

## Out & About with Rachel Morin Schooner Estates donates bus to Tree Street Youth Center



Ready to make the delivery are Schooner staffers (l. to r.) John Rice, Mark Prevost, Lindsay Remington, and David Cassidy.

### Story and photos by Rachel Morin

On Tuesday, January 29, the staff and residents of Schooner Estates Senior Living Community in Auburn made an important delivery. Schooner's owners, who had recently purchased a larger, more accessible bus for their residents, donated the original bus to Tree Street Youth Center in Lewiston.

Also known as the

Schooner Shuttle, this bus had transported Schooner residents to concerts, fall foliage tours, fall fairs, coastal trips, restaurants, shopping, a three-day excursion to Aroostook County this past October, and many other varied and seasonal destinations through the years.

The bus, featuring a new logo and lettering by Marquis Signs of Lewiston, arrived at its new home on Tuesday morning, where it

was met in the parking lot by a group of teenagers and Julia Sleeper, Executive Director and co-founder of Tree Street Youth. They were eager to get a first look at the bus that will take them on field trips, college tours, employment and community service opportunities, and many other destinations.

John Rice, Director of Operations at Schooner Estates, with Director of Marketing and Community Relations David Cassidy and Marketing Associate Lindsay Remington, were on board to meet the group waiting for them. The new

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## Skyline Farm hosts annual Sleigh Day



Ben Lapointe and his team of mini horses will provide rides for children up to age 12. (Photo by Diana Logan)

Skyline Farm of North Yarmouth will host its 20th annual Sleigh Day on Saturday, February 9, from 12 to 3 p.m. Available for viewing at the event will be the Skyline Farm Carriage Museum's new exhibit, "Sleighting - Fashionable, Fun and Family." The event is free and open to the public. Please dress warmly.

Starting at noon, Ben Lapointe and his pair of miniature horses will provide mini sleigh rides for children up to age 12 for a \$5 dona-

tion per child, while a team of draft horses from Hideaway Farm of Topsham will provide sleigh rides around the field for donations of \$8 per person or \$25 per family.

At 12:30 p.m., there will be a narrated demonstration of 19th-century sleighting skills with horses, drivers, and vintage sleighs in the outdoor arena. Bring your snowshoes for a 2 p.m. guided tour of Skyline's trails through the woods. Hot refreshments will be sold in the heated Visitor

Center. There is no storm date.

The museum exhibit, featuring a variety of rare sleighs and wheeled vehicles, is also available for viewing on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m., February 10 through March 31, or by appointment.

Located at 95 The Lane in North Yarmouth, Skyline Farm is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization. For more information, contact Pam at 829-5708 or info@skylinefarm.org.

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## LPL offers Valentine card and chocolate-making program

On Tuesday, February 12, Lewiston Public Library will host a card- and chocolate-making event. Community members are invited to create their own original Valentine's Day cards with a surrealist art theme. The library will provide the blank cards and envelopes, as well as some ideas to get participants started and lots of options for decoration. Chocolate and molds will also be avail-

able for those who would like to try crafting their own tasty chocolates.

Open to teens and adults only, this free program will take place in the Library's Makerspace on the second floor from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Registration is recommended as supplies are limited. For more information, contact the Adult Services Desk at 513-3135 or LPLReference@gmail.com.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Work to begin soon on new athletic fields at CMCC



Breaking ground for the new athletic complex are student athletes (l. to r.) Nick L'Heureux, Samantha Belardo, Keara Hunter, and Cody Dolloff.

Work will begin in early spring on a new and expanded athletic complex at Central Maine Community College that will include lights and a synthetic surface.

The complex, which will be built on the site of the current soccer field, will include NCAA-sized competition fields for baseball, softball, and soccer. The baseball and softball fields

will be situated at opposite ends, with the soccer field overlapping both outfields. Baseball and softball teams will be able to play at the same time.

"The new fields will be a tremendous boost to our athletic programs," noted CMCC Athletic Director Dave Gonyea. "Currently, the soccer field is not up to collegiate standards, and our baseball and softball teams

have to play off campus. This will allow us to schedule all games on our own facility, increase practice time and flexibility, and save on rental fees."

The lights will significantly increase the availability of the fields, especially during the spring and fall seasons when daylight hours are limited. In addition, the synthetic turf will require significantly less maintenance, and the fields will not have to be "rested" like natural grass fields. They will also require no water or pesticides.

The general contractor for the project is C.H. Stevenson, Inc. of Wayne. Excavation is expected to begin in early spring and the fields should be ready for use in fall 2019.

In addition to women's soccer, softball, basketball, volleyball, and cross country, CMCC offers soccer, baseball, basketball, ice hockey, and cross country for men. The hockey team plays at the Norway Savings Bank Arena, just down the road from the campus. More information is available at [www.cmcc](http://www.cmcc).

## Celebration Barn receives grant to complete sound upgrades



Carpenter Ben Gibson of Buckfield (r.) and Pat O'Donnell from Stone Mountain Sound install a stage-level audio rack during Phase II of the theater's sound upgrade project in 2018.

Celebration Barn Theater of South Paris has been awarded a grant from the Maine Community Foundation's Maine Theater Fund to complete the third and final phase of their ongoing sound upgrades project.

Celebration Barn annually hosts over 200 professional artists in a variety of disciplines from around the world at all stages of their careers. Additionally, over 1,300 audience members from Western Maine come to the Barn each year to enjoy over 20 world-class, one-of-a-kind performances in an intimate setting.

In recent years, the Barn has begun to include singer-songwriters and musicians on their performance schedule, including Ellis Paul, the Gawler Family Band, and blues guitarist Samuel James.

With prior support from the Maine Community Foundation, Phases I and II of the project replaced outdated speakers and added two remote-control instrument panels, allowing greater ease of access and flexibility of use. Phase III, to be undertaken this spring, will complete the three-year project by installing a new sound board with enhanced capabilities and equipping

the theater with professional-grade microphones and monitors.

Celebration Barn has worked closely with Pat O'Donnell of Maine-based company Stone Mountain Sound to design the new audio system while planning for future upgrades, such as an assisted listening system.

Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route 117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris. For more information about their summer and fall performance series, call the box office at (207) 743-8452 or visit [www.CelebrationBarn.com](http://www.CelebrationBarn.com).



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# Governor's Address: I am proud to support "An Act To Protect Health Care Coverage for Maine Families"

This past December, a federal district court judge in Texas issued a decision that would strike down the Affordable Care Act.

If that decision is upheld, nearly twelve million Americans - including more than 75,000 people in Maine - will lose life-saving health insurance coverage for pre-existing conditions and essential health benefits like mental health coverage, maternity and newborn care.

I cannot stand idly by while Maine children and families once again may be forced to go without health care they need.

My Administration is moving swiftly, in concert with the Legislature, to help protect Mainers with pre-existing conditions, regardless of what happens to the Affordable Care Act in the courts or in Congress.

Before the Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2008, the number of uninsured Americans and the cost of health care skyrocketed. Insurance companies would refuse to cover anyone with a pre-existing condition - so many people - or anyone they deemed to be "high risk" or too costly to cover.

As a result, too many of our loved ones, neighbors, and friends went without care.



Governor Janet Mills

People like my friend Patty.

Patty was a vibrant, intelligent, and charitable woman, an athlete, a mother of three wise children, loved by all - and uninsured. She died needlessly from breast cancer, a disease that could have been diagnosed earlier, treated, and cured.

Patty's story is not unique. Many of you have friends like Patty. Their fate is unacceptable.

By 2016, because of the Affordable Care Act, the percentage of Americans who had health insurance had reached an all-time high of 91 percent and our national spending on health care decreased to historic lows.

We cannot afford to go back.

That is why I have joined Senate President Troy Jackson and Speaker of the House Sara Gideon in support of LD 1, "An Act To Protect Health Care Coverage for Maine Families."

In Maine, an estimated 230,000 adults are living with pre-existing conditions. In addition to ensuring that no Mainer living with pre-existing conditions is denied coverage, the legislation prohibits charging seniors substantially higher rates because of their age.

LD 1 will also: ban lifetime and annual caps on coverage; allow young adults up to age 26 to remain on their parents' insurance; and require ten essential health benefits, such as ambulance service, prescription drug coverage, and pediatric care.

