you to enter your events there.
Each organization must take responsibility to enter their data.**

The web-site for their Planning Calendar: <http://www.monadnockevents.org/>

Also a special service provided by Gary Gagnon... (Thank you Gary)

For all those that clean out their email inboxes quickly ...

Please put this web-site in your favorites. <http://garygagnon.com/blog/>

Near the top/left of the screen, Click on the "Mary's email" tab.

That will take you to the section for my latest cultural email, hosted by Gary's web-site.

*****Theatre – in alpha order *****

1st Community Theatre (ThC), then Equity Theatre (ThE)

ThC-01 Acting Loft, Educational camps and Productions (Manchester, NH)

<http://www.actingloft.org/first.html>

About the Acting Loft: The Acting Loft is a non-profit 501(c3) Educational Theatre dedicated to offering the highest quality theatre arts education and entertainment to children and adults of all ages.

For more information, please visit web-site above or call 603-666-5999; or email any questions to Kirstin Kennedy, the Acting Loft's Education Director, at kirstin@actingloft.org

ThC-02 Acting Out, part of Monadnock Family Services (Keene, Swanzey, & Peterborough, NH)

<http://www.actingoutimprov.org> Or contact Jodi Clark at 355-3040 ext. 107 or iclark@mfs.org.

ThC-03 ACT - Actors' Circle Theatre (Peterborough, NH)

<http://www.actorscircletheatre.org>

Shakespeare in The Park production will be: "**AS YOU LIKE IT**" directed by Chris McCartie.
Summer 2011 dates TBD.

Fall Main Stage production will be Israel Horovitz's "**UNEXPECTED TENDERNESS**" directed by Wendy Almeida. Fall 2011 dates TBD.

ThC-04 Andy's Summer Playhouse (Wilton, NH)

<http://www.andyssummerplayhouse.org/index.html>

ThC-05 Antrim Players (Antrim, NH)

<http://www.antrimplayers.com/index.html>

ThC-06 ATP - Actors Theatre Playhouse (West Chesterfield, NH)

<http://www.actors-theatre.info/>

Box Office – 877-233-7905 - Corner of Brook & Main Streets

Next Production is **Dead Man's Cell Phone** by Sarah Ruhl. Dates TBD.
Call 603-852-8957 for more info.

ThC-07 Brattleboro Union High School Drama (Brattleboro, VT)

<http://www.buhs.k12.vt.us/contact.html>

ThC-08 BRT - Branch River Theatre (Marlborough NH)

<http://www.branchrivertheatre.com>

***BRT will present Neil Simon's bittersweet comedy "**The Gingerbread Lady**" at the Marlborough Community House on Rt 101, in **March on the 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, and 19th** of 2011. Doors open at 7:30, **Show at 8:00**. Ticket prices are \$12.00 general admission and \$10.00 for seniors and students. We recommend reserving your seats by calling the BRT Ticket Line at 603-283-7538 or email tickets@branchrivertheatre.com

Directing this show will be Gail Connelly. Cast includes: Katrina Spenceman, Scott Gardner, Mia Moravis, Emma Seidler, Jonathan Ray, and Guyon Kukalis.

Neil Simon called this one of his favorite plays. Evy, a popular singer who hit the skids has just returned home from a stay in rehab. She is greeted by her age-defying best friend Toby, her 17 year old daughter Polly, and her gay actor friend Jimmy, who are there to help her adjust to sobriety while dealing with their own needs and crises. Enter a former lover Lou and Evy's fall off the wagon, and you have a group of misfits living on the razors edge.

***BRT's production of the musical "**RENT**" are tentatively scheduled for **June 30 and July 1, 2, 7-9, 2011** at the Marlborough Community House, Rt 101 in Marlborough. The Director is Paul Teitelman.

ThC-09 Children's Stage Adventures (Sullivan, NH)

<http://www.childrenstageadventures.org/>

The Pirates of Penzance – world premiere of their new adaptation
August 5, 2011 – at the grand finale of CSA theatre day camp in Keene
For info, contact kidsstage@hotmail.com

ThC-10 Conval High School Drama (Peterborough, NH)

Sala by Arlene Hutton, Originally conceived by Lawrence Sacharow, based on the book "Sala's Gift" by Ann Kirschner. Edited, Directed and Designed by Deborah Shakespeare Thurber
The story of Holocaust survivor, Sala Garncarz, and the letters she kept throughout her time in a Nazi labor camp

March 17 at 7pm at the Lucy Hurlin Theatre, ConVal High School, Peterborough
Admission by donation

ThC-11 Country Players (Turners Falls, MA)

<http://www.countryplayers.org>

ThC-12 Greater Falls Theater Company (Bellows Falls, VT)

contact Jeanie Levesque at (802) 463-9791.

ThC-13 GUTWorks – Theater and Film Company (Southern VT)

<http://www.gutworks.org>

ThC-14 Henniker Youth Theater Summer Musical Camp

Contact 428-3544

ThC-15 Hillcat Summer Theater (Hillsboro, NH)

<http://www.hdsd.org> click on "Special Programs and Grants" and follow link to Hillcat Theatre.

Nunsense II at the Hillcat Community Theatre. The crazy, singing and dancing nuns of Nunsense's Little Sisters of the Poor are coming back to Hillsboro this **Feb. 24 to 27, 2011** at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School in **Nunsense II (the 2nd coming).**

The production team of Nunsense II includes: Heidi Doyle – stage Director, Heidi Welch - music Director, Will Ogmundson – accompanist, Mary's Closet of Manchester – Costumer, Chris Flaherty – Lights and Sound, and Producer – Tom Dunn. For more information about the production and our theatre got to www.hdsd.org or call 568-5102 or e-mail: dunn.t@comcast.net.

ThC-16 Hourglass Readers (Keene, NH)

contact Catherine Behrens, (603) 352-2699.

