

NOT SO COMMON TIMES



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Don't miss the sharp wit and humor in this delightful, funny, romantic musical...

They're Playing Our Song...

Neil Simon's sharp wit and crackling humor shine in this fun and funny romantic show, *They're Playing Our Song*, about an established composer and his relationship with a zany, aspiring young female lyricist.

These two clever, ambitious and neurotic New Yorkers—Sonia Walsk and Vernon Gersch— will keep you on your toes and laughing as they deliver Neil Simon's hilarious one liners and sing Carole Bayer Sager's inventive lyrics.

Somewhat biographical, this little musical pokes fun at the real life relationship of Marvin Hamlisch (Vernon) and Carole Bayer Sager (Sonia).

Between Vernon's inability to communicate away from the piano and Sonia's lack of success in dumping her ex-boyfriend (telephone junkie)—trouble brews.

They're Playing Our Song debuted in New

York in 1979 with Robert Klein and Lucie Arnaz playing Vernon Gersch and Sonia Walsk and ran for more than 1,000 performances.



Boynton provide the visuals with Set Design and Costume Design.

NOT SO COMMON PLAYERS is pleased to present *They're Playing Our Song*. Join us for the fun and laughter of Free Musical Thea-

Book by
Neil Simon

Music by
Marvin Hamlisch

Lyrics by
Carole Bayer Sager

Producer Richard Lenehan, Director Jennifer S. Depew, Musical Director Sherri Strichman and Choreographer Donna Hatch bring together a cast and production team sure to delight. The role of Vernon is played by Sev Moro and Sonia is played by Christine Marcella. Alter egos of the two are played by: Bill Depew, Drew Vangenderon, Eric Hughes, Jennifer Bullington, Kristin Kvam and Pamela O'Connor. Bob Farquharson and Karen

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Performances:

April 25, 26, 27
May 2, 3, 4

Friday & Saturday
8:00PM
Sunday Matinee
2:00PM

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“Spotlight On” is a regular feature of our newsletter, profiling a person who has made a positive impact on NOT SO COMMON PLAYERS



Doug de Lisle



Colin McCarty

SPOTLIGHT ON: DOUG DE LISLE AND COLIN MCCARTY

NSCP lost two dear, funny, caring and talented friends in early February 2008. We dedicate this issue’s “Spotlight On” feature to Doug de Lisle and Colin McCarty.

Doug de Lisle passed away after a long illness on February 1, 2008, three days after his 62nd birthday. As the director of two of NSCP’s most well-received shows, *Little Shop of Horrors* (Fall 2005) and *Little Mary Sunshine* (Spring 2007), Doug infused these productions with a level of quality and professionalism for which we, and our audiences, are extremely grateful. His knowledge and experience, combined with his patience and humor, made him the kind of director every actor wants to work with.

In addition to directing, Doug was also an outstanding actor, theatre critic, columnist, teacher and writer. He contributed his talents to many productions with other Albany-area groups over the years, including Albany Civic Theater, Schenectady Civic Players, Russell Sage College and Schenectady Light Opera Company, and he formed the Nickel and Dime Players in the 1990s with long-time friends Bob Goepfert and David Girard. Professionally, Doug was the Features Editor for *The Record* in Troy, where he worked for more than 30 years.

A Clifton Park resident, Colin McCarty, who played the Baker in our Summer 2006 production, *Into the Woods*, passed away suddenly on February 6, 2008. He would have celebrated his 50th birthday this April.

Colin starred in many productions with Schenectady Civic Players, Schenectady Light Opera Company, Albany Civic Theater and other groups – including lead roles in *Cabaret*, *Chicago*, *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Falsettos*, *Me & My Girl*, *Ruthless*, *Triumph of Love*, *Marvin's Room*, *The Sunshine Boys*, *The Nerd*, *On the Verge*, *Sylvia*, *London Suite*, *Betrayal* and *The Cradle Will Rock*. His impeccable comic timing and dramatic intensity delighted and thrilled audiences, and earned him several awards for his work.