Health care is for everyone, not just for the well-to-do. It is for the small businesses struggling to pay high health insurance bills; it is

for the family on the brink of bankruptcy because of one illness, accident, or medical mishap; it is for the community that takes up collections in a jar at the corner store to pay for a neighbor's medical costs.

It is for Patty. It is for you.

So I am proud to stand with President Troy Jackson and Speaker Sara Gideon on this very first bill of the Legislative session to continue the important work of ensuring affordable health care coverage for all.

Thank You,  
Janet Mills  
Governor

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the Maine Turnpike Authority, the Highway Fund, transportation policy, public transportation, aeronautics, highway and bridge construction and maintenance, highway safety, traffic regulation, waterways, railroads, the Department of Public Safety, the Maine State Police, and motor vehicles and motor carriers.

If residents of Sabattus or Greene have questions or concerns about state government, they are encouraged to contact Rep. Martin at his State House Office at 287-1440 or at [Thomas.Martin@Legislature.Maine.Gov](mailto:Thomas.Martin@Legislature.Maine.Gov).

## Optimist Club guest speaker



Rick Lanman of Portland-based charter company Elite Airways was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the L-A Optimist Club. The company plans to open a maintenance repair center at the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport, providing an estimated 100 new jobs. New airport renovations are planned to be completed by 2020. He is presented here with a copy of the Optimist Creed by club president Mamie Ney.

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University of Maine announces fall 2018 Dean's List

The University of Maine recognized 2,388 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2018 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 1,666 are from Maine, 669 are from 34 other states, and 53 are from 25 countries other than the U.S.

Listed below are students from Androscoggin County who received Dean's List honors for fall 2018, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or high-

er. Please note that students who have requested that their information not be released are not included on the list.

Auburn: Alexis Bellefleur, Faith Daye, Sarah Hammond, Emily Hayes, Kaylee Jipson, Alex Landry, Rebecca Levasseur, Dylan Miller, Emma Paradie, Lydia Peterson, Hannah Thistle, Hadley Wallace.

Durham: Julia Schneider, Garrison Thompson, Brooklyn Washburn, Maddie Wilkes.

East Poland: Lauren

Emery.

Greene: David Buckley, Averie Cloutier, Cliff Greco, Nicole Hofacker.

Leeds: Lily Co-meau-Waite, Andrew Lachapelle, Ally Ryan.

Lewiston: Ciera Belanger, Andrew Bilodeau, Ryan Handlon, Reid Pomerleau, Chase Tapley.

Lisbon: Jasmin Le, Kaylin Le.

Lisbon Falls: Samantha Bolduc, Charles Sult.

Livermore: Amber Delaney, Jacob Foss, Luke Greenwood.

Livermore Falls: Tan-

na Herlihy.

Mechanic Falls: Hope Kohtala, Gabby Smith, Samuel Stone.

Minot: Jordan Gregory, Evan LaPointe.

Poland: Erin Brewer, Lizzy Champagne, Mackenzie Foster, Paisley Keene, Jada Lamb, Jasmine Lamb, Will Rosenberger, Vincent Russo, Emily Whittemore.

Sabattus: Mikki Gervais.

Turner: Anthony DeGone, Julia Dillingham, Chad Morin, Abigail Varney, Hannah Varney.

Wales: Sadie Goulet.

Rolly's Diner honored for 25 years of community service



Ken Blais (r.), owner of Rolly's Diner, with Sen. Ned Claxton

At a recent meeting of the United New Auburn Association, Sen. Ned Claxton (D-Auburn) presented an official legislative sentiment on behalf of the members of the Maine House and Senate to Rolly's Diner, honoring the business for its 25 years of community service and engagement.

A legislative sentiment is a significant expression from the Maine House and Senate to acknowledge individual, civic, or organizational accomplishments or

other important events.

Located at 87 Mill Street in Auburn, Rolly's Diner is known for its great food and community involvement. The United New Auburn Association meets monthly at Rolly's, occasionally inviting speakers from the City of Auburn, including the city planner and local law enforcement officials. The family-owned business has been run over the years by Ken, Jean, and Rolande Blais, who passed away earlier this month.

Lisbon Historical Society program focuses on cameras

On Wednesday, February 13, camera enthusiast and collector Steve Carlson will discuss unique cameras from 1936 to 1999 in a presentation called "Cameras, Unique in Design and Purpose" at the Lisbon Historical Society.

Carlson has collected cameras, from pinhole to polaroid, undercover to underwater, for over fifty years. A former U.S. Navy Photographer's Mate now

living in Lewiston, he has also taught basic photography courses as an adult education instructor.

The evening will also include the society's annual Valentine's Party. Those attending are invited to bring hand-made Valentine cards to exchange. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Society's meeting rooms at the MTM Center in Lisbon Falls. The entrance and parking are at the rear of the

building.

Annual dues are also now payable. Secretary-Treasurer Dorothy Smith can provide membership status and accept dues payments at the meeting.

Refreshments will be served; members are encouraged to bring Valentine-themed food items for the refreshment table. For more information, call 353-8510 or email LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

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Arnott Fiddlers to perform at Rotary Auction



Rossby, age 13, Elsie, age 11, and Oliver, age 9, each began playing the fiddle at age four.

The Arnott Fiddlers of Otisfield will perform at the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Lunch Club Auction on Saturday, February 16. Rossby, age 13, Elsie, age 11, and Oliver, age 9, each began playing the fiddle at age four. Rossby won the competition at the 2016 Waterford World's Fair Fiddle Contest. The young fiddlers were then invited to play as special guests of the Don Roy Trio at the four Fiddle-icious concerts of 2017 and continue to play at various special events.

Thousands of dollars' worth of auction and raffle items, including tickets to major league sporting events, will be up for bid in

the auction, which will take place at the Carriage House at 1119 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Doors will open at 5 p.m. for the item preview, followed by a buffet dinner at 6 p.m. The live auction will start at 8 p.m. A cash bar will be available. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door for \$10 (15 tickets) or \$20 (40 tickets). Proceeds will benefit Rotary-supported local community projects and non-profit agencies.

Tickets for the event are \$20, available until Saturday, February 9 through online reservation at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). For more information, call 713-7045 or email [millhime@myfairpoint.net](mailto:millhime@myfairpoint.net).



## CMCC launches new programs in Plumbing/Heating and HVAC/R

Central Maine Community College is now accepting applications for admission to two new technical programs in areas of high pay and high need: Plumbing and Heating and HVAC/R (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration). The two new programs will launch at CMCC in the fall.

According to economic modeling and labor market database JobsEQ, the need for plumbing and HVAC/R technicians, mechanics, and installers is expected to increase throughout the state over the next several years. It is often noted that, as long as people want to be warm and dry or cool and comfortable, they are going to need these skilled professionals.

The college has secured funding to develop a state-of-the-art lab that will be housed in Jalbert Hall. New equipment will include hands-on, mock-up workstations and advanced simulators that provide students with a lab environment capable of mirroring workplace situations.

The Plumbing and Heating Technology program will provide students with the skills needed to assist with the installation and repair of systems in residential and commercial settings. In courses focused on areas such as sketching diagrams, interpreting blueprints, plumbing and

fuel codes, and plumbing and heating assembly, students will learn how to diagnose and repair plumbing systems; interpret relevant safety rules, state codes and regulations; understand components and assembly techniques required for standard pipe and water supply systems; and identify and explain plumbing methods, calculations, and materials.

After completion of the first year of the associate degree program, students will be eligible to sit for the journeyman-in-training license through the Maine Plumbers' Examining Board. Students who complete the associate's degree will be eligible to acquire the Maine "Journeyman 1 & 2 Oils - up to 15 GPH" licensure and the CETP certifications necessary for Maine licensure as a propane and natural gas technician.

The new HVAC/R program will prepare students to install and service heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration equipment in residential and commercial settings. Coursework will include hands-on lab practice; diagnostics and servicing; print reading and interpretation; and heat pumps and refrigeration. Students will be trained to understand industry standards; diagnose and address HVAC/R equipment system failures; and employ a systematic

approach to troubleshooting malfunctions and preparing effective repair solutions. Upon successful completion of the program's first year, students will be eligible to obtain EPA 608 Universal Certification, required for technicians to handle refrigerants.

