

## Lafayette Returns to Vermont

As I approach my 6<sup>th</sup> year anniversary as Pentangle's ED I reflect on the diversity of activities we've had on our now refinished stage. In the past six years we've had weddings, a dance party for a Jewish Girls Camp, birthday parties, full houses for local filmmakers, Zack's Place Players performances, along with our regular feature films, holiday concerts, and live musical theatre. Friday night we added to the list of firsts with a fundraiser for the Lucy Mackenzie Human Society, that featured author Tom Ryan and his two dogs! Their names escape me, but it was clear the duo could not stay on the stage together! One was dispatched to a caregiver in the first row, the other basked in the stage lights as his owner shared his stories with the audience.

The fundraiser brought together Pentangle Arts, Lucy Mackenzie and our friends Kristian, and Kari from the Yankee Bookstore, who sold Tom's books to patrons who then had them signed. As we ponder the Woodstock's future in the **Our Woodstock, Our Future** project, I'm reminded that working together – local business with area non-profits creates positive energy and a wonderful unity of purpose.

I don't foresee dogs on stage in the months ahead, but I can report that the Marquis de Lafayette will return to Vermont!

Okay, not a reprise of his 1825 visit to Vermont; but in the form of Broadway actor, Seth Stewart's (whose roles in the Broadway production of Hamilton) include Thomas Jefferson and the Marquis de Lafayette) arrival in Woodstock, October 24<sup>th</sup> for a three-day dance/theater intensive. This unique workshop will help kids celebrate their artistic spirit. Ages 10 – 17, all experience levels welcome. Space is limited!! To reserve a spot go to [pentanglearts.org/event/seth-stewart](http://pentanglearts.org/event/seth-stewart)

Another first for the Pentangle stage (in my six years) features the Opera Company of Middlebury's touring production of [Tosca, Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>](#). Joining the professional cast will be a chorus of community members. Tickets are on sale at [Pentanglearts.org](http://Pentanglearts.org).

On November 22, movement artist and educator Madeline Warriner returns to Woodstock to direct Pentangle's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual after school dance camp. Campers will be fully immersed in a fun and challenging creative dance experience, that will include classes in Contemporary Modern Technique and Choreography, as well as other styles like Jazz and Hip-hop. This camp is part of our Dance Camp Series that includes a Fall, Spring and Summer Camp. Each session culminates with a performance by the campers showcasing their own choreography.

## **On the Big Screen**

### [The Farewell \(PG\)](#)

In this funny, uplifting tale, directed by Lulu Wang, based on an actual lie, Chinese-born, U.S.-raised Billi (Awkwafina) reluctantly returns to Changchun to find that, although the whole family knows their beloved matriarch, Nai-Nai, has been given mere weeks to live, everyone has decided not to tell Nai Nai herself. To assure her happiness, they gather under the joyful guise of an expedited wedding, uniting family members scattered among new homes abroad. As Billi navigates a minefield of family expectations and proprieties, she finds there's a lot to celebrate: a chance to rediscover the country she left as a child, her grandmother's wondrous spirit, and the ties that keep on binding even when so much goes unspoken.

Show Times:

[Friday, September 13 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Saturday, September 14 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Sunday, September 15 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Monday, September 16 at 7:30 pm](#)

Tickets go on sale one week in advance.

[Tickets: \\$9 Adults | \\$8 Kids & Seniors | \\$7 Pentangle Members](#)

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