

Jazz On A Saturday Evening At Proctor

By Bill Wightman

The Arts at Proctor Academy

The Arts at Proctor Academy will kick off its 2007-2008 season with a rousing session of Wightsteeple Production's *Jazz On a Sunday Afternoon* (JOSA), a popular performance series now in its 16th year. JOSA performances typically take place on Sundays during the winter season but for this show will perform on Saturday, September 29, at 8 PM as part of Proctor's performance series to benefit the Music Department.

The Arts at Proctor performance series currently runs from September to June of each year and presents performing arts and art exhibits to the Proctor community and to the area public. Presentations can include art from the school's Student Affairs Department; the Arts Department, and from independent producers.

For those new to the JOSA formula, JOSA is jazz but not just jazz. The jazz music label can cover a wide variety of musical genres including swing, blues, bop, Latin, and sometimes even a little cabaret, and JOSA covers it all. The JOSA Ensemble consists of pianist Bill Wightman, founder and director of JOSA; John Hunter on bass; Tim Gilmore on percussion; and Richard Gardzina on multiple saxes and alto flute.

Each session they feature and back up a top-name jazz musician from the New England and New York area. For the Proctor performance they feature veteran JOSA performer, international vocalist, and entertainer Shawnn Monteiro.

Shawnn's liveliness of lyrical phrasing and intermittent scat variations are the influences of Carmen McCrae and Sarah Vaughn, from whom she draws an inner core of creative energy. As daughter of renowned bassist, Jimmy Woode, veteran of the Duke Ellington Orchestra, Shawnn's vocal style is not without the influence of many great musicians. Touring in both the US and Europe, she performs selections from what is known as the "American Songbook" with compositions by Porter, Gershwin, and Ellington.

She has shared the stage with such



Shawnn Monteiro

greats as Stan Kenton, Celia Cruz, and Chick Corea of Weather Report.

The performance takes place in the Norris Family Theatre in the Wilkins Meeting House, Proctor Academy's beautiful, state-of-the-art, 400-seat performance facility. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors (62+) or students (17-) and can be reserved in advance by calling Proctor's box office at 603-735-6870 or by e-mail to AlexE@proctornet.com. Advance ticket purchases are strongly recommended and travel directions and parking instructions are available by visiting ProctorAcademy.org.

Ruggieri Chamber Soloists

In addition to performances in the spectacular Norris Family Theatre, The Arts at Proctor performance series is adding performances in Proctor's intimate Stone Chapel. On Saturday, September 22, the Ruggieri Chamber Soloists feature a trio comprised of Dan Perkins at the piano, John Lindsey on violin, and Linda Galvin on cello performing selections by Haydn, Rachmaninov, and Brahms. The concert begins at 8 PM.

Sponsors for this event include the Charter Charitable Foundation along with Gwen & Carl Oppenheim. Tickets are \$15 and the proceeds will benefit the Proctor Music Department. Consider attending what promises to be a delightful evening of classical delights.



Volunteer Spotlight



Beacon Seeks Fundraiser

The *Andover Beacon* depends upon donations for about a third of its annual budget, so fundraising is an activity we have to take very seriously. Our annual fundraising campaign starts in January and runs until we've met our goal – this year, it ran through April.

Now is the perfect time to volunteer to help with next year's fundraising! We've got a couple of months to plan new and better ways to help our friends and neighbors "get a round tuit" and support the Beacon. If you're interested in helping or have questions, contact Charlie Darling at 735-6099 or Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com.

AE/MS Robotics Coach

Andover Middle School is looking for a volunteer to coach a LEGO Robotics team. The team will participate in the Power Puzzle Challenge, trying to piece together the best solution to create sustainable options to meet our planet's growing energy needs in a way that is good for the environment.

If you are interested, please call Principal Jane Slayton at 735-5400. There is a training for coaches in early September.

Recreation Committee Soccer

This fall, the Andover Recreation Committee soccer program for kids in grades one through six needs coaches, helpers, and referees. If you can help, contact Alan Hanscom at 735-5972 or soccercash@tds.net.

Beacon Needs Help Editing

With nearly 100 articles to assign, track, and edit every month, we need more editorial help. If you're connected to the Internet and enjoy (or would enjoy learning!) any aspect of an editor's job –

- Assigning articles to writers
- Tracking articles that have been written (or haven't)
- Editing articles for publication – then please contact Charlie at 735-6099 or Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com.

Wilmot Veterans Memorial

Volunteers are still needed to help finish laying the pavers. please call Gary Zuger at 526-6206 or Liz Kirby at 526-6375 or 496-4993 (cell).

And there's still time to purchase your paver for the Veteran's Memorial. The pavers are for everyone – to honor families or friends, or for special messages or sentiments.

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Assoc.

The VNA seeks volunteers for office/clerical support, the Renaissance Shoppe, flu clinics, the Parent Child Group, Hospice, and installation of Life-line technology. Flexible hours, and training is provided as necessary. Contact Meg Ames for information at 526-4077 or mames@lakesunapeevna.org.

Beacon Needs A Few More Writers

Most of the organizations in town are being absolutely great about writing about themselves for the *Beacon*, but we still need a few writers to cover town news that doesn't "belong" to one organization or another, or to help organizations that don't quite "get it" have their activities covered in the *Beacon* nonetheless.

Whether you're an accomplished writer or would like to become a better writer, we'd love to work with you on this exciting and important assignment. Please contact Charlie Darling at 735-6099 or Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com if you're interested or have questions.

Wilmot Community Association Luncheon

At noon on Tuesday, September 18, at the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) Barn, the Senior Luncheon series sponsored by the WCA, Wilmot Ladies' Aid Society, and Belknap/Merrimack Community Action Program will resume. Speakers will be retiring Wilmot librarian, Barbara Faughnan, Wilmot's

new librarian, Susan Cowan Morse, and New London head librarian Sandra Licks. They will discuss all of the forms of media and services available at area libraries. Reservations may be made by contacting Kate McKibbin at 526-4540 or kmckibbin@comcast.net. A \$2 donation is requested.



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