

## Press Releases for – 2017 -(Sponsorship)

**TOWN WIDE YARD SALES...**The Friends of the Town Hall are going to open their doors during the Town Wide Yard Sale Day on Saturday, August 5 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Vendors/community members can rent an 8 x 10 space in the upper hall for \$25. A limited number of 6' tables can also be rented for \$5 each. The Friends will open on Friday August 4 if people want to set up ahead of time from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We will list you on the town map so people will know who, how many and what you might have available.

### **Saturday, April 22...7:30 pm**

**Ladies Night Out Concert** Ladies' Night Out Women's Chorus, Rutland County's premiere women's chorus will be performing "Choir Favorites, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" in the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 pm. This is the Town Hall's opening event for 2017. Songs consist of Classic, Renaissance, Jazz and 50's Pop Classics, Traditional, Spirituals, 21<sup>st</sup> Century selections plus their signature Hymn at the end of the performance, "How Can I Keep From Singing?", a Quaker Hymn arranged by Gwyneth Walker and all willing singers from the audience are welcome to come up on stage and sing with them. Lucy Allen Tenenbaum is the conductor and director of Ladies' Night Out Women's Chorus. She has led the group since 1999 and welcomes new singers at the beginning of each season, September and January. This is a Free Will Donation Event. *Sponsored by, Sally Wood, Nifty Thrifty, Lucy & Dick Rouse, Marc & Arlyn Brierre, Lake Sunapee Bank.*

### **Saturday, April 29...7:30 pm**

**Alex Smith and The Rough & Tumble Band...** Alex Smith, a Leicester resident when not touring, moved to Vermont from the Adirondack Mountains in Northern New York. He is a Nationally-touring songwriter playing songs from his latest release "Close To Home". His music strives first and foremost to echo the people and the culture of that area. The music moves between Alt-Country, Bluegrass and Folk but it's always seeking to support the feature Smith finds most important: the story. Each of Smith's characters lives and breathes a balance between beauty and imperfection. His stories draw on the triumphs and hardships of friends, relatives and neighbors near and far. Accompanying Alex is the Rough and Tumble Band, originally from Nashville, TN. They are an Americana-Folk duo with close harmonies, versatile instrumentation and deliberate songwriting with a nudge of the elbow and a tongue in the cheek. Haunting, quirky, solemn and spirited, the Rough and Tumble are **for** the faint of heart and the strong of will. The duo have 3 EP's and one double album under their belts, a year long project aptly named "The Rough and Tumble's Holiday Awareness Campaign", in which the couple wrote, recorded and released 24 songs in correlation with 24 under-appreciated, uncelebrated, or misunderstood holidays. Tickets are...Adults, \$10...Seniors (60 & over) Students (17 & under) and Military, \$8. Children 5 and under are FREE. Tickets can be purchased at the door. *Sponsored by, George & Carol Fjeld, Visual Learning Systems, Lake Sunapee Bank, Heritage Family Credit Union, Fran Bull.*

### **Saturday, May 6...7:30 pm**

**Middlebury College Community Chorus...7:30 pm...**The Middlebury College Community Chorus returns to the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 pm. Jeff Rehbach continues in his sixteenth year as director of the College Community Chorus and Timothy Guiles returns as the choir's virtuoso accompanist. This presentation of uplifting music, by the 60+ member chorus, celebrates the wonder of star-filled nights and an awakening to new possibilities, from a rarely heard song by Beethoven to traditional African music and breathtaking new works by contemporary American composers. Selections include classical works by Beethoven & Brahms, a traditional song from Zimbabwe, along with American composers Randall Thompson, Daniel Elder, and Samuel Barber. This is a Free Will Donation event. *Sponsored by, Pat Hanson, Warren & Lorraine Kimble, Andrew & Bethany Menkart, Marine Engines, Inc.*

### **Saturday, May 13...7:00 pm**

**Silent Movie, An "Our Gang" Festival...7:00 pm** Jeff Rapsis and his magic fingers return for our first silent movie of the season on Saturday, May 13, at 7:00 pm with an "Our Gang" Festival. Long before Alfalfa and Spanky starred in "The Little Rascals", audiences in the silent era enjoyed the "Our Gang" comedies that preceded them and launched the enduring phenomenon of just letting kids be kids on camera. Join us for a selection of

some of the tribe's most celebrated silent film antics. This is a Free Will Donation Event. *Sponsored by, Nancy & Gary Meffe*