Graduates of these programs will be qualified for employment in maintenance, installation, service, or sales positions with heating or HVAC/R contractors, utility companies, and fuel oil businesses. With additional experience, graduates may pursue opportunities as managers, supervisors, or operators of their own business.

In both programs, students will have the option of pursuing either the associate in applied science degree or a one-year certificate, which essentially consists of the first year's curriculum. Students may pursue either program on a part-time or full-time basis.

Anyone interested in these programs is encouraged to contact the CMCC Admissions Office at 755-5273 or [enroll@cmcc.edu](mailto:enroll@cmcc.edu). More information is also available online at [www.cmcc.edu](http://www.cmcc.edu).

The college is also working to introduce a program in Facilities and Maintenance Management and an advanced certificate program in Building Automation.

## Harlow calls for submissions for juried art show



This year's juror is artist, writer, international curator, and Bates College professor Myron M. Beasley, Ph.D.

The Harlow invites artists to submit artwork to Art2019, the gallery's 24th annual juried art show. Art2019 will be on view May 10 through June 15, with an opening reception and awards ceremony on Friday, May 10, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Art2019 is open to all Maine artists and any artist with a strong connection to Maine. This year's juror is Bates College professor Myron M. Beasley, Ph.D. An artist, writer, and international curator, Beasley's writing explores the inter-

section of cultural politics, art, and social change.

The deadline for electronic submissions is 11:59 p.m. on April 1. Original fine art in any media may be submitted, including but not limited to painting, sculpture, digital, printmaking, fiber, photography, mixed media, ceramics, and installation. Each artist may submit up to three works of art, which must be the artist's own original works created within the last three years. Art that has been previously exhibited at the Harlow is not eligible. Giclees and other reproductions are not eligible. For complete entry rules and instructions, see [harlowgallery.org/art2019](http://harlowgallery.org/art2019).

The Harlow is a membership-based 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to connecting and celebrating art, artists and community in downtown historic Hallowell since 1963. Exhibitions are always free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call 622-3813 or email [harlowgallery@gmail.com](mailto:harlowgallery@gmail.com).

## Great Falls Forum looks at populism in politics



Bates College Associate Professor of Politics Senem Aslan

The 2018-19 season of the Great Falls Forum continues on Thursday, February 14, when Bates College Associate Professor of Politics Senem Aslan will discuss "Populism and the Politics of Emotion." The program will take place from 12 to 1 p.m. in Callahan Hall at Lewiston Public Library.

Why do state leaders cry in public? In this presentation, Dr. Aslan will explore this and other questions that illuminate our understanding of populism in today's world.

A graduate of Bogaziçi University in Istanbul, Professor Aslan earned her Ph.D. in the Interdisciplinary Program in Near and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Washington. She was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University between 2008 and 2010. Her book, "Nation-Building in Turkey and Morocco: Governing Kurdish and Berber Dissent," was published by Cambridge University Press in 2015. At Bates, she teaches classes

on state-building, nationalism, symbolic politics, and politics of the Middle East. Her recent research focuses on political amnesties in Turkey.

Admission to all Great Falls Forum events is free of charge; no reservations are required. This is a bring-your-own, brown-bag lunch event. Coffee, tea, and bottled water will be available. Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street. For more information, call 513-3135 or email [LPLReference@gmail.com](mailto:LPLReference@gmail.com).

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## Chamber continues series on exit strategies for business owners

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will present the second program in its three-part series "Options and Strategies for Owners to Exit Their Businesses and Retire" on Tuesday, February 12 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

In this program, David V. Jean, CPA, CCIFP, CExP, will discuss the topic "Know Your Options: Open Market Sale, Family Transitions, and Selling to Employees." Jean is Principal of Altus Exit Strategies, a subsidiary of Albin, Randall & Bennett, CPAs.

The final program of

the series will take place on Tuesday, February 26, from 12 to 1:30 p.m., when Rob Brown, Director of Business Ownership Solutions, Cooperative Development Institute, will discuss "Achieve Your Goals: Understanding the Financial, Tax and Legal Issues in Exit Planning."

These Power Lunch seminars are free of charge and will take place in the Chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Please bring your lunch. Snacks, sweets, coffee and other beverages will be provided. For

more information, call 783-2249. Participants are asked to register at [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

This series is sponsored by the Chamber, the City of Lewiston's Department of Economic Development, and the Cooperative Development Institute. Supported by a grant from the Surdna Foundation, the sponsors are partnering to preserve legacy businesses and the jobs they provide by raising awareness of exit planning options among business owners in the region.

## Lewiston, Falmouth students win Congressional Art Competition

The Maine Arts Commission has announced that the winners of the 2019 Congressional Art Competition are Carolyn Adams of Lewiston High School and Julia Lee of Falmouth High School.

The Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition every year to recognize and encourage artistic talent in each congressional district. Maine's winners, representing the state's two congressional districts, were chosen by a panel of jurors appointed by the Maine Arts Commission.

The judges unanimously chose Carolyn Adams' photograph "Dizzy," which captures a dancer inside an old New England building, as the winner from Maine's Second District.

"Dizzy takes the viewer out of the present, into a world of illusion," said juror Cynthia Orcutt. "The heaviness of the old masonry structure is offset by multiple delicate, rounded windows and the lightness of a spinning young dancer's dress, hair, and arms moving in front of them. The selection is a poetic and elegant expression of creativity occurring in one of in Maine's Second District's oldest cities."

Jurors selected Julia Lee's drawing "Facet" as the winner from Maine's First District.

"Julia's piece is a masterful work of art on many levels," said juror Beth Van Mierlo. "The reflection of light in the eye, the reflective image mirrored back on the surface of the table, and the



"Dizzy," photograph, by Carolyn Adams

soft technique used to render the blurred jar of water made this piece a winner."

Both first place students will have their artwork on display at the U.S. Capitol for one year and will be offered respective scholarships to attend Maine College of Art in Portland. All recognized artwork will be on exhibit at the Maine State House in Augusta during the spring of 2019.

Other student honorees from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District were Asha Shueyb of Lewiston High School (First

Runner Up), Joey Sprague of Oxford Hills High School (Second Runner Up), and Isaac Wardwell of George Stevens Academy, Jihwan Hwang Li of Hebron Academy, and Culiandra Nero of Oxford Hills High School (Honorable Mentions).

Since the competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated, according to the U.S. House of Representatives website. For more information, visit [www.MaineArts.com](http://www.MaineArts.com).



"Facet," drawing, by Julia Lee

## Welfare Fraud annual update for 2018

Pursuant to Maine statute (MRSA Title 22-A, Chapter 1, §206), the Maine Department of Health and Human Services has released fraud statistics from the 2018 calendar year.

In 2018, the Fraud Investigations and Recovery Unit of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services received a total of

1,160 calls and allegations of potential fraud cases. Of those, 811 were found to be legitimate and have been processed for further review and possible investigation.

In 2018, FIRU Investigators presented 25 cases to the Attorney General's Office for potential prosecution. An additional 46 cases were filed with local District Attorney's Offices. FIRU also aided Federal Agencies in the investigation of two separate cases for alleged theft.

Calls not referred for investigation involved reports of persons who were not actually receiving benefits, lacked information to

identify a specific client, or contained incorrect information. For numbers related to the prosecution of the cases, please contact the Attorney General's Office or the local District Attorney Offices.

FIRU investigates cases of fraud involving the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and MaineCare, as well as fraud relating to General Assistance or Housing Assistance from local municipalities.

To report potential fraud, call the state's Fraud Hotline at 1-866-348-1129 or see [www.maine.gov/dhhs/fraud](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/fraud).

## Church seeks fabric donations

High Street Congregational Church of Auburn is seeking donations of fabric and crafting supplies for its annual Fabric Fair on Saturday, April 6. Donations may be dropped off at 106 Pleasant Street in Auburn

on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or at other times by appointment. For more information or to reserve a vendor table at the event, call 784-1306 or email [office@highstreet-ucc.org](mailto:office@highstreet-ucc.org).

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## Maine DOE seeks community partners to help feed hungry children this summer

With the assistance of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Maine public schools have long offered a nutritious breakfast and lunch meal program to thousands of income-eligible children in Maine during the school year.

To extend this program, Maine Department of Education Child Nutrition is seeking organizations who would like to participate in the federally funded Summer Food Service Program, which provides children healthy meals when school is not in session.

