



## Newsletter

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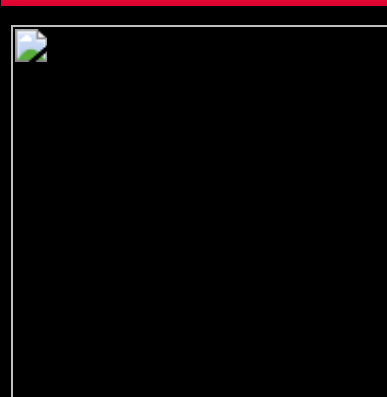
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PLAYLAB to feature OMNIPHOBIA

First ever Art Raffle!

### Spotlight



**Tom Handel** plays the role of JERRY LOGAN, a former tenant farmer become successful millionaire, in *A Cherry Orchard* in Maine.

Tom studied acting at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts East, Colby College and Columbia University. He has acted in and/or directed plays for River Company, Lincoln County Community Theater, Heartwood, Snowlion Rep, Footlights Theatre and Lyric Theater. Favorite roles include Charlie and 7 other roles in *Stones in His Pockets*, Jerry in *Zoo Story*, Billy in *Carousel*, Eric in *Hughie*, Howie in *Rabbit Hole* and a variety of roles in *Anything Helps God Bless*. He most recently played Lord Henry in The Theater Project's production of *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.

Tom is also Executive Director of Portland Media Center (PMC), formerly the Community Television Network. PMC trains residents of the greater Portland area to use their studio and field production equipment, so that they can make their own TV shows to air on cable Channel 5. He also has worked in the social service field with people with intellectual disabilities, attends the Nagaloka Buddhist Center regularly and volunteers at the Cumberland County Jail. He is from New Jersey and currently lives in Portland.

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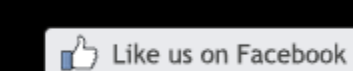
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Or learn all about Snowlion Rep in our  
short INTRO VIDEO  
by clicking the picture below!



Snowlion Rep  
is  
Theater  
Made in  
Maine

Our re: line above is actually a line from our world premiere play - did you know that there are cherry orchards in Maine? Not many. But the one Snowlion Rep will offer onstage, opening April 20th, is unique!

Based on Anton Chekhov's classic comedy *The Cherry Orchard*, our new adaptation entitled *A Cherry Orchard in Maine...* takes place in mid-coast Maine. This is the show to see this spring - funny, quirky, moving and pertinent to today's issues. Come see your home state as the setting for this classic tale!

Sincerely,

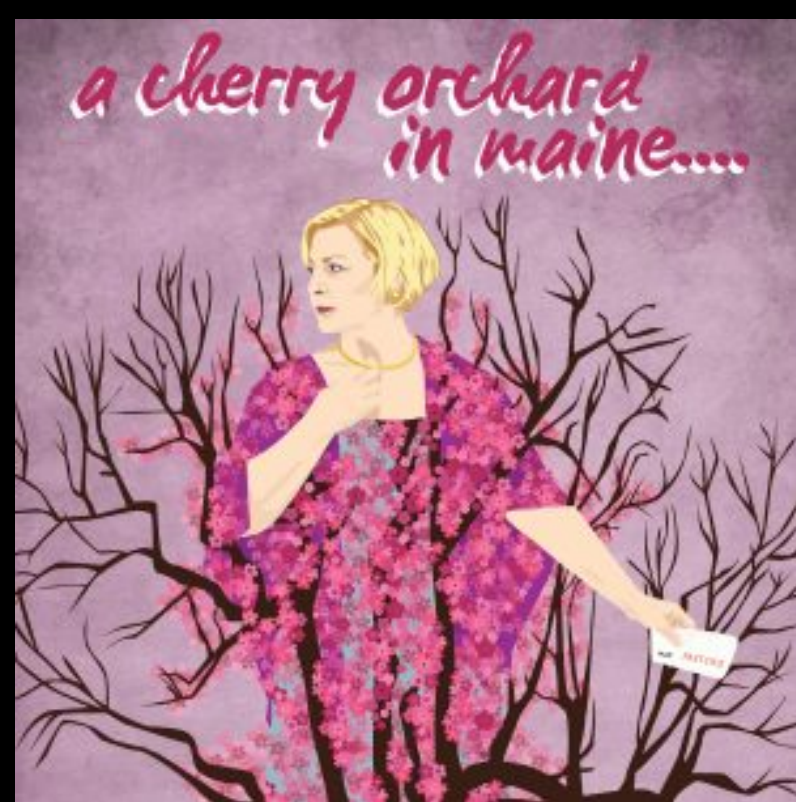
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*A Cherry Orchard in Maine...*  
world premiere!



