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Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 7:30 pm
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HURRICANE DIANE
By Madeleine George
Directed by Kush Sharma ’23
An Honors Thesis production in Directing
GANNETT THEATER
NOV 3 @ 7:30PM, NOV 4 @ 7:30PM
NOV 5 @ 5:00 PM, NOV 6 @ 2:00PM
NOV 7 @ 7:30PM
In this Obie-winning comedy with a twist, Pulitzer Prize finalist Madeleine George pens a hilarious evisceration of the blind eye we all turn to climate change and the bacchanalian catharsis that awaits us, even in our own backyards.

ANANYA DANCE COMPANY
DASTAK, I WISH YOU ME
SCHAEFFER THEATRE
MON, NOV 7 @ 7:30PM
In partnership with the Bates Dance Festival, the Department of Theater and Dance is pleased to welcome Ananya Dance Theatre this fall for their performance of Dastak: I Wish You Me, a meditation on borders, loss, belonging, home, and liberation.

THE MARCY PLAVIN
FALL DANCE CONCERT
SCHAEFFER THEATRE
SAT, DEC 3 @ 5:00PM
SUN, DEC 4 @ 2:00PM
MON, DEC 5 @ 7:30PM
This concert will feature works from faculty and nationally known repertory artists, including Darrius Strong and Ananya Chatterjea.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING
By William Shakespeare
Directed by Prof. Tim Dugan
SCHAEFFER THEATRE
THU, MARCH 16 @ 7:30PM
FRI, MARCH 17 @ 7:30PM
SAT, MARCH 18 @ 5:00PM
SUN, MARCH 19 @ 2:00PM
MON, MARCH 20 @ 7:30PM
Hilarity abounds in Messina where everyone can see that confirmed bachelor Benedick and headstrong Beatrice are meant for each other—except for Benedick and Beatrice themselves! Or at least they won’t admit it. While their friends try to trick the bickering pair into admitting they’re in love, their young sidekicks Hero and Claudio start a romance of their own. But will false accusations, broken promises, and even Dogberry (the goofy constable) prevent a happy ending? One of the greatest romantic comedies ever, Shakespeare offers us witty wordplay that dazzles and a raucous celebration that uplifts!

SPRING DANCE CONCERT
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FRI, APRIL 7 @ 7:30PM
SAT, APRIL 8 @ 5:00PM
SUN, APRIL 9 @ 2:00PM
MON, APRIL 10 @ 7:30PM
An annual favorite, this concert features the work of senior dance majors and independent study projects.

Ticket information can be found at: batetheateranddance@eventbrite.com
Morning After Grace
Sep 16-25 by Carey Crim
A hilarious and heartfelt new comedy for Baby Boomers. Three strangers unexpectedly enter each other’s lives in invaluable ways, truthfully tackling the topics of love, loss, sex, aging parents, and even medical marijuana munchies.

Pilgrims Musa & Sheri in the New World
Mar 3-12 by Yussef El Guindi
A sweet-natured immigrant cab driver and a sassy American waitress negotiate the twists and turns of love and cultural differences in this smart, funny and thought-provoking romantic comedy.

The Victorian Ladies’ Detective Collective
Nov 4-13 by Patricia Milton
It’s “Sherlock Holmes” meets “Arsenic & Old Lace” in this entertaining murder mystery with a modern female sensibility. Two strong-willed sisters in Victorian London team up with a cheeky American actress and set off to solve a crime.

Jeeves and Wooster in ‘Perfect Nonsense’
Apr 21-30 by The Goodale Brothers
Inspired by P.G. Wodehouse’s hilarious stories of Bertie and his trusted valet Jeeves, this delightfully silly comedy will tickle the funny bone in audiences of all ages.

POLKADOTS: THE COOL KIDS MUSICAL
May 19-21 by Tunstall, Lyons & Borowsky
When 8-year-old Lily moves to a new town, she faces the challenge of being the first Polkadot in an all Square school. This delightful musical with a message combines catchy songs and the humor of a Pixar film into entertaining family fun for ages 4 and up!
Battle of the BLENDS
Saturday, November 5
7:30 pm

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Sat., Dec. 10 • 7:30 pm
Sun., Dec. 11 • 3:00 pm

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Thursday, June 23 in Heritage Hall
Doors open at 9:30 AM ~ 10:00 AM social time ~ Lunch 11:30
Entertainment after lunch by Don & Cindy Roy
Lunch menu: Chicken pot pie, coleslaw and whoopie pie. Coffee & tea included. Bar available for other beverages.
Advanced tickets only. Deadline is Monday, June 20 at noon.
$15 ~ includes meal and entertainment. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

A celebration of St. Jean de Baptiste Day!

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May 20, 2023

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20 Years of Excellence

The Maine Music Society sends a truly heartfelt thank you to our accompanist of 20 years, Bridget Convey, for consistently providing superb musical support through all our rehearsals and concerts. Her energy is unbounded. Her ability to sight read and play 6 - 8 choral parts simultaneously has led us all to believe she really has at least 12 fingers on each hand and maybe even 4 hands! She has led rehearsals and provided sound tracks for singers to use as they practice at home. In her twenty years, she has never failed to project a warmth and sense of family with her infectious laugh.