**Saturday, May 20,.....7:00 pm**

**Bill Powers..."Fred Bacon & The Forest Dale Banjo Factory"**...Historian Bill Powers will present a pictorial and narrative presentation on Saturday, May 20 in the Brandon Town Hall at 7:00 pm featuring Fred J. Bacon and the Forest Dale Banjo Factory. Fred J. Bacon (1871-1948) was a world renowned banjoist who lived in Forest Dale Vermont from 1906-1915 and operated a banjo factory there. He and his wife, Cassie, were accomplished musicians. The detailed account of their Forest Dale years including a significant world-wide "musical first" and a number of anecdotes that provides "local color" to Brandon Area personages. Connections to Lake Dunmore, Brandon, Rutland, Middlebury and environs will be explored. More than 50 photographs and illustrations of that era will be displayed. This is a Free Will Donation event. *Sponsored by, George and Judith Reilly, Tom & Carolyn Whittaker*

**Sunday, May 21...7:00 pm**

**Kevin Thornton's Movie..."Death In The Wilderness – A Love Story" World Premier**

"Death In The Wilderness: A Love Story" written, produced and directed by Brandon resident Kevin Thornton with the cooperation of half the town, will return to the Brandon Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 21. This edition is the updated and final edit. This is the story of Brandonite Frankie Davenport, and her long search for the body of her husband George, who was fatally wounded in the Battle of The Wilderness on May 5, 1864. But it is also the story of our town's recovery from war. This is a free will donation event, Q & A with Kevin to follow. *Sponsored by, Lake Sunapee Bank.*

**Saturday, June 3....7:30 pm**

**"Beatles For Sale" Tribute Concert..**The Brandon Town Hall welcomes "Beatles For Sale" to the Hall on Saturday, June 3, at 7:30 pm. "Beatles For Sale" is a Beatles tribute band from Massachusetts that is committed to recreating the sounds of the Beatles live in concert. They are past recipients of regional awards such as Best Tribute Band in New England and Best Live Act. And have received several other nominations from Limelight Magazine and the Pulse Music Awards in central Massachusetts. This band delivers a fun and energetic performance complete with original instrumentation and vocal harmonies that are as accurate as possible to the original Beatles recordings. The Band was formed in 2007 and is currently embarking on their northeast "10-year Anniversary tour. They are known to cover many of the "later-era" numbers that most bands don't even try. Tickets are....Adults, \$12...Seniors (60 & up), Seniors (17 & under) and Military...\$10. Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the performance. *Sponsored by, Gayle Pilat & Laura Abel, Tom & Carolyn Whittaker, Linda & Jeff Stewart, Joe Ammatuna, Jon & Courtney Satz, John & Deb Perry, Lake Sunapee Bank.*

**Saturday, June 10...7:30 pm**

**Drum Journeys of Earth..."Voyage Of The Log People"**...This all new show from Drum Journeys Of Earth will take place in the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 pm. The show called "Voyage Of The Log People" is being put together by Limbo Lounge, a world beat group- made up of violin, key board, guitars, drums, drums, drums and newly added brass instruments, in combination with the West African Djembe Ensemble. They have performed for the past two years and are now introducing another new show. The log drum is the central instrument that will be showcased with Maoiri sticks and chants. Drums small and large, perhaps even described as huge!! You might have seen Drum Journeys Of Earth in Rutlands Halloween parade as the "Skellies" or matching in the Brandon Independence Day parade. Come and enjoy the fun, laughter and good times. Tickets...Adults, \$7....Seniors (60 & up), Students (17 & under) and Military, \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door. *Sponsored by, Pat Hanson, Ben Lawton, Anonymous Donor.*

**Saturday, June 17...7:00 pm**

**Silent Movie...W. C. Fields in "Running Wild"**...The second movie in our seasonal Silent Movie Festival, W.C. Fields in "Running Wild", takes place in the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday June 17 at 7:00 pm. In one of his best silent roles, W.C. Fields plays a hen-pecked husband who lacks the courage to stand up to his domineering wife...until an inadvertent encounter with a hypnotist completely upends the domestic status quo. Filmed in 1927

it is a great showcase for the younger Fields' abilities in pantomime and visual humor. This is a Free Will Donation Event. *Sponsored by, The Vermont Country Store.*

**Friday, June 23 & Saturday, June 24....7:30 pm**

**Brandon Town Players, "A Night Of Comedy"** The Brandon Town Players will present their Spring production, "A Night Of Comedy" in a Cabaret style. The performance will include comedy skits, short comedy radio shows and of course comedians. Tickets...Adults, \$7. Seniors, Students, Military...\$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door. *Sponsored by, Bill & Kathy Mathis, National Bank Of Middlebury.*

**Saturday, July 1....10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Independence Day Open House, Parade, Concession open...**Join us on the steps of the Town Hall to watch Brandon's incredible Independence Day Parade, cushions and chairs are available for your comfort. We will be open at 10:00 am if you want to tour the hall and learn about the history of this National Historic site. The concession area will be open to sell cool drinks, snacks, hot dogs and more. Donations to help with the restoration and repair of the hall are accepted and appreciated.