“Hunger doesn’t take a summer vacation,” said Maine Department of Education Acting Commissioner A. Pender Makin. “More than 46% of Maine’s public school students qualify for free and reduced price meals. The Maine DOE is pleased to once again partner with community organizations to provide meals for kids this summer.”

In 2018, 123 sponsors participated in the program, serving meals at 450 sites throughout the state. Although the number of sponsors continues to grow in Maine, there is still a long way to go towards feeding all eligible children during the summer. Community partners are working to maximize the number of sponsors utilizing the availability of funds under the SFSP.

SFSP may be offered statewide in areas or at sites where more than 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced meal benefits under the National School Lunch Program or census tract data supports the need. Organizations that provide services in rural communities or near migrant farm workers and tribal populations are urged to participate. Eligible sponsoring organizations include schools, nonprofit residential summer camps, government agencies, and tax-exempt organizations, including faith-based organizations.

Maine DOE encourages any eligible organization to consider providing this much-needed service to Maine children. The agency will begin accepting applications to participate in February. Approved sponsors will be reimbursed for eligible meals served to children during the long summer break.

Interested organizations should begin planning now for a successful summer. Potential sponsors are required to attend training sessions. For a complete schedule of trainings, see [www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/resources/calendar](http://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/resources/calendar).

Maine DOE is available to attend meetings or consult by phone and email to answer questions regarding summer meals. For more information about the Maine DOE’s Summer Food Service Program, contact [adriane.ackroyd@maine.gov](mailto:adriane.ackroyd@maine.gov), call 624-6726, or see [www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/programs/sfsp](http://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/programs/sfsp).

## Public health alerts now available on Maine CDC website

To make relevant public health information more easily accessible to the public, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention recently made health alerts available on the Maine CDC website.

This measure comes with the issuance of the first alert for 2019, announcing that influenza has officially entered widespread status in Maine. State residents are reminded to continue taking precautions to keep themselves healthy throughout the influenza season. The page will be updated as new health alerts become available.

The Maine CDC routinely issues health advisories through the Health Alert Network to providers, various healthcare entities, child care facilities, city and county health organizations, and local, state, and federal agencies. These alerts keep those on the frontlines of public health updated on pertinent information, including disease outbreaks, emerging trends, and guidance on anticipated public health concerns.

While health alerts are written for and distributed directly to professionals to inform their prevention and treatment practices, the information can also be useful to the general public, who may be interested in specific details surrounding current public health issues within the state.

“Health alerts deliver incredibly important information when its needed most, such as updates related to the current status of influenza, Lyme disease, and hepatitis,” said Maine CDC Director Dr. Bruce Bates. “Having this information readily available on our website is another tool we can use to keep folks informed on emerging public health concerns, and ultimately keep Mainers safe and healthy.”

“A key component of public health is public awareness and engagement,” said Maine Department of Health and Human Services Acting Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew. “This change is part of our effort to increase transparency and build trust in the Department.”

Health alerts from fall 2018 through the most current are available at [www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/all-health-advisories.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/all-health-advisories.shtml).

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# What’s Going On

## Rotary Breakfast Club meeting

The next meeting of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club on Wednesday, February 13 at 7 a.m. will feature guest speaker Katie Lisnik, new Executive Director of the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society.

Prior to joining the GAHS team, Lisnik served as the national Director of Companion Animal Public Policy at the Humane Society of the United States, where she focused on raising awareness and effectiveness of pet-related public policy at the federal, state and local levels. During her twelve years at HSUS, she also served as the national and Maine state Director of Cat Protection and Policy.

A Maine native, Lisnik has also worked as an Animal Control Officer, veterinary technician, and in several other animal-welfare roles. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Animal Science from the University of Vermont and a Master’s of Science degree in Animals and Public Policy from Tufts Veterinary School. She resides in Auburn with her husband and two cats.

The club meets every Wednesday at the United Methodist Church, located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. The cost for breakfast is \$15. All are welcome to attend.

## Sen. Libby invites local students to serve as pages

With the Legislature back in session, Sen. Nate Libby, D-Lewiston, is reminding local schools and students about the Senate Honorary Page program at the State House in Augusta.

The day-long program gives students a unique opportunity not only to observe the state’s legislative process, but to be a part of it. Honorary pages help deliver messages, distribute documents within the Senate Chamber, interact with the senators and, most importantly, take part in a real-world, interactive legislative learning experience.

“Seeing legislating happen firsthand is a great way to supplement classroom civics lessons,” said Sen. Libby. “I want to extend a special invitation to students making the Honor Roll, and to students who excel through experiential learning, as a congratulations for their hard work.”

The Legislature is scheduled to be in session through late June. Honorary pages are needed throughout the session, so scheduling is flexible. Students from third grade through high school are encouraged to participate.

For more information, contact Sen. Libby by phone at 287-1515 or at [nathan.libby@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:nathan.libby@legislature.maine.gov).

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bus, carrying Schooner residents, was right behind, with Director of Resident Services Mark Prevost at

the wheel. With Sleeper at his side, Rice addressed the combined groups and handed her the title to the bus. Cheers and applause followed and Sleeper de-

livered a warm and grateful thank you to Schooner, along with a brief outline of what Tree Street Youth does on a daily basis. For more information, see <https://treestreetyouth.org>.



Sleeper expresses thanks and appreciation on behalf of the Center.



Rice hands the title to the bus to Tree Street Executive Director Julie Sleeper as the group looks on.



Sporting a new logo and lettering by Marquis Signs of Lewiston, the bus waits for delivery to its new home at Tree Street Youth Center.



Sleeper poses here with Schooner residents (from l.) Betty McCall, Connie Gordon, Charmaine Andrews, Gail Roberts, Emmeline Walton, and Art Turner.

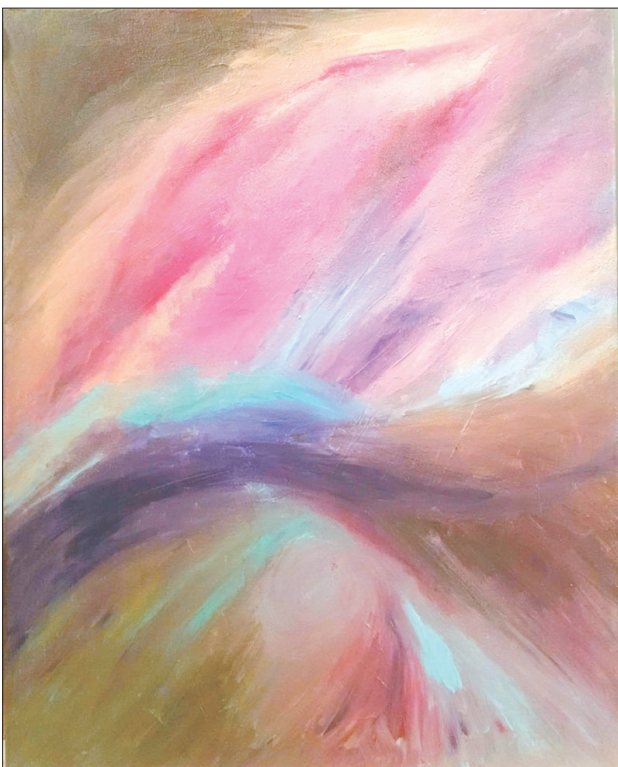


Sleeper, with Tree Street Youth's ELM Enrichment Coordinator Djamal Maldoum, who is also an Afro Beat dancer, and Program Director Megan Guynes

# For the Love of Art, Art Crawl

Lewiston's Downtown Art District, residents will be able to enjoy art, music, flowers, massage and wine – all for free on Saturday, February 9, from 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

The Union of Maine Visual Artists Lewiston Auburn Chapter (UMVA-LA) is putting on their 4th Annual For the Love of Art, Art Crawl. The event is a great way to spend an evening out in Lewiston celebrating Valentine's Day. Seven venues from Canal to Lis-



bon St. will participate in the event which promises to awaken all your senses with art (sight), Music (sound), Taste (Chocolate and other goodies), touch (massage), and smell (flowers). Each venue will also have their own

theme of love featuring an artist or group of artists. Wicked Illustrations Studio and Gallery will be showing work from a Michigan based artist, Eve York Mormino, who works in oil and uses a process she calls intuitive painting. This event is free and open to the public. For more information email [umvalewistonauburn@gmail.com](mailto:umvalewistonauburn@gmail.com).

