

Vienna Union Hall News

Village Harmony Returns

Village Harmony, the acclaimed teen world music singing ensemble, led by Suzannah Park, Will Rowan and Nadia Tarnawsky, will be performing for the third year at the Vienna Union Hall on **Tuesday, July 7 at 7:30 PM.**

The group includes 25 brilliant teen singers ages 12-18, from nine states. The program includes traditional songs and choral arrangements from South Africa, Ukraine, Lithuania and the Balkans, American Appalachian and shape-note songs, and several



renaissance works. Suggested admission at the door is \$10, \$5 for students and seniors. For more information call 293-2362 or 293-2674.

Village Harmony is an umbrella organization based in Vermont dedicated to the study and performance of ethnic singing traditions from around the world. Each summer they sponsor ten ensembles like this one, both in New England and in numerous foreign countries, involving both teen and adult singers. Each group develops its own unique sound with a different international team of leaders, but all share common traits: a powerful, natural, unrestrained, vocal sound; a remarkable variety of vocal styles and timbres, as appropriate to the many varieties of ethnic and traditional music; and the visible, vibrant community among the singers and audience as they share in a joyous celebration of music.

The teens are housed and fed by local homeowners in Vienna and a wonderful meal is provided for them before the show and at a farewell breakfast the next morning.

Compost Toilet House Warming Up

Our fundraising effort for the new composting toilet house and ramp are looking very good at this time thanks to the many donations of our supporter and to one large \$6,000 anonymous donation offline.

As of this first day of July we have raised \$9831.00 which includes \$7375.00 in offline contributions and \$2456.00 in Indiegogo contributions. This amounts to 60% of our goal needed to build the outbuilding, ramp and install the toilet.

See us at the Mt. Vernon arts and crafts show on July 4 at the community center where



we will have a table to try to raise the rest of our needed capital. The Indiegogo site has only 17 days left before it expires. Let's keep building!

Thank you to those who have already contributed on and offline. You are the greatest.

To help with our campaign and see the fun video click [HERE](#)

Historical Society Hosts Plays

This year as in the past for over 25 years the Union Hall is rented out to the Vienna Historical Society for their annual plays at the end of July. This is one of the big fund raisers for the Historical Society and helps with many of their ongoing projects.

This year's comedies both written, produced and performed by locals are *Grandpas Foxtrot* by Cheryl Herr-Rains and *Nellie Belle's Lodge* written by Beverly Wight Smith. The performances are on Thursday, June 23 and Friday, July 24 at 7:00PM and Saturday July 25 at 2:00 and 7:00PM. Admission is just \$6.00.

Leaps of Faith

The Union Hall and Bearnstow are honored to host. The Almanac Dance CircusTheater presenting *Leaps of Faith and Other Mistakes - Dangerous Certainty in a time of Doubt!* on Saturday, August 1, 2015.

This is an absurd acrobatic dance piece about sublime human idiocy, isolationist seafarer cults, and the kinds of people that devote their lives to becoming acrobats. Created by former Bearnstow Artists in Residence Ben Grinberg and Adam Kerbel.

This show originally premiered June 25-28, 2015, in Philadelphia. It was created and Performed by: Nicole Burgi, Nick Gillette Ben Grinberg and Adam Kerbel, with writing by Josh McIlvain and music by Patrick Lamborn

The follow-up to *Communitas*, Almanac's critically acclaimed inquiry into trust and the formation of community, *Leaps of Faith and Other Mistakes* examines the limits of our collective trust and the darker undersides of our convictions. Created in part through a residency at the Philadelphia School of Circus Arts, a collaborative residency with international guest artist Emmanuel Becerra, and training in Montreal with Crique du Soliel's Jerome Le Baut.

Leaps of Faith and Other Mistakes is funded by the Philadelphia Cultural Fund, the Pennsylvania Partners for the Arts Project Stream grant, and by individual donors.

Almanac is supported by the Samuel S. Fels Foundation. Almanac's presentation at the Vienna Union Hall is facilitated and co-produced by Ruth Grauert and Bearnstow.



June Events A Big Hit....

Both Kyle Knupple and the Heather Pierson Trio were great musical events at the Hall this June. Both of these groups, unique in their own ways each offered extraordinary original music and incredibly talented musicians.

This was the second year for Kyle and Matt who drew many people from the Augusta area. We hope to bring the Heather Pierson Trio back again for any of those who missed this first class performance.

The next Union Hall Association meeting will be on Wednesday, July 10 at 7:00 at the Vienna Community Center. All are welcome.

Contact us at:

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CALENDAR

July 7, 2015 - [Village Harmony](#)

July 23-24-25, 2015 -
Historical Society Plays

August 1, 2015 - Bearnstow Guest Artist - "[Leaps of Faith](#)"

August 8, 2015 - [T-acadie](#) -
French Canadian and New England Dance tunes, Cajun and Zydeco

August 30, 2015 - Bearnstow Resident Dancers performance

September 12, 2015 - The Sunday Project - Brass Band

December 19, 2016 - Winter Revels with Randy Judkins.