The Hourglass Readers will present a reading of George Bernard Shaw's **Arms and the Man** at
The Dublin Public Library on **Wednesday, May 4, at 7 PM**
The Hancock Public Library on **Thursday, May 5, at 7 PM**
The Historical Society of Cheshire County, Keene, on **Wednesday, May 11, at 7 PM**
The Mole Hill Theatre, Alstead, on **Friday, May 13, at 7 PM**
The Keene Public Library, Auditorium, on **Saturday, May 14, at 2 PM.**

All performances are free and open to the public. Catherine Behrens will direct a cast that includes Melody Actouka, Dakota Benedetto, Marganna Ekkens, Peter Eisenstadter, Jonathan Flower, Bert Torsey and Robert Wellington.

This play, which Shaw called "An Anti-Romantic Comedy," was written in 1894 and was first performed at the Avenue Theatre in London in the same year. It was perhaps Shaw's first successful play and was taken to America by actor-manager Richard Mansfield in late 1894.

The Hourglass Readers is dedicated to performing readings of classical works in abridged format, allowing both actors and audiences to explore works not often performed.

- ThC-17 Ja'Duke Center for the Performing Arts (Turners Falls. MA)**
<http://www.jaduke.com/>
- ThC-18 Keene High School Drama (Keene, NH)**
 The Drama Club at KHS is primarily involved in two productions each year:
 A musical in the fall and a play in the spring.
 For more info contact Scot Tolman at school: 352-0640 x3015
- ThC-19 Keene Lions Club Annual Show (Keene, NH)**
<http://www.keenelions.com/index.html>
 In 2012, The Keene Lions club will be performing "The Wizard of Oz" for their 60th annual show
- ThC-20 KSC-Keene State College (Keene, NH)**
<http://www.keene.edu>
- ThC-21 Main Street Arts (Saxton's River, VT)**
<http://www.mainstreetarts.org>
 Also telephone (802) 869-2960. The e-mail address is msa@sover.net
 Main Street Arts is putting on the show **High Button Shoes**. Shows are **March 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, 12th at 7:30 pm and March 6th and 13th** at 3:00 pm. Advanced tickets are \$15/\$10. At the door \$17/\$12.
 For more info, please contact Director Larry Bramble at info@bramblebooks.com or producer Mary Hepburn at mhepburn@vermontacademy.org or see website above.
- ThC-22 MAP-Milford Area Players (Milford, NH)**
<http://www.milfordareaplayers.org/>
 Milford Area Players Presents John Cariani's "**Almost, Maine**"
March 18-27 2011 - Fridays & Saturday at 8pm; Sundays at 2pm
 On a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter, all is not quite what it seems in the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine. As the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend—almost—in this delightful midwinter night's dream. Almost, Maine inventively explores the mysteries of the human heart, touching audiences with laughter, heartbreak and hope.
- ThC-23 Mascenic Regional High School Drama (New Ipswich, NH)**
<http://www.mrhs.mascenic.org/>
- ThC-24 MoCo Arts Dance/Theatre/Camps/Visual Arts/Wellness (Keene, NH)**
<http://www.moco.org/>
Beginning Music Reading for Adult Singers.
Saturday's during the month of April 2011 From 1:00-2:30pm.
 at MOCO's Core Connection Building on Elm St. (357-2100)
 Five week session \$95.00. Teacher is JoAnne (JoJo) Mead
 This class is for the adult singer who has always wanted to learn how to read music. In a fun, non intimidating atmosphere the most basic elements of music reading will be taught. Starting with an introduction to the musical staff, clefs, note values, time signatures, intervals, sight-reading, and more. Basic vocal technique will also be taught.
 Call **MoCo Arts** today for more information at (603) 357-2100, see web site above or stop by at 76 Railroad Street in Keene. Dance info is listed in DnC section.
- ThC-25 Mole Hill Theatre (Alstead, NH)**
 Contact: molehillnh@gmail.com
- ThC-26 Monadnock Regional High School Drama (Swanzy, NH)**
<http://www.mrsd.org/MonadnockHigh.cfm?subpage=116837>
 This season's musical will be **CATS**. Directed by Paul Tietelman of the Fine Arts Dept.
 Performances: March 10,11,12, 2011 @7:30pm
 March 12, 2011 @ 2pm
 Monadnock Regional High School Auditorium – Rt 32 Swanzy

Tickets are \$9.00
Call 352-6575 ext. 170 for reservations

ThC-27 New England Youth Theatre – NEYT (Brattleboro, VT)
<http://www.neyt.org/>

ThC-28 Not Your Mom's Musical Theater (Manchester, NH)
<http://www.boyntonstaproom.com/>

ThC-29 Pine Hill Waldorf School (Wilton, NH)
<http://www.highmowing.org/page.cfm?p=662>

ThC-30 Project Shakespeare (Jaffrey, NH)
Contact = Deborah S. Thurber (deborahst@meganet.net) or 603-532-6607

Project Shakespeare 2011 - is now taking applications for its summer production of **Macbeth** - by William Shakespeare
All interested middle and high school students please contact
Deborah Thurber at deborahst@meganet.net or call 532-6607

ThC-31 Saint Michael's Players (Brattleboro, VT)
Contact St Michael's School (802) 257-5101

ThC-32 Small Pond Productions (Marlborough, NH)
<http://www.smallpondpresents.com/index.htm>

A fantasy musical called "Joanie's Phone" will be performed four times in April, 2011. Dates/times are: **April 14, 15, and 16 at 7:00 pm and April 16 at 1:00 pm** at the Marlborough Community House on Rt 101/Main St. in Marlborough, NH. It is written by local composer/writer Michael Cohen.
Tickets: \$12 General Admission and \$7 Children. To order, call 603-358-6165.

Joanie's Phone is about a socially awkward modern-day 13 year-old girl who mistakenly gets sent to a fantasy world in order to instruct the children of that realm. She has with her new smart-phone, which comes to be considered a powerful magic item. Her hopes of trading it for a return home are dashed when the phone is stolen.

