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“OUR TOWN” IS AT THE OPEN EYE THEATER

Thornton Wilder’s masterpiece play “Our Town” is live on-stage at The Open Eye Theater, 960 Main Street, Margaretville through Sunday, October 3. Playing the role of Stage Manager, Michelle Macau leads the cast and audience through three acts with glimpses of the comings and goings of men, women, and children who live in Grovers Corners, New Hampshire, population 2,642. Act One is “Daily Life;” Act II is “Love and Marriage;” and there is a third Act of which the Stage Manager says, “I reckon you can guess what that’s about.”

The story centers around two families: The Gibbsses and The Webbs. In the Gibbs family, Dr. Gibbs is played by Rod Sauguillo; Mrs. Gibbs is Carmen Noemi Guzman; George Gibbs is Pascal Arquimedes, and Rebecca Gibbs is Saoirse Hooper. In the Webb family, Mr. Webb, editor of the Grovers Corners Sentinel is played by Gary Falk; Mrs. Webb by Abbey Koutnik; Emily Webb is played by Rebecca Newman, and Wally Webb by Atticus Idleman.

Other townspeople are Professor Willard, who teaches at the State University, played by Lisa Ruth Mays. She also plays Simon Stimpson, who leads the choir at the Congregational Church. The milk man, Howie Newsome is played by Gary Falk; Constable Warren by Mack Oliver; Newspaper boys Joe Crowell and his brother Si Crowell are played by Atticus Idleman; Sam Craig, a businessman from Buffalo is played by Saoirse Hooper; and Mrs. Soames, who sings in the choir and loves to go to weddings, by Patricia Brannen; the undertaker Joe Stoddard is played by Thomas Newsome; and a variety of characters by Elizabeth Sherr.

Director Amie Brockway says, “Thornton Wilder’s ‘Our Town’ was written in 1937, takes place in 1901, 1904, and 1913, and yet it speaks about our lives today in 2021, in a powerful way.” Performances continue through Sunday, October 3: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7; Sunday at 3. For tickets, go to www.theopeneyetheater.org or phone 845-586-1660. Vaccinations and masks are required.

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