Cast members: Dea, Kim Gordon, Casey Turner, David Lee Vincent, Andre T. Demers, Laura Houck, Meredith Dehne Lindsey, David Arthur Badrach, Christopher Horton, Mary Randall, Holly Brown, Tom Handel and Jonathon D. Raines in *A Cherry Orchard in Maine...*

An ancestral farm with a unique cherry orchard in mid-coast Maine is about to be auctioned off for tax debt, and the soon-to-be-displaced family and their friends are at loggerheads as to what to do - Develop the land? Abandon the property? Throw a party and forget about it? Twelve unforgettable characters come together to determine the fate of the cherry orchard, and in the process, find out where they fit - or don't fit - in the changing face of Maine.



*The Cherry Orchard* is a beloved Chekhov classic, and in this timely updating of the play, set in Knox County, issues of surprising contemporary relevance are given new life and focus, such as the effects of gentrification, the burgeoning homeless problem, shifting family dynamics, progressive politics, gender identification, and the clash between old and new money, old and new values, and old and new ways of living in a rapidly changing society.  
Bonus: It's a comedy!

*A Cherry Orchard in Maine...* will have seven performances:

Friday April 20 at 7:30 pm  
Saturday April 21 at 7:30 pm  
Sunday April 22 at 2:00 pm  
Thursday April 26 at 7:30 pm  
Friday April 27 at 7:30 pm  
Saturday April 28 at 7:30 pm  
Sunday April 29 at 2:00 pm

Performances are at the Portland Ballet Studio Theater, 517 Forest Avenue, Portland. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at our website or by calling (207) 518-9305. For more info, visit [snowlionrep.org](http://snowlionrep.org)

Upcoming PLAYLAB features  
a new devised theater piece

## Omniphobia



by Al D'Andrea

OMNIPHOBIA is a funny and razor-sharp look at fear in modern society that was developed with an ensemble of actors playing multiple roles (allegorical characters like Apprehension or Dread, fairy tale folk like Chicken Little, privileged college students, crazy politicians, even a neo-druid). Come be part of the final development of this script as it makes its way to production!

PLAYLAB will be held at the Portland Ballet Studio Theater **Tuesday April 24 at 7:00 p.m.** Audience talkback follows.  
See you at the theater!

Own an original painting by a Portland  
artist for only \$10



Snowlion Rep is thrilled to present our first ever  
ART RAFFLE!

This original work on canvas by Portland artist Ronnie Wilson will be the prize for the raffle, which will be held during the run of *A Cherry Orchard in Maine...*

For only \$10 each chance, with a guaranteed limit of 50 chances sold, you can own an original art piece by a Maine artist, and help support Snowlion Rep's mission of bringing exciting new work to the stage!

Chances will be sold at the theater box office, but if you can't wait, call (207) 518-9305 today to purchase your raffle tickets today! The drawing will be held after the final show on April 29 and the painting will be personally delivered!

For more information, contact Margit at [margit@snowlionrep.org](mailto:margit@snowlionrep.org) or gives us a call.

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Snowlion Rep is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation that relies on your tax-deductible donations to exist. Theater feeds the soul, so "eat local" and support local theater!