Directed by PJ Cooke, Producer and Musical Director is Michael Cohen

Cast includes: Kasey Perkins, Allison Barrows, Rebecca Mansfield, Andy Cooke, Ray Mahoney, Cynthia Rodier, Liz Sumner, Traci Booth, Mary Armstrong, Dan Patterson, John Sansone, Henry Parkhurst, Christy Lincoln, Cameron Tollett, Keala Barnard, Hannah Lambert, James Elmour, Jocelyn Pellerin, Franny Cooke, Christy Blair, Sara Corrieri, Amanda Harpster, Aliyah Hoffman, Sola Hoffman, Jarrett Hull, Faith Patenaude, and Steve Bourque

Band: Michael Cohen, Michael Nieckoski, Steve Armstrong, Steve Bourque, and Julie Armstrong
MOCO will be supplying costumes and sets.

ThC-33 Southern Vermont Players (Wilmington, VT)
For more info, contact Bob DuCharme at lindadu@sover.net.
Performances to take place at Memorial Hall Center for the Arts, 14 West Main St. Wilmington, VT.

ThC-34 Springfield Community Players (Springfield, VT)
<http://www.springfieldcommunityplayers.org/>
Reservation Line 802-885-4098
Springfield Community Players, Inc, PO Box 113 Springfield, Vermont 05156

ThC-35 STSFProductions (San Francisco, CA)
<http://www.stfsproductions.com/>

ThC-36 Surry Players (Surry, NH)
<http://surryplayers.com/index.html>

ThC-37 TAM - Theater at the Mount (Gardner, MA)
<http://www.mwcc.mass.edu/HTML/gmod/tam/default.html>

ThC-38 TEE - The Edge Ensemble (Keene, NH)
Contact: Artistic Director, Kim Dupuis via TheEdgeEnsemble@aol.com

Performances are always at Heberton Hall, 72 Winter Street (Keene Public Library Annex).

The Sea Horse by Edward J. Moore (**performances TBD**)

On the California coast, hard-bitten Gertie owns the run-down waterfront bar, The Sea Horse. She has seen it all, liked none of it, and is bound and determined that no one will change her mind. Enter Harry, a seaman of limited means but unlimited dreams. Irresistible force meets immovable object! It contains mature themes and language.

Circle Mirror Transformation by Annie Baker (**performances TBD**)

When four lost New Englanders who enroll in Marty's six-week-long community-center drama class begin to experiment with harmless games, hearts are quietly torn apart, and tiny wars of epic proportions are waged and won. A beautifully crafted diorama in which we see, with hilarious detail and clarity, the antic sadness of a motley quintet.

Driving Miss Daisy by Alfred Uhry (**performances TBD**)

This play won the 1988 Pulitzer Prize and the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Play. It is a warm-hearted, humorous and affecting study of the unlikely twenty-five year relationship between an aging, crotchety white Southern lady, and a proud, soft-spoken black man. The play takes place in Atlanta, Georgia, from 1948 to 1973.

- The Edge Ensemble offers ongoing acting and directing classes through its Actors Edge Studio. For information, call Kim Dupuis at (603) 352-5657.

ThC-39

VTC – Vermont Theater Company (Brattleboro, VT)

<http://www.vermonttheatrecompany.com/> VTC reservation line at 802-258-1344

March 25-April 3, 2011, Lend me a Tenor, by Ken Ludwig, directed by Bob Kramsky

June 23-26, 2011, Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing, Rotary Stage at Living Memorial Park. Brattleboro, directed by James Gelter.

For more information call 802-258-1344 or visit www.vermonttheatrecompany.com

ThC-40

Walpole Players (Walpole, NH)

Info Contact: Tara Sad (taraeric@gmail.com)

And at the Equity Level...

ThE-01

Peterborough Players (Peterborough, NH)

<http://www.peterboroughplayers.com/>

TICKETS for THE MET: LIVE IN HD opera at the Peterborough Players went on sale to Metropolitan Opera members on August 27th, and to non-members on September 7th, (Box Office: 603.924.7585 or online: www.PeterboroughPlayers.org)

Subscriptions to THE MET: LIVE IN HD will be available as follows:

Full Season: Choose all 12 Operas.....\$216

Pick 10: Choose any 10 Operas.....\$200

Pick 8: Choose any 8 Operas.....\$160

Pick 6: Choose any 6 Operas.....\$138

Single Tickets are \$25, Student Tickets are \$20 (Student ID required)

The 2010-2011 - LIVE IN HD Season: (see website for more info)

Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor - March 19

Rossini's Le Comte Ory - New Production - April 9

Strauss's Capriccio - April 23

Verdi's Il Trovatore - April 30

Wagner's Die Walküre - New Production - May 14

National Theatre: Live in HD! - Best of British theatre broadcast live to venues around the world!

Tickets: \$25 adults, \$20 students

BOX OFFICE: 603.924.7585 or ONLINE:www.peterboroughplayers.org

Frankenstein - Sunday, Mar. 27th at 1:00 PM

Oscar-winner Danny Boyle directs this new play by Nick Dear, based on the novel by Mary Shelley.

