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A Special Summer Event - *World Goes 'Round*

County Players will offer a summer musical production, *World Goes 'Round*, a stunning revue of the beloved songs of John Kander and Fred Ebb. Opening night will be Friday, July 14 at 8:00 p.m. at the County Players Falls Theatre in Wappingers Falls. Subsequent performances will be July 15, 21, and 22 at 8:00 p.m. Director *Anna Marie Martino* is thrilled to be working with a very talented cast, orchestra, and production crew. Rounding out the production staff is *Joel Flowers* as Musical Director and *David Mossey* as Choreographer.

“Sometimes you're happy and sometimes you're sad – but the world goes 'round.” Life – with its glories, indignities, hopes, and quiet dreams – is the subject of this stunning revue. This collection of songs is absolutely delightful and is filled with humor, romance, drama, nonstop melody and brassy, insightful lyrics, *The World Goes 'Round* is a thrilling celebration of life and the fighting spirit that keeps us all going.

The vast range of human experience is explored in song after impeccable song by one of Broadway's most daring and successful teams and masters of the heart-grabbing Broadway showstopper. This glittering revue features unforgettable gems from throughout their incredible career in theatre, film, and television, spotlighting songs from *Cabaret*, *Chicago*, *Funny Lady*, *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*, *New York, New York* and more. This show is one of the most memorable, well-constructed revues since *Ain't Misbehavin'*, with a small, multi-talented cast, gorgeous vocal arrangements, sizzling orchestrations, and delightfully inventive staging. The cast includes *Sue Beberwyk*, *George Conrad*, *Megan McGarvey*, *Lou Medina*, *Mary Ellen Petti*, *Amy Schaffer*, and *Kate Schwarz*.

World Goes 'Round is filled with so many great musical numbers, such as *All That Jazz*, *New York, New York*, *Mr. Cellophane*, *There Goes the Ball Game*, *How Lucky Can You Get*, *Colored Lights*, *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*, *Maybe This Time*, *Ring Them Bells*, *Money, Money*, *Cabaret*, and of course, *The World Goes 'Round!*

Don't miss this opportunity to spend a relaxing summer evening enjoying these wonderful songs. **Special summer event ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children under 12 years of age.** Call the box office at 845-298-1491 for reservations. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Auditions

◆ Don't touch that dial! Stay tuned for Tuna! *Greater Tuna* is the hilarious comedy about Texas' third smallest town, where the Lion's Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies. Only two performers play all the eclectic men, women, children and animals that make up the town that is home to this charming satire on life in rural America. You won't find the town of Tuna on any authorized map of Texas. But, for a brief moment, you will be able to find it on our stage, where the Tuna townsfolk will pursue their pleasures and air their prejudices. This play is too funny to capture in words so join us as we perform this unforgettable two-man quick-change extravaganza. It's guaranteed to be a rompin' stompin' good time. And remember, they don't call it *Greater Tuna* for nothing! Auditions for *Greater Tuna* will be held on **Sunday and Monday, July 16 and 17 at 7:00 p.m.** at the theatre. Director *Christine Crawfis* is looking to cast two men to play MANY roles. Production dates are September 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30, 2006. For information contact Production Manager *Peter Edman* at 845-297-7521.

◆ Auditions for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* will be held **Sunday and Monday, August 27 and 28 at 7:00 p.m.** at the theatre. Needed are a large cast of men and a few women, as well as a children's chorus. For more details contact Director *Tom Lawrence* at 845-485-5848.

◆ Auditions for A.R. Gurney's *The Cocktail Hour* to be directed by *Jeff Wilson* will be held **Sunday and Monday, November 12 and 13 at 7:00 p.m.** at the theatre.

Box Office Info

World Goes 'Round is not part of County Players regular season and season subscribers do not automatically have reserved seats for this production. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact the box office with your credit card or inquire as to the hours when the box office will be open.

Season Tickets (also known as member subscriptions) are available now through September. Membership flyers have been mailed to our mailing list but if we somehow missed you or you have misplaced your flyer, you can download a copy from our website (www.countyplayers.org) or you can pick one up in the lobby when you come to see *World Goes 'Round*.



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President’s Message

Our May musical, *Gypsy*, closed out the year with rave reviews from our audience members. Sincere congratulations to Director *Rian Keating*, Musical Director *Tom Lawrence*, and Choreographer *Jennifer Turoff* for the hard work you put in to make this show another CP success! Also – BRAVO to the *cast, crew, and orchestra* for your participation in this great show!

At the June 20 transition meeting, the County Players Board of Governors re-elected the same slate of officers to lead the way for 2006-2007. At our July meeting, we will be discussing the year ahead, especially to determine projects that need to be completed. In addition, our 50th anniversary is just around the corner, and a committee was formed to begin to plan for special events that will take place during that GOLDEN year!

Our most recent building enhancement project was the replacement of several of our theatre doors. Take note of the new steel doors that are located on the far front outside of our building, as well as the set of doors that are located on the each side of the interior of the theatre. Unseen to the general public is an up-stairs emergency exit door that was also replaced. Many thanks to *Doug Woolley* for heading up this project!

Rehearsals for our July musical event *World Goes ‘Round* are well underway. We put together a very talented cast, crew, and orchestra that will provide you with a delightful evening of some of the most memorable Kander and Ebb songs. Production dates are July 14, 15, 21, and 22 at 8:00 p.m. Ticket order forms were mailed in May to those on our mailing list. Please plan to join us at one of the four performances scheduled – it’s going to be a fantastic summer evening of musical entertainment! You can also reserve your tickets now by calling the Box Office at 845-298-1491.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, thank you for your continued support to County Players! We look forward to seeing you at *World Goes ‘Round!*

Best regards,

CP History – Correction!

Thanks to *Tim Durniak* for this correction . . .

In February 1986, County Players did not produce a show. At that time our seasons were less structured and the Board chose to put their efforts into the spring musical that year and skip the mid-winter production.

The winter “show” was the reconstruction of the theatre lobby directed by *Tim Durniak*, assisted by *John Gates, Doug Woolley* and it featured a *huge ensemble cast*.

At that time County Players had an entrenched schedule of four shows, but in order to facilitate renovating the lobby without hiring a general contractor, the company did not produce a winter show and opted to use the volunteer resources to renovate the lobby instead.

The project’s scope initially was “just the lobby” but as walls were removed the scope was enlarged to encompass the replacement of the electrical system, fabricating/enlarging the dressing rooms, removing the onstage ceiling, and providing better access to the backstage spaces.

This renovation set the stage for the follow-on alterations on the stage proper and the house, which, thankfully, included the hiring of contractors so as not to drain as too many resources away from a theatre production.

The renovation ended the day the musical *Bye, Bye Birdie* opened – the last screws being driven and paint being applied literally as patrons were walking into the theatre!

Jeff Sculley and Mary Ellen Petti
May 2006 production of *Gypsy*