Following is a list of venues and their locations:

1. Start at Wicked Illustrations Studio and Gallery in the Canal Plaza and

park in their lot.

Theme: Intuition  
Artists: Eve York Mormino, Melanie Therrien, Corrina Tancrede, Kristy Hatch

2. The Studio - located around the corner at 291 Lisbon St.  
Theme: Desire

Artists: Grayling Cunningham, Allison Starr, Guest Artists

3. Kimball Street Studios located at 191 Lisbon St.  
Theme: Narcissi

Group Show

4. The Curio - located in the Old Lamey building at

110 Lisbon St.

Theme: Nostalgia Group Show

5. Quiet City Books - located next to Rainbow Bike at 97 Lisbon St.

Theme: Once Upon a Time Group Show

6. Heirloom Arrangements - located at 50 Lisbon St.  
Theme: Beauty

Artists: Jelisa Hamilton, Kate Wing

7. Ends with Bear Bones and have a beer!

Theme: Bright Blooms Artist: Bonita Boothby



AudioBody takes over Franco Center



This thrilling show for all ages combines circus arts, comedy, technology, world-class juggling, computerized LED lights, and music.

World-renowned juggler Jason Tardy will bring his spectacular AudioBody show to the Gendron Franco Center on Saturday, February 9 at 7 p.m. AudioBody is an electronic journey into an unknown realm of seriously spectacular entertainment. This thrilling show for all ages is best described as an explosive mix of circus arts, relentless comedy, award-winning technology, world-class juggling, computerized LED light shows, and live, upbeat music.

Tardy’s multifaceted training and over 24 years of experience in the performing arts have brought him to corporate events, schools, theaters, and science festivals across the United States and abroad.

Highlights have included Disney Cruise Ships, the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas, the Golden Phoenix Casino, and even the White House in Washington, D.C. - three different times.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. They can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 783-1585 or at FrancoCenter.org.

What’s Going On

Silent Art Auction at the Harlow



The Harlow in Hallowell will present its annual Silent Art Auction February 13 through 16. The event offers a diverse selection of contemporary and vintage works of art, fine craft, and sculpture, as well as artifacts, artful objects, and more.

This is the first year the auction will take place at the Harlow’s new location at 100 Water Street in Hallowell. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday from 12 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. Bidding ends Saturday at 4 p.m. sharp, with a snow date of February 17.

Proceeds will support operating costs of the Harlow, a 501(c)3 nonprofit connecting art, artists and community since 1963. For more information, call 622-3813 or visit [www.harlow-gallery.org](http://www.harlow-gallery.org).

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# TWIN CITY NIGHTS

## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### Atlantic Brass Quintet performs at Bates College



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Celebrated for masterful and energized performances of a repertoire spanning five centuries and various styles, the Atlantic Brass Quintet will perform at Bates College's Olin Arts Center Concert Hall on Saturday,

February 9 at 7:30 p.m. Olin Arts Center is located at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston.

Part of the Bates Concert Series, the program will include works by Witold Lutoslawski, J.S. Bach (French Suite No. 4 in E-flat, BWV

815), Robert Patterson, and others, as well as a compilation of Balkan dance music. Tickets are \$15, available at [batesconcerts.eventbrite.com](http://batesconcerts.eventbrite.com). For more information, call 786-6135 or email [olinarts@bates.edu](mailto:olinarts@bates.edu).

### Author to discuss plastics problem



Michael SanClements is the author of "Plastic Purge: How to Use Less Plastic, Eat Better, Keep Toxins Out of Your Body, and Help Save the Sea Turtles!"

Michael SanClements, an environmental scientist at the National Ecological Observatory Network, will discuss "Our Plastic Lives: How Did We Get Here and What Can We Do?" on Monday, February 11 at 7 p.m. Free and open

to all, the program will take place in Room G52 of Pettengill Hall, located at 4 Andrews Road (Alumni Walk) at Bates College in Lewiston.

SanClements is the author of "Plastic Purge: How to Use Less Plastic, Eat

Better, Keep Toxins Out of Your Body, and Help Save the Sea Turtles!", a book that uses rigorous sources and a witty, engaging tone to guide us away from plastics overload. For more information, email [jbelive2@bates.edu](mailto:jbelive2@bates.edu).

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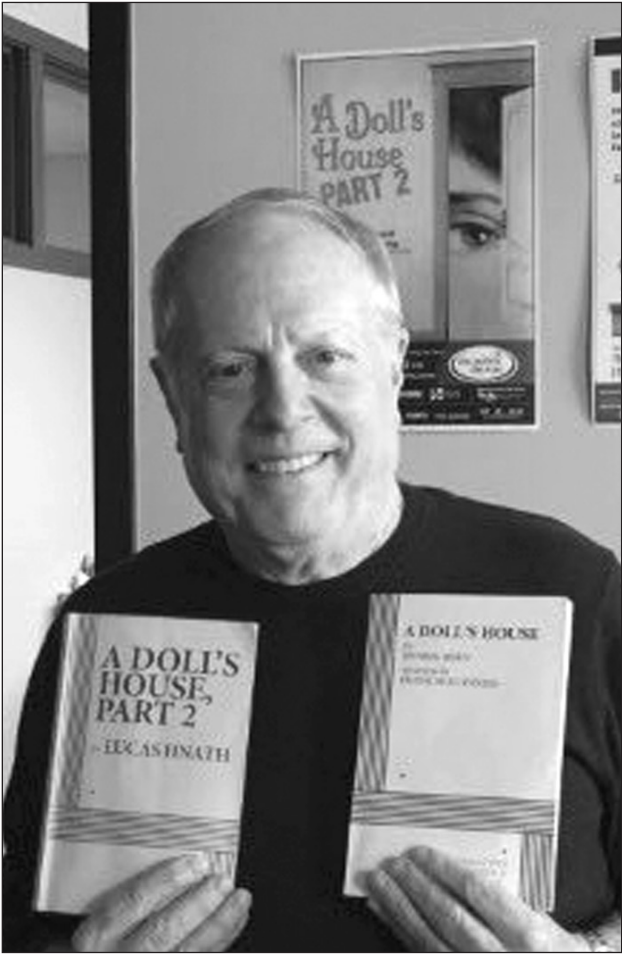
Public Theatre offers Book Club program

The Public Theatre is offering a new Book Club program designed to provide an insider’s experience of the theater. Those participating this season will read two scripts: Henrik Ibsen’s “A Doll’s House” (preferred adaptation by Frank McGuinness) and Lucas Hnath’s critically acclaimed Broadway hit “A Doll’s House, Part 2.”

In Ibsen’s classic play, Nora is a typical 1879 housewife and mother, dependent on her husband for everything. When her husband becomes ill, she breaks the law for the sake of love so they can have the resources needed for her husband’s recovery. When this illegal secret is revealed to her husband, his reaction to the news awakens in Nora an awareness of the illusions on which her marriage is built, driving her to one of the most famous and scandalous moments in 19<sup>th</sup>-century drama.

Lucas Hnath’s “A Doll’s House, Part 2” is a funny, intelligent and compelling contemporary sequel, set 15 years after “A Doll’s House,” when everyone is a little older and wiser.

The Book Club will include a free study guide and a lively two-hour discussion with complimentary snacks led by Artistic Director Christopher Schario. Taking place on Sunday, March 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Public Theatre, this discussion of the themes and content of the plays will include a sneak peek of the set and costume designs of “A Doll’s House, Part 2.” Did you know that Christopher



Participants will read Henrik Ibsen’s classic play “A Doll’s House” and Lucas Hnath’s critically acclaimed Broadway hit “A Doll’s House, Part 2,” which the Public Theatre stages in March.

Schario’s college thesis was on Henrik Ibsen?

There will also be an invitation to attend a short piece of a rehearsal to watch the script transition from page to stage (date and time to be announced) and an invitation to attend the Sunday, March 17 matinee performance, which will be followed by a free post-show discussion featuring the actors.

If you are not a subscriber or have not yet purchased a ticket to see “A Doll’s House, Part 2,” you can purchase a ticket at the

special book club discount rate of \$17.

