Music Hall Academy Summer Arts Program a Smashing Success

History was made at The Music Hall this summer with the launch of The Music Hall Academy, a unique performing arts educational program for young people.

Led by highly regarded theater arts educator Peter Royston, The Music Hall Academy offered a month of exciting workshops focusing on the whole theater process. Academy kids exercised new muscles in all areas of theater, as they refreshed the characters, story, dialogue, costumes, lighting and music to create modern versions of centuries old stories such as *The Odyssey*, *Frankenstein*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, and *Puss In Boots*. Kids also trained in the art of stage combat with master classes in footwork, falls and contact, cuts and parry, unarmed techniques, and, of course, safety.

Another week-long session was devoted to musical theater. The workshop introduced young people to new vocal techniques, and allowed them to create their own short musicals using classic Broadway tunes. The inaugural month also included dance, improvisation, costume design and lighting design.

"Fantastic, thoughtful program. My child can’t wait to learn more each day. Peter Royston and his team are fantastic!"

Next up for the Academy this season, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, Shakespeare’s most magical play, will come to life on the Music Hall stage. The three-week Shakespeare intensive invites young actors to dive into this beautiful and funny play as they create the costumes, design sets and lighting, and perform on our stage August 23rd and 24th.

The Academy’s fall program will be announced soon. To learn more about the Academy and upcoming programs, visit http://tarrytownmusichall.org/academy/ and follow us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/MusicHallAcademy/), Instagram (@musichallacademy) and Twitter (@MusicHallKids).
Help Us Corral Funds For Our Future

The Music Hall will present a memorable country western experience for our annual fundraising benefit on Friday, October 19, 2018.

As a nonprofit organization, we’re dedicated to serving our community by presenting world-class musicians and performing artists right here in Westchester, offering theater education opportunities for young people and proving our historic, landmark theater can be a showcase for renewable energy!

Ticket sales only cover a portion of the theater’s annual operating costs. Support of our annual benefit party is essential to ensuring the long-term success of The Music Hall and the new Music Hall Academy.

Unique underwriting and sponsorship opportunities are available such as special stage built just for our party, lighting & sound, entertainment and décor and more!

Food and beverage for the evening generously provided by Pik Nik BBQ, RiverMarket, Ruth’s Chris Steak House and Saw Mill River Tavern.

To learn more about supporting The Music Hall’s fundraising benefit contact Sheila Emery Murphy, Director of Philanthropy via smurphy@tarrytownmusichall.org or visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org/benefit-2018.

Music Hall Welcomes New Corporate Sponsor NewYork-Presbyterian

NewYork-Presbyterian has joined The Music Hall family as a major corporate sponsor underwriting 11 concert events in the 2018/19 season.

This partnership aligns with NewYork-Presbyterian’s goal to recognize the healing and restorative qualities of music, laughter, and relaxation afforded by the arts, and our nonprofit mission to make the performing arts accessible for all in our diverse community. Our friends from NewYork-Presbyterian will be at the theater next for the Melissa Etheridge concert they are sponsoring on August 26, 2018. Bravo to NewYork-Presbyterian for championing the arts in our community. To learn more about how to become a corporate sponsor contact Alison Woods, Director of Corporate Sponsorship, via email awoods@tarrytownmusichall.org.

Music Hall Photos And Stories Wanted

Do you have special memories that took place at The Music Hall? Do you have old photos of the theater in shoebox? If yes, please share your stories and photos with us.

Recently, Sleepy Hollow resident Sonia Munroe shared news clippings and photos from a special “skate-a-thon” fundraiser her, then 9-year-old, daughter Tanya Munroe and her friends organized for The Music Hall on June 14, 1980. The young philanthropists were eager to help the theater thrive after it had been rescued from demolition earlier that year by Helen and Berthold Ringeisen who, convinced the theater was important for the community, placed their home and life savings up as collateral.

The Music Hall, a nonprofit theater, has a history of inspiring support and we applaud the kids in our community who helped us become the successful venue we are today!
The Music Hall Awards Outstanding Performer Scholarships

On June 4, 2018, The Music Hall awarded its annual Outstanding Performer Awards to four talented young artists graduating from Sleepy Hollow High School.

The awards, amounting to $1,000 each, are given to four seniors who have demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication in the categories of Band, Orchestra, Chorus, and Theater. The goal of these scholarships is to help the recipients realize their artistic potential and inspire younger students in the community to continue their commitment to the arts.

“The performing arts hold great value for our youth and our community,” explained Music Hall Board Treasurer, Kent Sheng. “For students, what a unique opportunity for personal growth! The performing arts provide them with avenues for emotional and creative expression. Taking the stage nurtures self-confidence. And being part of an ensemble, choral group, or production cast instills the value of teamwork and preparation.”

Music Hall Board Vice President, JoAnne Murray added, “In the larger picture, I think the community benefits from this support for the arts as we acknowledge that great, enriching achievements can come from the stage as well as the lab. The Music Hall is proud to provide a ‘home’ stage for many performing arts genres and to encourage the young performers in our community.”

As a nonprofit, The Music Hall is dedicated to serving the community and the Outstanding Performer Award is just one of the many ways it gives back.
Upcoming Special Music Hall Events

Thursday, August 23, 2018 @ 7PM
Friday, August 24, 2018 @ 7PM
**A Midsummer Night’s Dream**
Performed by The Music Hall Academy

Saturday, September 8, 2018 @ 7PM
**“Rock The Hall” Talent Competition & Showcase**

Sunday, September 16, 2018 @ 1PM
**Free Family Fun Movie**
*Wall-E*

Sunday, October 7, 2018 @ 10AM – 2PM
**Free Family Fun Day**

Friday, October 19, 2018 @ 7PM – 11PM
**The Music Hall’s Annual Fundraising Benefit**

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