In addition to appearing onstage with NSCP, Colin also served on our board, and served as president and board member of the Schenectady Civic Players, as co-producer of SLOC’s *Sweeney Todd*, and other offstage roles. Both Colin and his partner of 20 years, Tom Heckert, have been wonderful friends of NSCP.

Good night, sweet princes. We miss you.

The Wizard Of Oz

**Performances
July 11, 12, 13 &
17, 18, 19, 20
On The Common**

!!!Auditions!!!

**May 12 & 13
(Adults) 14 yrs +
7-10 PM
May 17 (Children)
Ages: 6-13
1-4 PM
No Exceptions
to this audition
schedule.**

The Wizard Of Oz directed by Laura Andruski

Little Dorothy Gale of Kansas, like so many girls her age, dreams of what lies over the rainbow. One day a twister hits her farm and carries her away over the rainbow to another world. Come join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion and Toto as they travel the universe of Dorothy's imagination.



Director, Laura Andruski has put together a fabulous production team for this exciting endeavor. Due to the large cast and many children, notice the audition dates and times. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this schedule.

Adults (14 yrs +) should prepare 16 bars of a song from a Broadway show. Bring sheet music. Accompanist provided.

Oh! The songs and the joy they bring: *Over The Rainbow*, *Munchkinland (Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead)*, *If I Only Had A Brain*, *If I Only Had A Heart*, *If I Only Had The Nerve*, *We're Off To See The Wizard (Follow The Yellow Brick Road)*, *The Jitterbug*, and *The Merry Old Land of Oz*.

We always need help with set building/ painting. If you can help, please give Producer, Richard Lenehan a call as soon as possible. (466-6252)

NOT SO COMMON PLAYERS will put a smile on everyone's face with **THE WIZARD OF OZ!**
Save the Date!!!

The Town Board of Clifton Park resolved to create a **Community Arts and Culture Commission** designed by Roy Speckard, former deputy supervisor, to develop community awareness of the viability and existence of performing arts and visual arts in the Town of Clifton Park.

Members of the commission are volunteers. Led by Laura Andruski, chairperson, other members are: Bob Goepfert, Laura Thompson, Dian Dippold, Paul Konye, Alex Verrigni, Tom Heckert, Marty Egan and Cindy Nagle. Sandy Roth is the Town Board liaison and Sally Burke is the secretary.

“The experience that this group brings to the table is astounding,” said Laura Andruski. “They are artistic and administrative directors, visual artists, museum curators, musicians, playwrights and actors. It is a wonderful cross section of the arts and cultural world. We are fortunate to have these gifted people living in this community.”

Meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month excluding July/August/December at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Meetings are public and residents of the town are invited to come with ideas/suggestions for furthering the arts and culture in the town.

BOOKS ON BROADWAY—a musical revue

A celebration of music inspired by classic literature, featuring music from Broadway shows was held **March 30th at 2:00 pm** at the **Clifton Park/Halfmoon Library**. Marty Egan and Jennifer Bullington created the musical revue in response to contact from the library to be a part of their current Adult Reading Series. Mr. Egan wrote the narration to connect the music to the books that inspired many Broadway shows. Selections from: Ragtime, Oliver, Jekyll & Hyde, Les Miserables, Wicked, Scarlet Pimpernel, Man of La-Mancha, Secret Garden and Jane Eyre were featured.

NOT SO COMMON PLAYERS veterans including: Jennifer Bullington, Dennis Chmura, Nicole Galligan, Adrien Gleason, Karen Kolterman and Michael Lotano offered their interpretations of songs from these rousing shows. Steve Frenchak and Sally Burke narrated. A special guest appearance by the Clifton Park Town Supervisor, Philip Barrett put the gilt on the pages! Musical accompaniment by Dian Dippold and Sal Viola.