If you would like the theater to purchase one or both scripts for you, they will be \$10 each. Script orders must be placed by February 8. Most libraries will have or can acquire an anthology that includes “A Doll’s House.” Although the program recommends reading the adaptation by Frank McGuinness, other versions will do.

Group size will be limited to 30 participants. To reserve your spot, call 782-2211.

Fundraising after-party follows  
BTLT mountain bike ride

The Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust and Six Rivers NEMBA will host a fat tire mountain bike ride on the new trails at Neptune Woods on Brunswick Land-

ing on Sunday, February 10 at 11:30 a.m. After the ride, participants are invited to head over to Flight Deck Brewing for tasty taps and great company at the BTLT Brews for a Cause Fund-

raiser. Twenty percent of beer sales and 100% of bar tips will be donated to Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust. Riders must provide their own bikes. For more information, see <https://www.btlb.org/events>.

Twin City Nights

Celebrating Maine Students, Educators,  
and Communities that Make Our Schools  
Exceptional Places to Learn

By Sen. Susan M. Collins

During my service in the United States Senate, I have visited well over 200 schools throughout Maine. Large or small, urban or rural, our schools have educators, staff, parents, and community members who are dedicated to helping students achieve their dreams.

My most recent visit was to Dr. Levesque Elementary School in Frenchville, which serves 128 students in pre-kindergarten to sixth grade from Frenchville, St. Agatha, and Sinclair in Aroostook County. It was a pleasure to join in celebrating the school’s designation as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Levesque Elementary was one of three Maine schools, along with Falmouth High School and Yarmouth Elementary School, to receive this highly prestigious award in 2018. Out of nearly 130,000 schools throughout America, only 349 nationwide were selected last year for this tremendous honor that recognizes an unwavering commitment to education and student achievement.

For 35 years, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has recognized public and private elementary, middle, and high schools for overall academic excellence or for making notable

improvements in closing the achievement gap. During that time, 54 Blue Ribbons have been awarded to Maine schools.

The 2018 award continues a tradition of quality education at the Dr. Levesque school, which first received a Blue Ribbon in 1999. It is among just four Maine schools to win Blue Ribbons twice. As a native of Aroostook County, I am especially proud of this accomplishment.

The school’s name is a tribute to Dr. Romeo Levesque, who provided expert, dedicated, and com- passionate medical care to people living in the St. John Valley for many decades. The strong school community where students are encouraged to pursue their interests and to be of service to others honors his memory. In addition to placing an emphasis on math and reading, students have rich and diverse opportunities, from art and music to robotics and physical education. The Franco-American communities of Frenchville and St. Agatha are bilingual, and the school provides daily instruction in the French language and Acadian culture.

After celebrating Dr. Levesque Elementary School’s Blue Ribbon, I enjoyed participating in the opening ceremony for their WinterKids Competition and thanking the parents,

teachers, staff, and sponsors who made it possible. This year, thirty-one elementary schools around the state are participating in this four-week physical and nutritional competition, which encourages young children to develop healthy habits. Each school will try to earn as many points as possible for the grand prize: \$5,000 donated to their school. Dr. Levesque Elementary is off to a strong start after winning the “Wild Card” challenge the first week of the competition.

In total, 7,635 students and 650 teachers and staff from every county in Maine are participating in the games. This competition encourages students and their families to get outside, get active, and have fun. WinterKids is an outstanding example of how Mainers work together to provide enriching opportunities for our young people.

In my visits to schools throughout Maine, I have seen time and again a powerful commitment to unleashing the potential of each and every child to be a life-long learner and engaged citizen. From my own experience, I benefited from this commitment throughout my school years. The years since have only strengthened my admiration for Maine’s dedicated educators, involved parents, and active community members.

Musical offerings at Auburn UU

In the coming months, First Universalist Church of Auburn, also known as Auburn UU, will feature music to move the spirit.

On Sunday, February 10 at 10 a.m., Auburn UU will present its annual All Music Worship Service. Members of the congregation, choir, and children’s choir will share inspiring musical selections expressing the theme “We’ll Build

a Land.”

On Sunday, February 24 at 10 a.m., John Spruill will present a Gospel Service featuring rousing gospel music selections by the choir and children’s choir, sung in the traditional style of the Black church.

On Sunday, March 10 at 12:30 p.m., the church will hold a family contra dance for all ages with music by T’Acadie.

Regular musical offerings will include an Open Mic on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and a Drum Circle on the fourth Saturday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All events are free.

The First Universalist Church of Auburn is located at 169 Pleasant Street (across from Dairy Joy) in Auburn. For more information, call 783-0461 or see [auburn.org](http://auburn.org).

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# Twin City Nights

## Theater at Monmouth announces 2019 schedule

The Theater at Monmouth’s 2019 Summer Repertory season will present Shakespeare’s “Merry Wives of Windsor,” directed by Catherine Weidner; Shakespeare’s “Hamlet,” directed by Dawn McAndrews; Joe Kinosian and Kellen Blair’s “Murder for Two,” directed by Adam P. Blais; Ken Ludwig’s “Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery,” directed by Matthew Arbour; and Lynn Nottage’s “Intimate Apparel,” directed by Josiah Davis.

This year’s Family Show will be “The Jungle Book,” adapted by Greg Banks and directed by Dawn McAndrews. The Fall Show will be Jane Austen’s “Sense and Sensibility,” adapted and directed by Dawn McAndrews.

Since its founding, TAM has rehearsed and performed in rotating repertory, inviting audiences to see the actors in different roles in different shows in one weekend. Each of this season’s seven productions features artists “from away” and “made in Maine,” both newcomers and TAM favorites, including Mark S. Cartier, James Noel Hoban, and Bill Van Horn.

All performances take place in Cumston Hall, a 250-seat Victorian opera house designed by Harry

Cochrane in 1899. A registered National Historic Building since 1976, the building’s architecture is a mix of Romanesque-style asymmetrical columns and towers and the varying external textures of the Queen Anne period. The 250-seat opera hall features elaborate plaster carvings and a fresco mural ceiling.

To reserve single tickets, subscriptions, or arrange group sales, call the box office at 933-9999 or see [www.theateratmonmouth.org](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org).

“Murder for Two,” June 22 through August 16; book and music by Joe Kinosian and book and lyrics by Kellen Blair. Everyone is a suspect in this hilarious musical murder mystery with a twist: one actor investigates the crime while the other plays all of the suspects. A zany blend of musical comedy and madcap mystery, this fast and funny whodunit is a highly theatrical duet loaded with killer laughs.

“Merry Wives of Windsor,” July 4 through August 18. In Shakespeare’s only domestic comedy, laughter reigns and feminine wisdom triumphs over jealous husbands, confused lovers, and one corpulent knight. Sir John Falstaff needs money. Instead of searching for work, he plots

to woo not one, but two wealthy women. Complications abound as the two women teach Falstaff a loving lesson with manipulative messengers, secret scandals, and a flurry of forgiveness.

“Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery,” July 11 through August 15. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson must solve the mystery before the Baskerville family curse dooms its next heir. Watch as the intrepid investigators escape a dizzying web of clues, silly accents, and disguises as five actors deftly portray more than 40 characters. Does a wild hellhound prowl the moors of Devonshire? Can our heroes discover the truth in time? Find out how far from “elementary” the truth can be.

“Hamlet,” July 18 through August 17. In the wake of his father’s abrupt death, Shakespeare’s Hamlet returns home to find his personal and political world turned upside down - his mother remarried, his uncle on the throne, and a world seemingly gone insane. When his father’s ghost appears and demands vengeance, the desperate Danish prince must decide: submit or resist. Accept or avenge. Live or die.

“Intimate Apparel,” July 25 through August 16. In 1905, an African-American seamstress supports herself by creating exquisite lingerie for wealthy clients. When a letter arrives from a stranger, it awakens a desire within her that leads to the love that she’s yearned for, but is nothing like she expected. This historical romance by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage creates a portrait of a young woman’s determination and the true

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## Winter-spring concerts at Bowdoin College

Listed below are highlights from the winter-spring concert schedule at Bowdoin College in Brunswick. Unless otherwise noted, all events take place in Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall, and are free and open to the public, with no tickets or reservations required. All events are subject to change. To confirm, or for a complete schedule of events, see the calendar at [www.bowdoin.edu/music](http://www.bowdoin.edu/music).