**Saturday, July 8...7:30 pm**

**"Carpenters Tribute Concert, starring Sally Olson"**...The Brandon Town Hall is proud to present Rutland native Sally Olsen in concert on Saturday, July 8 at 7:30 pm for her acclaimed "Carpenters Tribute Concert" This look alike and sound alike Vermont singer will include signature covers and hits by the Carpenters, such as "We've Only Just Begun", "(They Long To Be) Close To You", "Rainy Days and Mondays", "Superstar" and more. Sally offers commentary on the history behind the Carpenter's music, as well as Karen Carpenter's rise to fame and her sudden and tragic death at the age of thirty-two. The Carpenters Tribute Concert, debuted in January 2015 and was conceived by Bill Reed (musical director & piano) and Sally Olsen (artistic director & lead vocals). Dennis Delaney, Vermont Public Radio Commentator said "Her stunning vocals combined with state of the art video projection, vintage costumes, historical commentary and lovely arrangements, will take the audience on an incredible journey that is the world of the Carpenters." Tickets...Adults, \$8...Seniors (60 & up), Students (17 & under), Military...\$6. Tickets can be purchased at the door. *Sponsored by, New England Woodcraft, Inc. Donald & Dolores Furnari, Dorothy Leysath & Edward Loedding, Maria Ammatuna-Creative Fiber Designs, St. Pauls Lodge #25, F.& A.M, Fran Bull.*

**Saturday, July 15...7:00 pm**

**Silent Movie...Aviation Dare Devil Features.."The Phantom Flyer" & "The Sky Rider"**...This dare-devil aviation double feature from 1928 will be in the hall on Saturday, July 15 at 7:00 pm. In "The Phantom Flyer" the famous stunt pilot Al Wilson portrays a border patrol aviator who uses his flying skills to save girlfriend Mary (Lillian Gilmore) from cattle rustlers. In "The Sky Rider", join Champion the Wonder Dog as he flies along with his master Dick to foil the plot of a disinherited nephew to get even with – well its complicated!! Come see for yourself as we recreated the silent film experience (biplanes included) that caused people to first fall in love with the movies. This is a Free Will Donation Event. *Sponsored by, Steve & Pam Douglass*

**Saturday, July, 22...7:00**

**L.C. Jazz Dance Band**...The Brandon Town Hall welcomes back one of their old favorites for a night of music and dancing in the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday, July 22 at 7:00 pm. L.C. Jazz Swing Dance Band is a 17 piece volunteer Big Band with a mission, have a great time, play fantastic music and support continuing music education of area students through scholarships. Come listen and/or dance as this classic big band brings on the "swing". This is a benefit performance for the Brandon Town Hall and the L.C. Jazz Scholarship Fund. Tickets...Adults, \$8....Seniors, Students, Military, \$7, Couples...All ages, \$14. Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the performance. *Sponsored by, Walter & Nancy Salzman, Harold & Jean Somerset.*

**Friday, July 28 & Saturday, July 29...7:30 pm**

**Shakespeare On Main St..."Hamlet"**...Shakespeare On Main Street proudly presents "Hamlet" 2017. The classic play that all have had an inkling of what it is about but has not experienced the full physical, emotional and intellectual roller coaster ride that SOMS will give. Shakespeare on Main Street will offer a unique presentation of Hamlet in modern times, the language is Shakespeare's but the performance will give you a fresh experience fo

2017. A fast pace, wit, humor, and drama all wrapped in a passionate package.

Tickets, Adults...\$18, 11-18...\$14, Children 10 and under...FREE. Sorry, complimentary tickets cannot be used, this is not an FOTH sponsored event.