<http://peterboroughplayers.org/2011-frankenstein>

The 2011 theatre season is as follows:

Last Train to Nibroc, by Arlene Hutton – **June 22-July 3**

Christmas, 1940. A soldier. A schoolteacher. A train. All aboard for a surprising and Engaging character study of two young people searching for happiness as they navigate the eternal mysteries of courtship and how fate works its hand in it all. PG

Oh Coward!, music and lyrics by Noël Coward, devised by Roderick Cook – **July 6-17**

A sharp, sophisticated songfest that celebrates one of theatre's greatest entertainers, Sir Noël Coward. Weaving together songs and literary delights, It sparkles with effervescent music and charming quips. PG-13

Ancestral Voices: A Family Story, by A. R. Gurney – **July 20-31**

The Bard of WASP America spins a tender portrait of a family turned on end when the grandparents misbehave. Seen through the eyes of an 8-year-old, who grows up narrating the tale. It is full of wit and sensitivity, change, and joy. PG

Arms and the Man, by George Bernard Shaw – **August 3-14**

Shaw's most popular play, Arms and the Man is a wartime romance satirizing both the glory of battle and a young girl's idealistic notions of love. Raina adores her dashing warrior fiancée Sergius, until Bluntschli, a Swiss mercenary and realist (who would rather carry chocolate than ammunition), bursts through her bedroom window seeking sanctuary. Raina is torn. PG

Dr. Knock, by Jules Romains, translated by Gus Kaikkonen – **August 17-28**

Make an appointment to see Dr. Knock, a young doctor who is swindled into buying an unprofitable practice in a small village. Using his own medical techniques, his business is soon booming! A comedic take on health care reform, as topical today as it was in 1923. PG

Measure for Measure, by William Shakespeare – **August 31-September 11**

"Some rise by sin, and some by virtue fall". Shakespeare's black comedy tingles with intrigue in this story of love, lust, and politics. A full cast of characters flesh out issues of mercy, justice, and truth, as only Shakespeare can. PG-13

The Lady with All the Answers, by David Rambo – **September 14-25**

Laugh along with America's favorite advice columnist, Ann Landers. No topic was taboo in her newspaper column, where she answered countless letters with wit and wisdom. But what happens when she has to grapple with her own heartbreak? PG-13

Second Company Plays for Children and their Families:

Stuart Little, adapted by Joseph Robinette, based on the book by E.B. White – **10:30am July 1, 2, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 22, & 23** This mild-mannered mouse will win your heart! Come along on his many adventures, as he learns to succeed in a "real people's world."

Puss In Boots, book by Kathleen Menino, music & lyrics by Ellen Mandel – **2pm August 20, 7pm August 22, 2pm August 23, 26, & 27** A hilarious, human-sized feline in footwear tries to outwit his master, a king, and a hungry ogre in this musical comedy fable.

******Opera (Opr-##) – in alpha order******

Opr-01 **New England Opera Theatre (Concord, NH)**

<http://www.nhoperatheatre.com/home>

Opr-02 **Raylynmor Opera Company (Keene, NH)**

<http://www.raylynmor.com/>

******Dance (Dnc-##) – in alpha order ******

Dnc-01 **Brattleboro School of Dance (Brattleboro, VT)**

<http://www.brattleboroschoolofdance.com/>

Dnc-02 **Dance Factory (Springfield, VT)**

<http://www.springfielddancefactory.com/>

Dnc-03 **Harrisville Morris Women (Marlborough, NH)**

http://www.neffa.org/grid/perfs/Harrisville_Morris_Women.html

Dnc-04 **Jack in the Green Morris Men (Monadnock Region, NH)**

<http://www.jackinthegreenmorris.org/>

Dnc-05

Keene Public Library – Family Contra Dances (Keene, NH)

[http://keenepubliclibrary.org/library/news/Family Dance Series 2010](http://keenepubliclibrary.org/library/news/Family_Dance_Series_2010)

The library hosts the annual family dance series in Heberton Hall (72 Winter St.), next to the Keene Public Library. This season, the dances take place the **first Friday of each month from November 2010 through May 2011**. The **free** dances commence at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Experienced and inexperienced dancers of all ages are welcome. Traditional contras, squares, circle dances, singing squares, playing party games from around the world, and modern contras are included. Each event also includes beverages and a break for the participants to sing songs and tell stories.

On **Friday, April 1, at 6:30 pm** - Andy Davis will be the caller.

On **Friday, May 6, at 6:30 pm** - Nils Fredland of Nelson will be the caller.

The Friends of the Keene Public Library, The Keene Sentinel, and the Parent Express Newspaper sponsor the Family Contra Dances. For more information about the family dance series, please contact Gail Zachariah at the Keene Public Library at 603-352-0157.

Dnc-06

MoCo Arts Dance/Theatre/Camps/Visual Arts/Wellness (Keene, NH)

<http://www.moco.org/>

School of Art at MoCo Arts events at 30 Washington St., 357-2100 Pre-registration required

Call **MoCo Arts** today for more information at (603) 357-2100, see web site above or stop by at 76 Railroad Street in Keene.

Dnc-07

Monadnock Folklore Society Contra Dances (Nelson/Peterborough, NH)

<http://www.monadnockfolk.org>

Specific announcements first – then general announcements ...

Event: **Contra Dance**

Venue: Nelson Town Hall

Location: Nelson, New Hampshire

Date: **Saturday, March 12, 2011**

Steve Zakon-Anderson calling with Cathy Mason, Craig Edwards and Henry Yoshimura

Time: 8:00 PM

Admission: \$8/\$6 students and seniors

Info Phone: 603-762-0235

Info Email: lsievert@yahoo.com

Info URL: <http://www.monadnockfolk.org>

Event: **Concert with Lui Collins, Garnet Rogers, Animaterra**

Benefit for Mary DesRosiers

Date: **Saturday, March 19th**

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Union Congregational Church, Peterborough, NH

Tickets: \$25

Tickets and More Info: www.monadnockfolk.org

Contra Dance – Every Monday night in Nelson (NH) Town Hall

Runs from 8:00 – 10:30 each Monday evening

Variety of excellent callers and musicians

Donation: \$3

Contra Dance – Nelson - Second Saturday of each month

Nelson (NH) Town Hall

The dance opens with a new dancer orientation at 7:30 PM, and dancing starts at 8:00. Beginners and singles are welcome and all dances are taught throughout the evening.

Admission is \$8, \$6 for senior citizens and students. For more information call 603-762-0235.