Red Hot & COLE

Oh, what a swell party it was! **NSCP** celebrated the elegant lyrics and sophisticated melodies of Cole Porter in our Fall 2007 production, *Red Hot & Cole*. Produced by Richard Lenahan and directed by Alan Angelo, with musical direction by Vince Bonafede, *Red Hot & Cole* traced the life story of Broadway and Hollywood composer (and global bon vivant) Cole Porter with many of his best-known songs. Dennis Chmura shone brightly in the title role, with top-notch support from Monica Cangero, Amy Birchler, Margot Phillips, Jon South, Naomi Butner, Peter Hill, Jeffrey Hocking, Lauren Kerr, John Burke, Michael Silvia and Bill & Suzanne Baetz. It was a simply “De-Lovely” evening of song, dance and style!

the Spitfire Grill

directed by Don Counterline

the Spitfire Grill is an American musical with music and book by James Valcq and lyrics and book by Fred Alley, based on the film by Lee David Zlotoff. The musical depicts the journey of a young woman just released from prison who decides to start her life anew in a rural Wisconsin town. She precipitates a journey within the town itself toward its own tenuous reawakening. Save the date for this winner of the Richard Rodgers Production Award and several other awards from its more than 200 productions worldwide. The music is a haunting country sound that you will hum all the way home.

If you are an artist, dancer, musician, or performer in the Town of Clifton Park—we want to know about you!
If you are an arts organization in Clifton Park—we want to hear about you!

Come to the **ROUND TABLE ON MAY 20TH!**

For more information **COMMUNITY ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**
www.cliftonpark.org



BOOKS ON BROADWAY
Red Hot & COLE



the Spitfire Grill
October 31, November 1, 2
November 7, 8, 9
Shen HS East Little Theatre
Friday & Saturday @ 8 PM
Sunday Matinee @ 2 PM

!!!Auditions!!!

the Spitfire Grill
June 23 & 24
7:00-9:00 PM
Senior Center
On the Common
Clifton Park

**Welcome...JEREMY NOBLE
to the NSCP Board**

When he's not crunching numbers in his role as Chief Financial Officer of Tully Rinckey, Jeremy enjoys bowling and very occasionally acting. In winter, he finds a mountain for snowboarding, and in summer, swings at golf balls. On stage, he appeared with MacHaydn Theatre, Curtain Call Theatre, Confetti Stage, Debuts Theater Company, and **NOT SO COMMON PLAYERS**.

He is treasurer on the Board of Directors for Family & Child Services of Schenectady; a NYS licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and Treasurer of the Northeast Chapter of NY State Society of CPAs and Chairman of its Young CPAs committee.

CALL FOR DIRECTORS 2009 SEASON

NOT SO COMMON PLAYERS is planning for its **9th Season** and seeks director's submissions for **Spring, Summer and Fall 2009.**



Musical Directors and Technical Staff are needed as well.

Deadline for submissions is

May 15th 2008

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NOT SO COMMON PLAYERS thanks the **Clifton Park Town Board** for funding **Musical Theater** in Clifton Park and for its support of the Arts as NSCP presents **SEASON 8!**

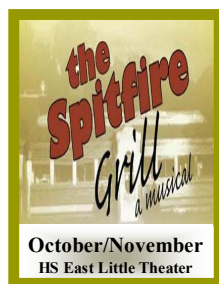
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BOARD MEMBERS
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**Karen Boynton
Jennifer Bullington
John Burke
Sally Burke
Dian Dippold
Richard Lenehan
Linda Mizeur
Jeremy Noble
Cindy Nagle
Pat O'Donnell**

SPRING CLEANING!!!

It's that time of year and **NOT SO COMMON PLAYERS** would be happy to receive any "theater" appropriate items. Clothes, hats etc. will be given a new life and used in upcoming productions by **NOT SO COMMON PLAYERS**. Please call if you would like to make a donation of clothing or accessories. Karen Boynton 371-0920. **THANK YOU!**

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ONE TOWN HALL PLAZA
CLIFTON PARK, NY 12065**



*** Save the Dates ***

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July On the Common

Wizard Of OZ

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