

THE LION'S ROAR

NEWSLETTER



Snowlion Rep is THEATER MADE IN MAINE!

You may be done with winter, but come July, when temps can soar into the 90s, you'll be ready for some Christmas cheer - and what better way to cool off than spend time with some delightful Dickensian characters in the bright English countryside, or even the chilly underbelly of London town? Read more about a **three-city tour** of *The Christmas Bride in Concert!*

The Christmas Bride in Concert

"When you have the right show, right cast and right space, why wait?"

So said the **Portland Press-Herald** when *The Christmas Bride* was first presented to sold-out houses in Portland as Snowlion Rep's inaugural venture. Now, a new version - *The Christmas Bride in Concert* - makes its debut in three Maine cities - Freeport, Portland, and Boothbay Harbor!

THE CHRISTMAS BRIDE (IN CONCERT)



Eleven extraordinary singer/actors will perform this delightful musical romance that follows young Marion Jeddler on a journey of discovery through a landscape filled with characters only Charles Dickens can create. This joyous tale of love lost and found, home and family, faith and forgiveness features a lovely, lively musical theater score and is **perfect for all ages!**

Join us for some **Christmas in July** at one of our three venues:

Sat July 8 at 7 pm -**Meetinghouse Arts**, Freeport

Sun July 9 at 3 pm -**St Lawrence Arts**, Portland (talkback follows the show)

Tues July 11 at 7 pm - the**Opera House** at Boothbay Harbor

All seats only \$20!

A Letter to the Governor

Recently, David Greenham, Exec Director of the Maine Arts Commission, asked arts organizations throughout the State of Maine to **write a letter** to Governor Mills, congratulating her on her second inauguration and informing her of the great contributions made by the arts economy.

Governor Mills received those letters (bound in book format) with delight, and the book now sits on a coffee table at the Blaine House for all to sample.



Here is the text of **Snowlion Rep's letter**, included in that book:

To: Governor Janet T. Mills

Greetings from Snowlion Repertory Company, a non-profit small professional theater company serving the greater Portland and Freeport regions, and soon to expand to the Boothbay region as the Boothbay Summer Theater!

Congratulations on winning a second term – we never had any doubt you would squarely

beat our neighbor up the road in Edgecomb. ☺ Here in Boothbay Harbor, we live next door to a lobsterman, socialize with our real estate agent, and visit with the carpenter who renovated our kitchen, who also happens to be a First Selectman. The lives of a wide variety of Mainers intersect and are tightly interwoven, we have come to learn, and as a company that provides thought-provoking, socially relevant, and spiritually curious new works for the stage that are vastly entertaining, we regularly observe how the arts economy drives so much that is good about living in Maine. Our audience members come from all walks of life, our shows are cast as multi-ethnically as possible in Maine from a great reserve of talent, and our sponsors are businesses that range in focus from chiropractic to banking to retail to restaurants. They support us, we support them, and the arts economy continues to fuel the way life should be.

The economics of doing theater are somewhat ridiculous. One simply cannot mount shows of any quality, and pay people as we do, on the revenue from ticket sales. We depend on support from foundations and corporations, and of course from the government. We are proud that the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Humanities Council, and the Maine Community Foundation are among our most stalwart grantors. Every dollar that's awarded by these and other supporters goes directly into the pockets of our actors, designers, and staff as stipends, with which they in turn pay for goods and services in the communities in which they live. A great web of economic flow is created every time we mount a production, and our shows are a reason for people to get out, go to restaurants and bars, shop and see new parts of town, and of course, laugh and learn and examine their lives, the way only a live performance of a new play or musical can make happen.

Governor Mills, we want to thank you for all you do for our state, and to encourage you to continue to support the arts. We are but one of many clamoring voices you must attend to, but we believe the arts, theater among them, bring joy and meaning and unforgettable experiences to those whose lives we all touch. Congratulations, and we cannot wait for the next four years!

THANKS to all the great organizations who contributed, and thanks to David for his foresight and creativity in bringing the Arts to the Governor's attention!

Snowlion Rep to Debut in BBH!



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Spread the word
Sign our email list
and most importantly
MAKE A DONATION

**The Davis Family Foundation has pledged
a sizeable grant, but only *IF*
we can raise substantial funds towards our Year 1 goal.**

If you'd like to help us secure that grant, please send a donation
of *any* amount - it will go towards helping
this vital area of Maine, the Boothbay region,
host a high-quality professional summer theater
and bring a new economic driver to one of
Vacationland's most iconic spots!

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