Contra Dance - Peterborough - First Saturday of each month

Peterborough (NH) Town House

Beginner's Workshop 7:30

Dance at 8:00 Admission \$8, \$6 seniors and students

Dnc-08

Monadnock Performing Arts Academy (Peterborough, NH)

<http://www.mpaa.biz/>

Dnc-09 Luminz Studio – Dance and Performing Arts Center (Brattleboro, VT)
<http://luminzstudio.com/>

Dnc-10 NHDI – New Hampshire Dance Institute (Keene, NH)
<http://www.nhdi.org/index2.htm>

******Music (Mus-##) – in alpha order******

Mus-01 Animaterra (Keene, NH)
<http://www.animaterrasings.org>

Mus-02 Apple Hill Chamber Players (Nelson, NH)
<http://www.applehill.org/>

BOSTON CONSERVATORY CONCERT

Monday, March 7 - 7:00pm

The Boston Conservatory - Boston, MA
Featuring the Apple Hill String Quartet - Tickets: Free
Info: 603-847-3371

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday, March 20 - 3:00pm

St. Bartholomew's Church - 325 Park Avenue, New York City, NY
Featuring the Apple Hill String Quartet with Gretchen Pusch, flute - Tickets: \$25 / \$15
Reservations: 212-378-0248 or buy tickets securely online

Mus-03 Brattleboro Concert Choir (Brattleboro, VT)
<http://www.bmcbvt.org/chorus>

Mus-04 Chamber Singers of Keene (Keene, NH)
<http://www.chambersingerskeene.org/>
Director: Dr. Sandra Howard, a music professor at KSC

Spring Concert - **Sunday, May 1, 2011 - 3:00 pm;**
Dublin Community Church – Main St. Rt 101 Dublin.
Admission: \$10 adults

Mus-05 Cheshiremen Chorus info (Keene, NH)
<http://www.cheshiremen.org/>
For questions, Call toll free 1-877-31B-SHOP.

Mus-06 Deb's Chesham House Concerts (Harrisville, NH)
<http://www.acousticmusic.com/chesham/>

April 17th - Mustard's Retreat
<http://www.mustardsretreat.com/>

June 12th - Kris Delmhorst
www.acousticmusic.com/chesham

Call or email deb@pfmsconcerts.org - 603-827-2905 for reservations, more information and directions.

Mus-07 Folkway Remembered Concert Series (Peterborough, NH)
<http://www.peterboroughhistory.org>

For further information or directions, call the Historical Society at 924-3235 or visit their website.

Mus-08 Franklin Pierce University (Rindge, NH)
<http://www.franklinperce.edu/>

Mus-09 Friends of Music at Guilford (Guilford, VT)
<http://www.fomag.org/Home.html>

Mus-10 Frost Heaves (Peterborough, NH)
<http://www.frostheaves.com/upcoming-shows.html>

Mus-11 Fuzzy Logic (Marlborough, NH)

<http://www.thisisfuzzylogic.com/>

Mus-12 Jaffrey Bible Church (Jaffrey, NH)
<http://www.jaffreybible.org/>

Mus-13 Hancock Congregational Church (Hancock, NH)

Mus-14 Keene Chamber Orchestra (Keene, NH)
<http://www.keenechamberorchestra.org/>

Concert #3: **Sunday, May 8, 2011 - 4:00PM**

\$17 adult, \$5 student (children FREE with adult)

Annual family concert for Mother's Day. Romantic works by Tchaikovsky are paired with an exciting and inspiring new composition by famed Los Angeles composer John Steinmetz, for KCO and the 250 member Keene City-Wide Elementary School Chorus. Mom and the rest of the family will be thrilled. KCO welcomes quiet audiences of all ages and levels of concert-going experience

The KCO performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's "Russian Easter Overture" is available for download. On Home page, simply click under Free Downloads

The Keene Chamber Orchestra is comprised of professional and skilled student musicians of all ages from the Monadnock Region and beyond. Eric Stumacher is Music Director and Conductor For more info: see website above, email: kchamborch@gmail.com, or call (603) 847-3475 For tickets: see Colonial Theater Box Office: 603-352-2033

Mus-15 Keene Chorale (Keene, NH)
<http://www.keenechorale.org/>

The Keene Chorale Spring Concert Gloria and Alleluia

features works by Vivaldi, Heffernan, Mozart, and Mendelssohn.

Vladimir Odinkikh will present a piano solo.

Sunday April 17, 2011 at 3 PM

KHS Auditorium - 43 Arch Street, Keene NH

Refreshments will follow.

Mus-16 Keene High School Music Department (Keene, NH)
<http://keene.k12.nh.us/thomasmartin91.html> (events list at bottom)

Mus-17 Keene Pops Choir (Keene, NH)
<http://greaterkeenepopschoir.org/>

Mus-18 Keene Unitarian Universalist Church (Keene, NH)
<http://www.kuuc.org/>

Mus-19 Monadnock Chorus (Peterborough, NH)
<http://www.monadnock-chorus.org/home>

Performances for Brahms' Requiem will be **Sat., April 30 at 8:00 pm** and **Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 pm**. Both performances will be at the Peterborough Town House.

For more information, please visit our website: www.monadnock-chorus.org

Mus-20 Monadnock Folklore Society Music (Nelson, NH)
<http://www.monadnockfolk.org>
Info Phone: 603-860-5402
Info Email: info@monadnockfolk.org

Monadnock Folklore Society announce **Johnny Trombly Music Scholarship fund** for youth **Applications due March 15, 2011**. The scholarship has been available since 2002. It recently became fully endowed.

For more info, see <http://monadnockfolk.org/wp-content/uploads/Trombly/Scholarship%202011.pdf>

Mus-21 Monadnock Music (Monadnock Region, NH)
<http://www.monadnockmusic.org>

Mus-22 Norway Pond Festival Singers (Hancock, NH)
Contact: Tricia Froling - email TriciaFroling@cs.com or Jody Simpson 525-9303 or jhspsals@aol.com

MUSIC ON NORWAY POND presents the **PALS CHILDREN'S CHORUS** on **Sunday, March 13th at 4pm** at the Hancock Meeting House. This is their 2nd visit.

