

FRANKLIN OPERA HOUSE New London Barn Playhouse

Franklin Opera House press release

Dixieland, that raucous sound of Beale Street, Memphis, Bourbon Street, New Orleans, and Mississippi riverboats will fill the air at the Franklin Opera House with two great shows on Friday, July 13, as the Swift River Jazz Band comes to town.

For years the Swift River Jazz Band has been dazzling music fans with its members' fine musical skills and ability to draw the audience in, making them believe, if only for a while, that they are sitting on the delta, wearing a straw boater and a string tie, dipping their feet in the river.

Young and old alike will appreciate the toe-tapping, hand-clapping sounds of the Swift River Jazz Band.

The 2 PM show will be directed to a more mature audience. Seniors are especially invited, and the modest ticket price of \$8 for seniors, general admission \$10, reflects the Opera House's desire to fill the theatre.

The evening show at 7 PM, like the

afternoon show, is open to all with a still-modest ticket price of \$12 with seniors being admitted for only \$9.

The Swift River Jazz Band is presented through the cooperative efforts of three area elder care facilities: The Peabody Home and The Golden Crest Retirement of Franklin as well as the New Hampshire Veterans Home of Tilton.

Theater-goers are encouraged to dine before either show at one of the fine Franklin restaurants that support the Franklin Opera House: Ciao Pasta, Ralph and Jo's Café, The Soda Shoppe, or Asian Delight, all to be found on Central Street on the way to the Opera House.

Great food and a great show! What better way to spend a Friday in July?

The Franklin Opera House is located in City Hall, 316 Central Street, Franklin. The Opera House is wheelchair accessible, all seats have unobstructed views of the stage, and there is ample free parking in close proximity.

For more information, contact 934-1901 or FranklinOperaHouse.org.

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Oklahoma, Rodgers and Hammerstein's first collaboration, remains, in many ways, their most innovative work. Set in a western Indian Territory just after the turn of the century, the high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the colorful background for this beloved musical, running through Sunday, July 15.

Jesse Factor, former member of the Martha Graham Company, creates an original ballet, and interns Ryan McCrary, an MFA candidate from Roosevelt University, and Meredith Lark, a recent graduate of Ohio State's theater program, star opposite Carole Schweide, a Broadway veteran and original company member of *A Chorus Line*.

Legally Blonde

Based on the hilarious movie starring Reese Witherspoon, *Legally Blonde* follows sorority girl Elle Woods, who doesn't take "no" for an answer, so when her boyfriend dumps her for someone "serious," Elle puts down the credit cards, hits the books, and sets out to go where no Delta Nu has gone before: Harvard Law. Along the way, Elle learns that being true to yourself never goes out of style.

The show stars Dani Westhead, a Goodspeed Opera House alum who recently graduated from the Hartt School;

Perry Sook, a student at University of Oklahoma BFA Musical Theater Program who has appeared with the Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma; and well-known Boston actor Peter Haydu. The show is being directed by Lillian King, Barn Assistant Artistic Director and currently Assistant Director of the Tony Award-winning *Peter and the Starcatcher*. The show runs from Tuesday, July 17, through Sunday, July 29.

Monday Night Series

The Barn is bringing back last summer's hugely popular New London Barn Intern Idols, where the intern company splits into teams who will compete on select Monday nights for the audience's votes. Each date features a new and different evening of musical competition.

Monday, July 2: *Red, White and Barn: A Musical Theater Salute to America*

Monday, July 23: *Before We Had Hair: The '50s and '60s Come Alive!*

Children's Theatre

Thursday, July 12: *The Rockin' Tale of Snow White*

Thursday, July 26: *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*

Saturday, July 28: *Twelfth Night*
Tickets are \$17.50 to \$38 and are available at NLBarn.org or 526-6710.



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North Country Chamber Players To Perform In New London

Press release

Summer Music Associates presents the North Country Chamber Players performing the works of American Virtuoso Amy Beach in *Words and Music* with narration by New Hampshire Poet Laureate Emerita Marie Harris. There will be a pre-concert talk by Marie Harris during which she talks about losing her heart to the music of Amy Beach.

The event will be held at the First Baptist Church in New London on Thursday, July 12. The pre-concert talk begins at 6:30 PM, with refreshments at 7 PM and the performance at 7:30 PM.

The North Country Chamber Players have been northern New Hampshire's resident chamber group since 1978. They are known for innovative programs, and this performance will be an example.

The late Romantic composer Amy Beach (1867-1944), born in Henniker, was a major and well-known figure in late-19th and early-20th century classical music. Her catalog contains 152 numbered works, including a symphony, an opera, a piano concerto, and a mass. Although played infrequently since her death, she has long been regarded as America's first major woman composer. Interest in her has recently revived, and she is now regarded as one of America's major composers.

The North Country Chamber Players have developed this program of her work conceived and narrated by Marie Harris in authentic costume.

Tickets for adults are \$20; students, \$5; at SummerMusicAssociates.com, the New London Chamber of Commerce, Morgan Hill Book Store, Tatwell Gallery, 526-8234, or at the door.

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