Words cannot convey her immense talent at the keyboard, or how deeply she will be missed.

The Maine Music Society Chorale and Board of Directors wish her only the best that life has to offer as she retires to spend time with her family.
Richard Nickerson, Artistic Director

Richard Nickerson is thrilled to join the arts community of Lewiston / Auburn with his recent appointment as Artistic Director for the Maine Music Society. He has been Director of Choral Activities at Windham High School in Windham, Maine for the past 34 years where he conducts 2 choirs and teaches courses in music theory, guitar and music industry. Among the choirs that he currently conducts is the internationally acclaimed Windham Chamber Singers. He also served from 2009-2020 as Minister of Music at the North Windham Union Church.

A frequent guest conductor and clinician, he has made guest appearances in 18 states, 4 Canadian provinces and 8 European countries. He served for 8 seasons (2007-2014), as the conductor of the “Magic of Christmas” Chorus with the Portland Symphony Orchestra. He also spent 8 years (2001-2009), as the Artistic Director of the Boy Singers of Maine. His choirs have performed for many dignitaries, including 3 US Presidents. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1998 and returned in 2016 to conduct the Maine Festival Chorus.

Dr. Nickerson has received numerous awards including Maine Music Educator of the Year, Maine Distinguished Choral Director of the Year and runner up for Maine Teacher of the Year. In January 2009, he was recognized by Choral Director Magazine as a “Choral Director of Note”. In December, 2016, he was named as a Top-10 finalist for the Music Educator Grammy Award. He has held many professional offices including 2 terms as President of the Maine chapter of the American Choral Directors Association. In 1997, a group of parents began a scholarship in his name, which is awarded each year to a Windham High School graduate planning to make choral music a part of their college experience.

Nickerson received a Bachelor’s Degree in Vocal Music Education, the Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Maine and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting from the Conservatory of Music - University of Missouri - Kansas City. He has studied conducting with Dr. Eph Ehly, Dr. Charles Robinson, Dr. Dennis Cox, Werner Torkanowsky, Robert Shaw, Eric Ericson and Rodney Eichenberger.

He lives in Windham, Maine with his wife, Linda. They have four grown children and twin cats.
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Featuring the Maine Music Society Chorale
Conducted by Richard Nickerson, Artistic Director
Accompanied by Bridget Convey, Pianist

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Today’s Program

Oklahoma! Choral Selections
1943, 1955
Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein II
Arranged by Walter Ehret
1. Oh What a Beautiful Mornin’
2. The Surrey With The Fringe On Top
3. People Will Say We’re in Love
4. Oklahoma!

On The Street Where You Live
(My Fair Lady)
1956*, 1964*
Frederick Loewe, Alan Jay Lerner
Arranged by Clay Warnick

Selections from The Music Man
1957*, 1962
Meredith Wilson
Arranged by Clay Warnick
1. Goodnight, My Someone
2. Pick A Little, Talk A Little and Goodnight Ladies
3. Lida Rose and Will I Ever Tell You
4. The Wells Fargo Wagon
5. Till There Was You
6. Seventy Six Trombones

Somewhere (West Side Story)
1957, 1961*
Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim
Arranged by Robert Edgerton

The Sound of Music
Choral Selections
1959*, 1965*
Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein II
Arranged by Clay Warnick
1. The Sound of Music
2. My Favorite Things
3. Do-Re-Mi
4. Climb Ev’ry Mountain

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Choral Selections from

**Fiddler on the Roof**
1964*, 1971

1. Tradition!
2. Sabbath Prayer
3. Matchmaker
4. Sunrise, Sunset
5. L’chaiim
6. Anatevka

**Home (The Wiz)**
1975*, 1978

**I Dreamed a Dream**
*(Les Misérables)*
1987*, 2012

**Phantom of the Opera**
1988*, 2004

**Seasons of Love (Rent)**
1996*, 2005

**Dancing Queen (Mamma Mia)**
1999, 2008

**Aquarius – Let the Sun Shine In**
*(Hair)*
1968, 1979

Jerry Bock,
Sheldon Harnick
Arranged by Norman Leyden

Charlie Smalls
Arranged by Andy Beck
and Michael Spresser

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Claude-Michel Schonberg
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Stig Andersson
Arranged by Mac Huff

Galt MacDermot,
James Rado and
Gerome Ragni
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Singers, May 2023

**Sopranos**
Catherine Anderson
Kathy Bidwell
Christy Comeau-Pierce
Eileen Coyne
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**Altos**
Jean Bass *
Pam Chenea
Cynthia DeSoi
Carol DiBello *
Cathy Hoy
Nancy Kelliher
Christine Koch
Luci Lantos
Zoe Lindstrom
Karen McArthur
Louise Morang
Jane Morse
Linda Nickerson
Shelley Rau
Dawn Sample
Tara Saunders
Susan Trask **
Helen Warren

**Tenors**
Stephen Carnahan
David Christie
Aiden Day
Joe Hall
John Howard *
Jon Mitschele
Rick O’Brien
Brian Pfohl
Colin Vail

**Basses**
Brendon Bass
David Blocher
Don Dostie
Xander Greslick
Matt Jadud
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