Two years ago, this ensemble of 40 children, under the baton of Artistic Director Alysoun Kegel, stunned the audience with its deeply affecting performance of Benjamin Britten's The Children's Crusade. This year, they will perform **a concert entitled The Edge of the World**, celebrating indigenous cultures and calling for their preservation. The audience will be treated to music and dance from cultures around the world. This concert will appeal to people of all ages.

Based in Brookline, MA., PALS was originally founded by Hancock resident Jody Hill Simpson in 1989. For 20 years, PALS has been dedicated to transforming children of diverse backgrounds into world-class performers. PALS specializes in new and rarely performed music. Choristers are trained to approach challenging new scores with open-minded determination.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 18 and under..... Available at the door.

Mus-23 Pathway Singers – For Hospice and other transitions (Keene, NH)
http://www.animaterrasings.org/?page_id=122/>The%20Pathway%20Singers<a%20href=

Mus-24 Peterborough Chamber Choir (Peterborough, NH)
Contact: David Vernier

The Peterborough Chamber Choir is an 18-member a cappella choir organized in 1991 primarily to perform music for small choral ensembles, by American and European composers, from all periods and styles. There are no membership dues. Proceeds of concerts are typically donated to a local charity.

Mus-25 Peterborough Children's Choir/Keene Youth Chorus (Peterborough/Keene)
<http://www.pcchoir.org>

For information: call the director at 603-924-2055 or check www.pcchoir.org or email to mariabelva@gmail.com

Mus-26 Peterborough Folk Music Society (Peterborough, NH)
<http://www.pfmsconcerts.org/index.php>

Peterborough Folk Music Society (PFMS) - (a non-profit organization):

Sat., March 12, 2011 - Jonathan Edwards (a quartet this year)
8:00pm at Peterborough Players Theater
Tickets: \$23 advance/ \$26 day of the show

Sat., April 16, 2011 - Le Vent Du Nord. (Canadian Band)
8:00pm at Peterborough Players Theater
Tickets: \$18 advance/ \$21 day of the show

Deb's House Concerts in Chesham (Harrisville) – See separate listing under **Mus-06**.

Mus-27 Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church (Peterborough, NH)
<http://www.uupeterborough.org/>

Mus-28 Rage 'N Age Band
<http://www.ragenage.com/>

Mus-29 The River Singers (Saxtons River, VT)
<http://www.marycaybrass.com/Choirs/RiverSingers/>

Mus-30 Senior Swingers (Keene, NH)
Keene Senior Center, 70 Court St., Keene, NH 352-5895
Or Contact = Rose Tuttolomondo, rosetutt@yahoo.com

Mus-31 Shana Stack and Fastlane Band (Keene, NH)
<http://www.ShanaStack.com>

Mus-32 Starry Mountain Singers (New England)

Mus-33 Tricinium Limited (Keene, NH)
<http://www.tricinium.com>

Mus-34 Two Rivers Community Choir (Peterborough, NH)
<http://keysofmb.squarespace.com/journal/>
The Two Rivers Community Choir is directed by Marybeth Hallinan

For more info, contact keysofmb@gmail.com or call 603-924-9527

Mus-35 **United Church of Christ (Keene, NH)**
<http://www.ucckeene.org/>

Mad Agnes, world famous musical trio, performs in Keene NH on **Sunday, March 27th at 3pm**. Location: United Church of Christ in Keene (in the center of town, by the gazebo). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$25 for families. All ages will love Mad Agnes. For more information, call the church office (603) 352-4136 or visit the Mad Agnes website, www.madagnes.com

Mus-36 **Walden School – summer (Dublin, NH)**
<http://www.waldenschool.org/>

*****Visual (Vis-##) - in alpha order *****

Vis-01 **Mark Armstrong Illustrator Blog/Portfolio site**
<http://markarmstrongillustration.com/>

<http://www.directoryofillustration.com/MarkArmstrong>

Vis-02 **Green Trees Gallery (Northfield MA)**
<http://www.greentreesgallery.com/>

Vis-03 **Keene State College Carroll House Gallery (Keene, NH)**
<http://academics.keene.edu/art/>

The mission of the gallery is to offer the campus and the Keene community regular samplings from the world of contemporary art. Carroll House, located on Main St. between the Historical Society of Cheshire County and Keene State's new Alumni Center, was recently converted from student housing. It will exhibit the work of Art students, Art faculty and invited artists, functioning as a teaching gallery.

The opening exhibit features the work of Jarod Charzewski (www.jarodcharzewski.com) in a site-specific installation called Earthflow, which references western civilization's consumer culture and the idea of perceived obsolescence. Charzewski will work with Art students, using discarded clothing collected from Keene and the surrounding area, to create an expansive, three-dimensional landscape that pays homage to the Monadnock region. His previously exhibited works appear as vast color fields meticulously layered, stacked, and shaped to mimic the earth's layers.

A third exhibit is planned for **March 24** featuring the work of Connecticut College **sculptor Gregory Bailey** along with student photography and ceramic art.

The first formal Alumni Exhibition will be open on **April 21** and will continue through Reunion Weekend, June 3-5.

All Carroll House Gallery events are free and open to the public. Hours are from Wed. through Sat. from 12-5 p.m. For more info, contact the KSC Art Dept at 603-358-2040 or visit academics.keene.edu/art/

Vis-03 **Sharon Arts Center (Peterborough & Sharon)**
<http://www.sharonarts.org>

*** Sharon Arts Center presents a free showing of "**Thirst**", an award-winning documentary that takes a piercing look at public stewardship and corporate ownership of water on **Monday, March 14th @ 7:30pm** at the Peterborough Community Theater. The film is in conjunction with the exhibition "River of Words Stream of Conscience" currently on display at the Sharon Arts Center downtown exhibition gallery.

Unbiased Variety calls "Thirst" an "awakening" and driving home the point that more than one billion people currently live without access to clean water and more than two billion do not have basic sanitation. Millions of people die every year from preventable, water-related diseases because they do not have access to clean water. Further information may be obtained by calling 603-924-7676 or by visiting www.sharonarts.org.