Resinosa Ensemble: “Prelude to a Dream.” Saturday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m. This recently formed chamber trio of mezzo-soprano Joëlle Morris, cellist Eliza Meyer, and pianist Bridget Convey performs a well-balanced program of “night” music, including a composition written for the ensemble by John Newell; Boston-based composer Scott Wheeler’s “Three Night Songs,” which he recently arranged for them; and works by Henriette Bosmans, Leonard Bernstein, Bohuslav Martinů, Paul John Rudoi, and Johannes Brahms.

Yasmin Vitalius Trio, with guest artist George Lopez. Saturday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. Travel around the world and through the centuries with violin faculty member Yasmin Vitalius, Artist-in-Residence George Lopez (piano), and guest artists Robert Lehmann (violin) and Kim Lehmann (viola) as they perform chamber music of Beethoven, Dvorak, and Shostakovich.

BernsteinFest Double Concert. Sunday, February 24. Part I, 3 p.m., Bowdoin Chapel; Part II, 7 p.m., Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. The vocal artists of Amethyst Chamber Ensemble, in collaboration with pianist and Beckwith Artist in Residence George Lopez and cellist Emmanuel Feldman, partner once again to celebrate the Bernstein 100<sup>th</sup>. In true festival style, enjoy one or both concerts, with time for a dinner break

in between.

Part I features selections from “Mass,” including “Simple Song” and “Three Meditations for Cello and Piano,” followed by a complete performance of the beloved “Chichester Psalms” featuring Bowdoin flutist Kathryn McGinnis.

In Part II, two pianos, percussion, cello, and six vocal soloists weave together selections from the Symphonic Dances of “West Side Story” (for two pianos and percussion), with vocal selections from “West Side Story,” “Candide,” “On the Town,” “Mass,” “A Little Night Music” (Stephen Sondheim), and glorious songs and ensembles from “Songfest” for vocal sextet; featuring pianist Gulimina Mahamuti, flutist Sandy Kauffman, and percussionists Sarah Drewal and Maria Perez Mendoza.

Gregg Pauley and George Lopez, pianos. Friday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. This entry in the ongoing Brahms series includes his “Variations on a Theme by Haydn” (Opus 56b) and the “Sonata for Two Pianos in F Minor” (Opus 34b), a transcription of a string quintet which was also transcribed as the celebrated piano quintet.

Anna Webber’s Simple Trio: “Idiom.” Friday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. Called “one of the most exciting new arrivals on the New York avant-garde jazz scene” by Peter Margasak in the Chicago Reader, New York-based composer, saxophonist, and flutist Anna Webber has been working with her Simple Trio since 2013. Tonight they perform a new collection of music highlighting what the New York Times has called their “fulminous, intense collective improvisation.”

Dr. Jack Burt, trumpet; Ryu Mitsuhashi, violin; and Dr. Laura Artesani, piano. Friday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. The trio performs music by Albinoni, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, and Eric Ewazen.

Bowdoin College Concert Band, John P. Moreneau, director: “Friends III.” Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m. The third performance of the “Friends” trilogy features a guest appearance by Dr. Jack Burt, Professor of Music at the University of Maine, who appears as soloist on classic works for trumpet, including Kent Kennan’s “Sonata for Trumpet” and Philip Sparke’s “Song and Dance.” The program also includes a tribute to the 20th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting with a performance of Frank Ticheli’s “American Elegy,” and works by Johann de Meij, Haydn Wood, and John Williams.

Music at the Bauhaus. Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

(in the Tillotson Room in Gibson Hall). Frank Mauceri, Senior Lecturer in Music, and Bowdoin students perform Igor Stravinsky’s “The Soldier’s Tale,” Paul Hindemith’s song cycle “The Life of Mary,” and other compositions associated with the Bauhaus, the legendary German art school. Organized in conjunction with the “Modernism for All: The Bauhaus at 100,” on view at the Museum of Art.

Cauca Ancestral. Friday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. The group performs traditional marimba and percussion music, religious drumming, and spirituals recreating daily life and ritual practice among the Afro-Colombian communities of the Pacific coast rainforests of Colombia and Ecuador, designated Intangible Cultural Patrimony of Humanity by Unesco and rarely presented in the United States.

George Lopez and Guests. Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. The Brahms series concludes with works including a violin sonata and the horn trio.

Middle Eastern Ensemble. Monday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. Directed by Eric LaPerna and Amos Libby, the group performs classical and contemporary music from the Arabic and Ottoman Turkish traditions. The ensemble performs on traditional Middle Eastern musical instruments like the oud (Middle Eastern lute) and qanun (72-stringed Middle Eastern zither), along with Middle Eastern percussion and some Western instruments.

Bowdoin Orchestra, George Lopez, director. Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. The concert features Respighi’s “Pines of Rome” and the opening movement of Mozart’s “Piano Concerto No. 21,” with Hyungyu Lee ’19 on piano.

Jazz Nights. Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, at 7:30 p.m. Students coached by Frank Mauceri and Titus Abbott perform two different programs featuring various jazz ensembles.

Bowdoin Chamber Choir: “In Praise of Maria and Cecilia.” Saturday, May 4 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. (in the Bowdoin Chapel). The Chamber Choir performs songs, both sacred and secular, inspired by the Virgin Mary and Cecilia, patron saint of music. Composers include Leonard Bernstein, Benjamin Britten, Vivian Fine, Patty Griffin, Giovanni Palestrina, and a new work by Professor of Music Vineet Shende, who will also direct the ensemble.

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**Thursday, Feb. 7**  
China Program Series. 12 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Joseph W. McDonnell of USM’s Muskie School of Public Service discusses U.S. policy towards China. Free. 333-6640.

Theater: “Peter and the Starcatcher.” 7:30 p.m. The Theater Project, 14 School St., Brunswick. This prequel to the Peter Pan story is a humorous adventure for all ages. Again 2/8-10, 14-17 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$20/15/10. 729-8584; theaterproject.com.

**Friday, Feb. 8**  
Senior College Luncheon. 12 p.m. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. Southworth Planetarium director Edward Gleason discusses the ongoing quest to discover a planet beyond Pluto. Optional lunch \$8; reserve by noon on 2/6 at 753-6510.

**Saturday, Feb. 9**  
Sleigh Day. 12 to 3 p.m. Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane, No. Yarmouth. This annual event features sleigh rides (\$), vintage sleigh demonstrations, and museum exhibits. Dress warmly. Concessions avail. 829-5708.

Genealogy Conference. 2 p.m. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Programs on “Grave-stones of New England” and the Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; pres. by Andro. Historical Soc. Free. 784-0586.

Concert: Rob Duquette and Amanda Panda. 3 p.m. Annex, Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This special children’s concert will have kids laughing, singing, and dancing. Adults \$10, kids 11- \$5. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Bean & Casserole Supper. 4:45. Calvary United Methodist Church, 59 Sabbatus St., Lewiston. Baked beans, hot dogs, assorted hot casseroles, salads, deserts, and more. Bartlett St. entrance. \$8/3 782-3221; www.calvarylewiston.com.

Supper. 5 to 6 p.m. United Methodist Church, corner of Rte. 121 and Empire Rd., Minot. \$7 adults; \$5 kids ages 7-12; free for kids 6 and under.

Audiobody. 7 p.m. Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This thrilling show for all ages combines comedy, technology, juggling, computerized LED lights, and music. \$15/10. 783-1585; FrancoCenter.org.

Concert: Atlantic Brass Quintet. 7:30 p.m. Olin Arts Center, 75 Russell St., Bates College, Lewiston. They perform works by Lutoslawski, Bach, Robert Patterson, and a compilation of Balkan dance music. Tix \$15 at batesconcerts.eventbrite.com.

Concert: Duquette. 7:30 p.m. Annex, Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Rob Duquette and his band perform songs from his new album of contemporary alternative music, “This Time.” \$15 (\$12 adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

**Sunday, Feb. 10**  
Lewiston Winter Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

**Monday, Feb. 11**  
China Program Series. 12 p.m. Auburn Public Library. The series hosts a discussion of the book “Little Soldiers: An American Boy, A Chinese School, and the Global Race to Achieve,” by Lenora Chu. Free. 333-6640.