**Saturday, August 5...8:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Town Wide Yard Sale...# of Vendors, Concession...**This year the Friends of the Brandon Town Hall will be renting out 8 x10 spaces upstairs in the town hall for those out of town, (or in town) vendors for Brandon's popular Town Wide Yard Sale Day. We will open the day before from 4:00 – 7:00 pm for folks to set up and reopen on Saturday, August 5 at 8:00 am till 2:00 pm. Each 8 x10 space is \$25, you can rent as many spaces as you want at \$25 each on a first come, first served basis. We also have a limited number of 6' tables for rent at \$5 per table. We will be on the Chamber map with the list of vendors and will advertise on our bulletin board and in the Reporter. We cannot have engines, liquids or anything that would stain the floor if spilled. **You must registrar at least the week before** which is the last week of July, by getting in touch with Debbie Jennings at 345-3033 or [debrajennings@aol.com](mailto:debrajennings@aol.com) You can also contact Dennis Marden at 802-247-5420 or [denniswarden@gmail.com](mailto:denniswarden@gmail.com)

**Saturday, Aug 12...7:00 pm**

**Silent Movie...Buster Keaton in “Go West”**...The next installment in our Silent Movie Festival is the very funny Buster Keaton in “Go West” in the hall on Saturday, August 12, at 7:00 pm. Buster heads out to ranch country, where the stone-faced comedian encounters romance with...a cow! Can he save his love from a trip to the livestock yards? Rustle up some belly laughs as Buster must once again prove himself worthy to all those who doubt him. This is a Free Will Donation Event. *Sponsored by, Brandon/Forestdale Lions Club*

**Sunday, August 13...2:00 pm, Monday, August 14...6:30 pm Tuesday, August 15...6:30 pm**

**Auditions for Brandon Town Players Fall Production (not sure about production yet)**

**Saturday, August 19...7:30 pm**

**Old Bones Band Of Addison County...**The Old Bones Band Of Addison County are a group of mostly retired, mostly hobby musicians, mostly having fun! There are mostly 6 of them, sometimes 7 (growing old bones), sometimes less (fractured old bones). The group consists of vocal guitarists, Keith Bagley, Ed Germon, Eric Mortensen. Guitar/vocals, Bill Casavant. Mandolin/vocals, Dave Henderson. Fiddle by Libby Cram and bass/vocals, Kristin Bolton. They have been playing a a group for more than 10 years and continue to enjoy every opportunity to come together in the name of music. Their music is older country with a bit of bluegrass and gospel mixed in. It is a family show so bring everyone! Tickets, Adults...\$7. Seniors, Students, Military...\$5 Kids 5 & under, Free. *Sponsored by, Tim & Mary Shields.*

**Friday, Sept. 1...6:00-8:00 pm, Saturday, Sept. 2...2:00-4:00 pm**

**Auditions for the “4th Annual Brandon Has Talent” Talent Showcase.** If you like to sing, play an instrument, dance, play in a band or have a special talent don't miss this opportunity to perform on your Town Hall stage. This event will be a showcase of talent, no judges, no prizes, everyone a winner!!! **You must schedule a day and time to audition by calling 802-247-5420.** The Talent Show will be held on Saturday, September 9 at 7:00 pm in the Brandon Town Hall.

**Saturday, September 9...7:00 pm**

**“Brandon Has Talent” Show...**The Friends Of The Brandon Town Hall will present the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Brandon Has Talent” Show on Saturday, September 9, at 7:00 pm. This fund raiser for the Town Hall will showcase the multi-talented community members from Brandon and the surrounding area. Come see your neighbors, friends, and family as they sing, dance and entertain you. We have dropped the judging part of this event and just want everyone to have fun, enjoy themselves and see what it feels like to perform on stage. Tickets...Adults, \$7....Seniors (60 & up), Students (17 & under) & Military, \$5. Children 5 and under, FREE. Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the performance. *Sponsored by, Virginia Burgoyne Wolf, Rowe Real Estate, Harold & Jean Somerset, Lake Sunapee Bank.*

**Saturday, September 16...7:00 pm**

**Silent Movie...Harry Houdini in "Terror Island" & "The Man From Beyond"**...Saturday, September 16, at 7:00 pm brings an unlikely silent film star to the town hall. Don't miss these rare surviving films from the great illusionist's brief movie career. In "Terror Island" (1920), Houdini stars as a swashbuckling inventor who steers his high-tech submarine to a forbidden tropical isle to rescue the woman he loves. In "The Man From Beyond" (1922) Houdini plays a man frozen 100 years in the Arctic who returns to civilization to reclaim his reincarnated love. This is a Free Will Donation Event. *Sponsored by, An Anonymous Donor.*

**Friday, September 22...7:30**

**"The Grift" Dance Party...**"The Grift" is a popular club, wedding, and event band based in the Champlain Valley. Their sound defies easy categorization, blending booty-shaking grooves and improvisation with radio-friendly hooks, witty lyrics and tight vocal harmonies. "The Grift" shows are energetic and original, with members swapping instruments and occasionally playing two at a time. Their deep catalog of original music blends roots-rock and pop and jam. "The Grift" was formed by two Middlebury College grads Clint Bierman and Jeff Vallone in 1999. They are joined by Peter Day and Andrew Moroz and since then have performed 2,300+ shows in 25 states and four countries. The band plays, on average, over 125 gigs and weddings in Vermont every year with both original tunes and covers. Tickets...Adults, \$12....Seniors (60 & up) Students (17 & under) Military, \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the performance. *Sponsored by, Wayne & Kathy Rausenberger, Harold & Jean Somerset, Nifty Thrifty, Hayes Recycled Pallet, Inc. Holden Insurance, a division of the Richards Group, Fyle Brothers, Inc. Kevin & Deb Jennings.*