*** "**Click! Contemporary Responses to Photographic Masterworks**," will be on display at the Sharon Arts downtown Exhibition Gallery **May 6th through June 25th, 2011**. Public shutterbugs are invited to submit one snapshot each for inclusion in the show. The subject matter for entries is community, and is open to the participant's interpretation. Ideas include people, places, and happenings in the surrounding community. Professional quality photography is not required.

How to participate: Prints may be mailed to the Sharon Arts Center beginning April 12th, 2011, and must be received by April 23rd. Prints may be delivered in person on Saturday, April 16rd, from 11am to 4pm or mailed to: Community Snapshots, Sharon Arts Center, 30 Grove St, Peterborough, NH 0305. For additional details, visit the "Call to Entries" section under Exhibitions at www.sharonarts.org.

*** **"River of Words: Stream of Conscience"** The public can participate in the creation of this art work at Sharon Arts Galleries Downtown **March 4th to April 30th, 2011**. This monumental art installation, designed by Harrisville NH artist, Christine Destrempe will debut on **March 4th, 2011**. The project calls attention to worldwide water crises.

This art work gives audiences torn sheets of paper to write their thoughts, memories, or knowledge about water. Each piece of paper will be attached to form a giant river of words.

*** **World Water Day in Words & Music - Tuesday, March 22nd 6-7:30pm** with a free evening of water-inspired stories, poems, music, and performance, featuring poets Peter Tuttle and Jane Eklund, rapper Khalid Ibrahim and writer Paul Hertneky. Plus a special appearance by Duo Live Oak singer/songwriter Nancy Knowles and musician/composer Frank Wallace. This is part of Sharon Arts' ongoing event: **"River of Words Stream of Conscience"**. Admission is free.

About Sharon Arts:

The mission of Sharon Arts Center, a non-profit organization, is to support and serve artists and craftspeople, to engage the community in the artistic process, and to foster the relationship between artists and the community through education, exhibitions, the promotion and sale of art and craft, as well as through special programs and events.

The Downtown Galleries in Depot Square (Fine Craft Gallery & Store, Juried Artist Gallery and Exhibition Gallery) are open Mon - Thurs 10am to 5pm, Fri 10am to 6pm, Sat 10am to 6pm, and Sun 11am to 4pm. (Exhibition Gallery is open year round). The Sharon Arts School of Art & Craft in Sharon, NH, offers a wide variety of art classes and programs. Their offices are open Mon - Fri, 8:30am - 4:30pm.

Vis-04

Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery at Keene State College (Keene, NH)

<http://www.keene.edu/tsag>

2011 Biennial Regional Jurors' Choice Competition at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery at Keene State College will be displayed **Saturday, February 5, to Thursday, March 10**. For further information, visit the Thorne website www.keene.edu/tsag/exhibits.cfm.

Gallery Hours: Sept. to May, Sat-Wed, noon to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday noon to 7 p.m.

Summer Hours: June to Aug. Wed-Sun, noon to 4 p.m., closed Monday & Tuesday.

The gallery is closed between exhibits and when KSC is not in session. Free and open to the public.

For additional information, call 603-358-2720 or visit web-site.

******Museum (Msm-##) - in alpha order ******

Msm-01 Historic Society of Cheshire County (Keene, NH)

<http://www.hscconh.org/calendar/default.cfm>

The Historical Society of Cheshire County (HSCC) is located on Main St. in Keene

For additional information, contact Historical Society of Cheshire County, 352-1895

Msm-02 Mariposa Museum (Peterborough NH)

<http://www.mariposamuseum.org>

MANDOLIN CONCERT - The International Mandolin Academy Orchestra under the Direction of Maestro Carlo Aonzo will perform at the **Peterborough Town House, Sunday March 13, 2011 at 2PM**

The ensemble is made up of musicians from Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Japan and Canada playing mandolin, liuto cantabile, guitar and bass. Their tickets maybe purchased online at

www.mariposamuseum.org or directly from the Mariposa.

******Venues (Ven-##) - in alpha order ******

Ven-01 Armadillo's Burritos (Keene, NH)

<http://www.armadillosburritos.com/>

Ven-02 Bellows Falls Opera House (Bellows Falls, VT)

<http://www.bfoperahouse.com/site/>

Ven-03 Club Cannon - CPC (Peterborough, NH)

<http://cpcnh.org/index.php?id=122>

For more info, contact Teen Center Coordinator at (603) 924-5718.

Ven-04 Colonial Theater (Keene, NH)

<http://www.thecolonial.org/CalendarOfEvents.htm>

Ven-05 "Courtyard" Marriott (Keene, NH)

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mhtdt-courtyard-keene-downtown/>

Ven-06 Del Rossi's Trattoria (Dublin, NH)

<http://delrossis.com/default.aspx> Elaina DelRossi [delrossi4@myfairpoint.net]

Celtic Fiddle Sessions - Every Wednesday, 6:30pm, Beginner jam; 7:30-9:00, Open jam, free. Our weekly Wednesday Irish music jam session open to all acoustic musicians and the listening public as well. Featuring traditional Celtic (and New England) instrumentals on fiddles, guitars, mandolins, and more... ALL WELCOME!

Thursday, March 17, 2011 - 6:00-7:30pm, "The Tratt Fiddler's", background Celtic instrumentals to accompany our special Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner. 7:30pm, Open Jam...all acoustic musicians welcome to join in our musical celebration.

Saturday, March 19th, 7:30pm, donations. **Pub Picking Party!** Informal jam in the bar with Tim & Steve (Mowry & Jones). Celtic, old timey... All acoustic musicians welcome to join us for some upbeat jammin' tunes.

