

THE LION'S ROAR

NEWSLETTER

Snowlion Rep is THEATER MADE IN MAINE!



A **remarkable thing** happened Halloween weekend. Live theater Made in Maine by Snowlion Rep returned - a new 150-seat performing venue was launched in Freeport - and audiences were treated to a funny, dishy, heartfelt visit with one of Maine's most beloved residents, Margaret Hamilton - the Wicked Witch herself!

And there's more to come! Check out our upcoming offerings in FALMOUTH and FREEPORT and know that we're Covid compliant, and **bringing top-shelf productions** by top-notch professionals of new works that will make you laugh, think, and celebrate the return of live performances and safely gathering with the community. Read on!

MY WITCH soars in world premiere!

For our very first outing after being shut down during the pandemic, Snowlion Rep got together with New York's Fat Knight Theater as a co-producer to present the world premiere of John Ahlin's play *MY WITCH: Margaret Hamilton's Stories of Maine, Hollywood, and Beyond!* starring Jean Taferl as **the iconic Maine resident** who was unforgettable as the Wicked Witch of the West. The show made its debut on Halloween weekend as the very first production at a brand new performing venue, Meetinghouse Arts, in the heart of downtown Freeport.



The **performances were sold out**, the actress received standing ovations, and Snowlion Rep produced a gorgeous show. Several local businesses, thrilled to have a professional company presenting theater at the new venue, took out program ads. The audiences were effusive, the board and staff of the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Freeport (who run Meetinghouse Arts) were impressed and grateful for the exposure the show brought to their new space, and the whole community turned out to support the venture.



MY WITCH represented **the exact kind of show** Snowlion Rep seeks to bring to Maine audiences. It was developed by the company through a staged reading and a benefit performance, and went through a thorough rehearsal process with director Al D'Andrea; it concerned a subject matter dear to Mainers, that of the life of Maine resident Ms Margaret Hamilton and stories of her life and career – the setting of the show being her Maine cottage on Cape Island; and it brought together a diverse community, with local businesses and audience members from all over the area taking part - from Freeport, Yarmouth, Falmouth, Portland, Brunswick, even Boothbay! The show then went on to tour in New York State to rave reviews!



Perhaps most meaningfully to us, however, this production provided a way for people to experience a live event once more, to combat the darkness of the pandemic and other worldly concerns, **and to come together in the spirit of art and creativity** in a celebration of a life well lived. We could not be prouder of our mission and how it was fully achieved in our production of *MY WITCH*.

[Read press coverage and reviews at our special MY WITCH page](#)

Next up: Witty world premiere *Think You Might Be Wrong* comes to Falmouth!

THINK YOU MIGHT BE WRONG by Chris Newcomb is a co-production of Snowlion Repertory Company and ARTernatives. This collection of funny, clever, honest, and heart-string-pulling tales is woven into a **full evening of thought-provoking delight** that's sure to have you wondering, "Am I wrong about that?" *Think You Might Be Wrong* will make you think twice, or even thrice, about everything you think you believe, and when that happens, watch the magic unfold!



This world premiere performs for one week only, **March 2 through 6**, at the Footlights Theater, 190 U.S. 1 in Falmouth. Do not miss this tour-de-force performance by one of Maine's treasures, Chris Newcomb!

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Even more news, and a WISH for the new year!

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS

Because Snowlion Rep scheduled a three-show season for 2021-22, we were able to offer **SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS**, and had a number of takers! Those VIPs receive 15% off of the total ticket price for three shows as well as the seating of their choice, and we get a solid base of supporters – win-win for us all!



Snowlion Rep received a project grant from the **Maine Arts Commission** to support their work on *MY WITCH*. This grant was essential to help us offset the impact from the pandemic, in the form of rising costs, revenue losses, and the continuing overhead needed to operate during these challenging times.



Having relocated its offices to **Boothbay Harbor**, Snowlion Rep is exploring the possibility of bringing a summer theater program to the Boothbay region, which has not had any summer theater offerings since the closure of the famed Boothbay Playhouse. Since there is little infrastructure to support a professional theater, we are looking at alternative spaces, while also learning about the needs and wants of the local populace as we consider if such a program is feasible.

So much good news, but as always, WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT! The pandemic continues to present challenges for the company - grants provide **only a portion** of the costs to operate. **If you take a moment to send us a much needed tax-deductible donation, we can continue our mission of bringing new works of cultural, ethical, and spiritual value to audiences in Maine and beyond.**

And please know how GRATEFUL we are to have your continued support. EARTH, without ART, is only 'eh' so THANK YOU for helping us make art to bring light to all!

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Our Safety Protocol

Snowlion Rep is following the example of area theaters and asking patrons to provide proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID test when arriving at the theater, as well as to wear masks inside our facilities at all times. Our cast and staff are all fully vaccinated and masked when not actually performing.

We want everyone to feel safe at our performances. If our policy changes and any restrictions are lifted, we will let our audiences know.

We ask for your understanding as we navigate these difficult times. We are looking forward to continuing to present live performances, and we can't wait to SEE YOU AT THE THEATER!

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