**Saturday, September, 30...7:00 pm**

**Dissipated 8...**Don't miss this incredible performance by Middlebury College's premier a Capella group on Saturday, September 30, at 7:00 pm in your Brandon Town Hall. The group was founded as a combination of two male quartets in 1952, singing traditional barbershop music. They are currently the fourth oldest a Capella group in the nation and sing a range of songs, from modern day pop to traditional barbershop songs. Their stage presence and comedic routines will certainly entertain you in addition to the wonderful harmonies, solos and group numbers. The group prides itself in its history and aims to preserve it while adding anew material from the modern age to its repertoire. Tickets...Adults, \$7...Seniors (60 & up) Students (17 & under) Military, \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the performance. *Sponsored by, Fred & Terry Zimmer, Pat Hanson, Andrew & Bethany Menkart, Marine Engines, Inc.*

**Friday, October 13...7:30 pm & Saturday, October 14,...7:30 pm**

**Brandon Town Players Fall Production.** *Sponsored by, Heritage Family Credit Union.*

**Saturday, October 21....7:00 pm**

**Silent Movie, Chiller Theater..."Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde"**...Just in time for Halloween, Jeff Rapsis brings "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (1920) to the Brandon Town Hall on Saturday, October 21 at 7:00 pm. John Barrymore plays both title roles in the original silent film adaptation of the classic novella by Robert Louis Stevenson. A spooktacular performance that helped establish Barrymore as one of the silent era's top stars, highlighted by Barrymore's on-camera transformations done without special effects. Join us for the finale of this season's series of silent films and live music in a wonderfully restored Town Hall in Brandon, VT. That features great acoustics. This is a Free Will Donation Event *Sponsored by, Heritage Family Credit Union, An Anonymous Donor.*

**Sunday, November 12....1:30 pm**

**No Strings Marionettes, "Scrooge, A Christmas Carol"**...The No Strings Marionettes presents this Holiday Classic, "Scrooge, A Christmas Carol" in the Brandon Town Hall, Sunday, November 12 at 1:30 pm. Your entire family will enjoy this timeless story, told through the magical artistry of puppets. Dan Baginski and Barbara Paulson bring 18 large-scale marionettes that whisk you through the Good Ole Streets of Charles Dickens' London. If the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future can awaken the forgotten love and joy within stingy Scrooge's heart, just think what the story can do to encourage the everlasting Spirit of Christmas in us all. Puppeteers Dan and Barbara have toured America for over twelve years, dazzling children and adults with their

marionette magic. Most of the time, the marionettes perform on the puppet stage, but part of each show is geared toward extending the stage into the audience's realm. These incredible puppeteers' perform in full view of the audience so they can see the mechanics of a lavish puppet show. After the performance, the audience is invited to come up on stage to inspect the marionettes and the other tools of the Puppeteers' trade. Come early and join us at 1:00 as Dan and Barbara lead us in a carol sing with all your favorite Holiday tunes. Tickets...Adults, \$7....Seniors (60 & up) Students (17 & under) Military, \$5. Children 5 and under...FREE. *Sponsored by, Pat Hanson, Kathy & Bob Clark*

**Wednesday, December 6,....4:00-8:00**

**Moonlight Madness**...The Brandon Town Hall is taking reservations for vendors to set up in the Town Hall for Moonlight Madness which takes place on Wednesday, December 6 from 4-8 pm. Anyone who would like to rent an 8x10 space downstairs or upstairs (both are heated) can do so by calling this year's Moonlight Madness co-coordinator Debbie Jennings at **802-345-3033** or sending an e-mail to **debrajennings@aol.com** Vendor fee is \$30 per space and includes the cost of set up, specific costs related to Moonlight Madness and most importantly all the publicity we send out with ads in all local papers. When you call/e-mail, please make sure you give your name, the companies name for publicity purposes, phone number, e-mail address, what you will be selling, if you need an electrical outlet and if you want to be upstairs or downstairs. Space is available on a first come, first served basis so don't wait until the last minute. We have 10 spaces upstairs and 10 spaces downstairs. Hope you will join us for a fun filled night at the hall.