Thurs., Mar. 24, 8:00pm, \$10 - Richard Smith and Julie Adams. Extraordinary fingerpicking guitarist/Virtuoso Cellist. www.richardsmithmusic.com

Ven-07 Keene State College (Keene, NH)

<http://www.keene.edu/arts.cfm>

Ven-08 Redfern Arts Center at KSC on Brickyard Pond (Keene, NH)

<http://www.keene.edu/racbp/>

All performances will be held at the Redfern Arts Center at Brickyard Pond on KSC Campus. Specific Location is noted for each event. For Tickets: 603-358-2168

Ven-09 The Park Theatre (Jaffrey, NH)

<http://www.theparktheatre.org/>

Ven-10 The Starving Artist (Keene, NH)

<http://www.thestarvingartistcollective.com/>

******Other (Oth-##) - in alpha order ******

Oth-01 AIDS Services of the Monadnock Region (Gilsum, NH)

<http://www.asronline.org> susan.macneil@asronline.org 357-6855.

Friday, April 29 Let Us Eat Cake! Just Desserts returns with the usual Patrons will enjoy sampling restaurant desserts and voting for their favorite while Keene Karaoke IDOL standout performers provide musical accompaniment for listening and dancing pleasure. Door 7:30, show 8-11p, tickets \$15/person or \$100 table of eight.

Saturday, May 7 KEENE KOMIC! Watch Sweet Baby Ray battle local favorites, including newcomer Matt McGinny, to hang onto the title of Keene Komic! Audience giveaways, raffles. Audience determines who will receive \$200 grand prize. Gino's Bar and Grill, 815 Court St, Keene. Show begins at 9p. Cover \$10 per person.

Sunday, May 22 An Oh-So-Gay Bridal Show! Tie the Knot celebrates gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender couples who want to celebrate their wedding in style. Walking the runway will be local and professional models. Vendors, raffles and entertainment. Wedding cake, champagne and dancing. Door 2:30p, program 3-7. Tickets \$15 each or \$100 table of eight.

Friday, July 8, 15, 22, 29, finale August 5. Five weeks of **Keene Karaoke IDOL** Adding a youth category ages 7-14 to this popular event. Eight youth contestants will join with the top 25 adults in the expanded version. Judges Ted McGreer, Steve Pro and Jen Bond return. Door 6p, show 7, admission \$10. Cash bar and menu offered by Waxy O'Connor's Irish Pub. Sponsors Charlesworks, Ted's Shoe and Sport, Steve Pro Land Development Services, Target and Days Inn.

Auditions will be held in June, dates TBA. Adults \$40, Youth \$25.

Saturday, December 4 Holiday drag show with Rainbow Ladies hosted by Mama.
Door 8p, show 9. Cash bar and menu offered by Waxy O'Connor's Irish Pub.
Reserved seating \$20, general admission \$25 if available. Reserve table of 8 in advance for \$140.

Oth-02

Arts Alive!

<http://www.monadnockartsalive.org/>

Monadnock Office: 39 Central Square, Suite 203 in Keene. It is located over the old UPS store.
Sue Farrell is the Coordinator and can be reached at info@monadnockartsalive.org or 603-283-0944.
Office Hours are: M, W & TH from 9:00-3:30.

Mark your calendars for the **next Plenary Meeting**
Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - 8:30-10:00 am
Antioch University New England

NOTE: Plenary Meetings are held 2-3 times per year. They provide an opportunity for all the participating organizations and those interested in the arts to network, exchange ideas and discuss issues of the arts and culture community.

Mission: "Arts Alive! enhances quality of life by advancing arts and culture in the Monadnock Region."

Vision: "The Monadnock Region will have a flourishing cultural community that values arts and culture and provides community support to facilitate success."

Planning Calendar: <http://www.monadnockevents.org/>

Oth-03

Chesham Arts (Harrisville/Chesham, NH)

603-827-2905. With Co-founder Edie Clark

May 6th John McCutcheon

<http://www.folkmusic.com/>

Possible concerts: Aug. 27 - Sarah Lee Guthrie, Johnny Irion and Mike and Ruthie

www.mikeandruthie.com

<http://www.sarahleeandjohnny.com/>

Oct. 1st - David Mallett

www.davidmallett.com/

All at the Chesham Church, Chesham, N.H. (Chesham Rd, off Rte 101, next to Wells Memorial School).
Presented by Chesham Arts. A portion of all sales will benefit the Chesham Church.

Chesham Arts Mission Statement: Chesham Arts exists solely to present arts events in order to assist the Community Church of Harrisville and Chesham in raising funds to expand and update the historic structure known locally as The Chesham Church.

Oth-04

MacDowell Colony (Peterborough, NH)

<http://www.macdowellcolony.org/>

First Friday events for MacDowell Downtown series.

All "Downtowns" begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Peterborough Historical Society

Cost is completely free. Refreshments are served.

Read the MacDowell column in the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript to know more about each event.

For more info, contact: Brendan Tapley [btapley@macdowellcolony.org]

Oth-05

NH Theater Awards (Manchester, NH)

<http://www.nhtheatreawards.com/>

The New Hampshire Theatre Awards is a NH organization that recognizes fine theater in both the Professional or Community theater realms. Awards are given annually.

Oth-06

Pine Hill Waldorf School – Hilltop Circus (Wilton, NH)

<http://www.pinehill.org/HilltopCircusSwings/tabid/281/Default.aspx>

******Calendars (Cal-##) - in alpha order ******

Cal-01

Arts Alive Calendar

<http://www.monadnockevents.org/>

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Antioch University New England

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Cal-02 **Keene Chamber of Commerce List of events**
<http://www.keenechamber.com/events.html>

Cal-03 **Midriver Music -**
Live Music Events Listings for the Midriver Valley Region
Southeastern VT, Southwestern NH, and Franklin County MA
Anneke Toomey is the Keeper of the List, Midriver Music (midrivermusic@gmail.com)
<http://midrivermusic.parks.officelive.com/default.aspx>

Cal-04 **Monadnock Region Calendar of Events**
<http://www.monadnockevents.com/index.php>