Author Visit. 7 p.m. Room G52, Pettengill Hall, Alumni Walk, Bates College, Lewiston. Environmental scientist Michael SanClements discusses his book “Plastic Purge.” Free. jbelive2@bates.edu.

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**  
Exit Planning for Business Owners. 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Part 2 of this three-part series is “Know Your Options: Open Market Sale, Family Transitions, and Selling to Employees.” Free. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

China Program Series. 3 p.m. Auburn Public Library. The series concludes with a hands-on program on Chinese paper-cutting; pres. by the Confucius Institute. Free. 333-6640.

Card and Chocolate Making Program. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Makerspace, second floor, Lewiston Public Library. All materials provided; teens and adults only. Free, but supplies limited; adv. registration recommended. 513-3135; LPLReference@gmail.com.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**  
Rotary Breakfast Club Meeting. 7 a.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. The guest speaker is Katie Lisnik, new Executive Director of the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society. All welcome; breakfast \$15.

Lisbon Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. MTM Center, 19 School St., Lisbon Falls (park, enter at rear). Camera enthusiast and collector Steve Carlson presents “Cameras, Unique in Design and Purpose.” Free. 353-8510; LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

**Thursday, Feb. 14**  
Chamber Breakfast. 7 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 14 Great Falls Plaza, Auburn. This month’s speaker is CEO Lisa DeSisto of Maine Today Media; pres. by L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce. \$35 (\$22 members). Register at www.LAMetro-Chamber.com.

Great Falls Forum. Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Bates College Assoc. Prof. Senem Aslan discusses “Populism and the Politics of Emotion.” Free. Bring your bag lunch. 513-3135; LPLReference@gmail.com.

Author Visit. 2 p.m. Andro. Community Room,

Auburn Public Library. Lewiston resident Mark Griffin discusses his groundbreaking new biography of Rock Hudson, “All that Heaven Allows.” Free.

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**Saturday, Feb. 16**  
Rotary Club Auction. 5 to 9 p.m. Carriage House, 1119 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Preview, buffet dinner, cash bar, entertainment, raffles; live auction starts at 8:00; proceeds benefit local projects and charities. \$20. Reserve tix by 2/9 at www.eventbrite.com.

**Sunday, Feb. 17**  
Lewiston Winter Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

**Saturday, Feb. 23**  
Bean Supper. 5 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Baked beans, casseroles, hot dogs, coleslaw, bread, beverages and pies; entertainment by the Park Avenue Pickers at 4:30 p.m. \$8/4 (kids ages 4- free). 782-3972.

**Sunday, Feb. 24**  
Lewiston Winter Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

**Tuesday, Feb. 26**  
Exit Planning for Business Owners. 12 to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Part 3 of this three-part series is “Achieve Your Goals: Un-

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derstanding the Financial, Tax and Legal Issues.” Free. Register at www.LAMetro-Chamber.com.

**Monday, Mar. 4**  
Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss “Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City,” by Matthew Desmond. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

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meaning of intimacy. “The Jungle Book,” June 29 through August 15. Follow the rambunctious and curious man-cub Mowgli and his adopted jungle family: Baloo the Bear, Bagheera the panther, and all the beasts who call the mysterious wilderness home. This fast-paced retelling keeps audiences on the edge of their seats as Mowgli tries to escape the clutches of Shere Kahn and find the true meaning of home. “Sense and Sensibility,” September 12 through 22. Reason and passion collide in this beloved tale of sisterhood and romance. Marianne and Elinor Dashwood could not be more different. Marianne is exuberant, impetuous, and recklessly romantic. Elinor is practical, thoughtful, and confoundingly reserved. Through a series of romantic misadventures, the girls

come to realize that the key to happiness may not lie in fiery passion or strict reason, but somewhere in between.

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Bowdoin Chorus. Sunday, May 5 at 3 p.m. and Monday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. The Bowdoin Chorus and Mozart Mentors Orchestra present Ernest Bloch’s monumental “Sacred Service-Avodath Hakodesh,” directed by Anthony Antolini ’63 and featuring baritone soloist Cantor Scott Sokol. “The Sacred Service,” written in 1930-33, is a setting of the Sabbath Morning Service in Hebrew and English from “The American Union Prayer Book for Jewish Worship.” The performances will be dedicated to the victims of the violence at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Coastal Youth Orchestra: “CYO at BSO.” Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. The Bowdoin Symphony Orchestra hosts the Coastal Youth Orchestra, a community initiative to support a local music program through mentoring youth in the Greater Brunswick area.

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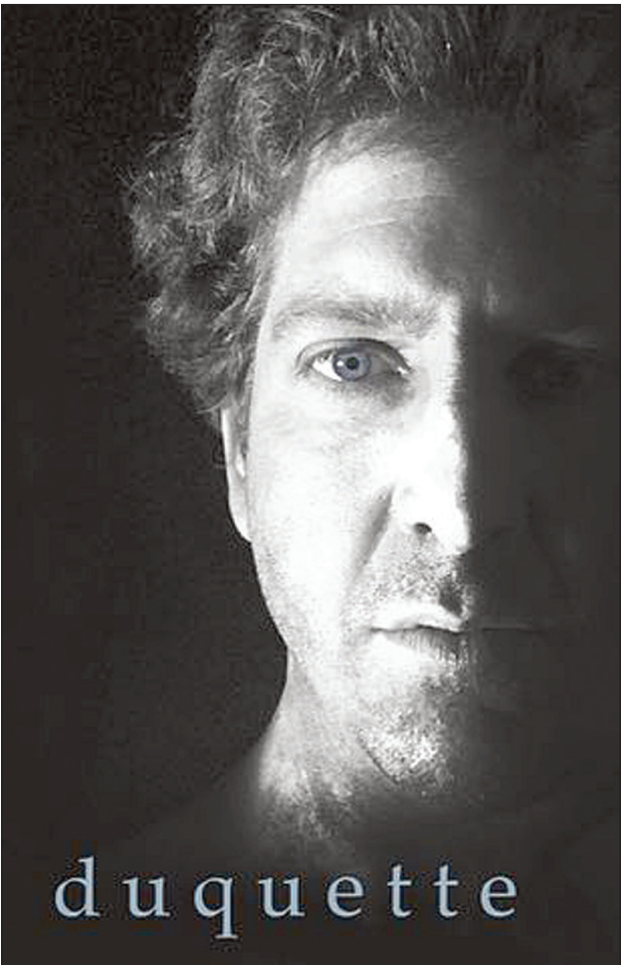
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Versatile musician to play double-bill at Chocolate Church



Duquette's performance with Amanda Panda at 3 p.m. will have kids laughing, singing, and dancing.

Singer-songwriter-musician Rob Duquette will present two concerts at the Chocolate Church Arts Center annex in Bath on Saturday, February 9. The first at 3 p.m. will be a children's program with Amanda Panda. The second at 7:30 p.m. will be a concert for adults

with his full band, Duquette, featuring selections from his recently released album of contemporary alternative music, "This Time." The afternoon show with Amanda Panda will have children laughing, singing, and dancing. Duquette's children's songs

are filled with fun stories and memorable lyrics. But Rob Duquette's musical interests extend far beyond children's music. As a talented multi-instrumentalist, he has forged a successful career as a well-respected and in-demand sideman, most notably as a member of Jonathan Edwards' touring band. He has also played with other notables such as Jack Sonni (of Dire Straits) and the legendary composer David Amram. In the early 2000s, he gained national attention as part of the jazz-folk-pop group Cactus Highway, which the Boston Herald called "a duo of true sophistication" and the Village Voice called "amazing." Rob Duquette has been on a national solo tour for much of 2018. His evening concert will be a rare local opportunity to see him perform with his full band, which features talented musicians Jake Sturtevant on keys, John Kumnick on bass, and guitarist Dave Gutter of Rustic Overtones. They will perform selections from his new album, "This Time." Inspired by his studies of pan-African and North American musical traditions, the album reveals the depths of his songwriting and musical prowess. Tickets for Rob Duquette with Amanda Pan-



His performance with his full band at 7:30 p.m. will feature selections from his recently released album of contemporary alternative music, "This Time."

da at 3 p.m. are \$5 for children under 12 and \$10 for adults. Tickets for Duquette at 7:30 p.m. are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 442-8455 or online at [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).



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