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Spring Forward with Pentangle Arts

“**M**arch is such a fickle month. It is the seam between winter and spring—though seam suggests an even hem, and March is more like a rough line of stitches sewn by an unsteady hand, swinging wildly between January gusts and June greens. You don’t know what you’ll find, until you step outside.”

— V. E. Schwab, *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*

This past weekend I was cheered by the snow melting off our roof creating a shower strong enough to clean the potted plant trays that had been trapped inside for the past five months! My spirits also rose when I removed the masking requirement signage in the foyer at the Town Hall and watched patrons stream into the theatre for the Sunday matinee, despite the beautiful sunny day they left behind.

Some patrons were thrilled to yank off their face coverings, while others were reluctant. And yet, you can look back to March 13, 2020, to see how far we’ve come from those long days in lock down.

In addition, to thanking our patrons returning to the theatre in increasingly large numbers, we are profoundly grateful to the voters in Woodstock and Pomfret who once again supported our funding requests. Pentangle Arts would not have survived the past two years without continued support from the community. May this forward momentum continue unabated.

Speaking of momentum, we have a wonderful spring line up for audiences of ages, the highlights of which include:

Jabari Dreams of Freedom, April 5th at 10:00 am

In this live musical production, 10-year-old Jabari learns to love to paint. And through these paintings, he escapes the turbulent world around him, and the reality of a friend hurt by police violence. In his dreams, he meets children and young people from the Civil Rights Era, including Ruby Bridges, Claudette Colvin, and others, who teach him how to be fearless. He also meets his hero, Barack Obama, as a 7-year-old boy on the eve of the assassination of MLK, Jr. Tickets are an affordable \$6.00 per person. To purchase tickets in advance please go to: <https://pentangle-arts.square.site/product/jabari-dreams-of-freedom/298>.

Pete the Cat Thursday, April 7th at 10:00 am

In this live musical, Pete the Cat, meets The Biddles, and he gets the whole family rocking. That is, except for young Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second grader on planet Earth.

But when Jimmy draws a blank in art class during the last week of school, it turns out Pete is the perfect pal to help him out. Together, they set out on a mission to help Jimmy conquer second grade art, and along the way, they both learn a little something new about inspiration. Join Jimmy and Pete on an adventure of friendship, all the way to Paris and back in a VW Bus! Tickets are an affordable \$6.00 per person. To purchase tickets in advance please go to: <https://pentangle-arts.square.site/product/pete-the-cat/307>

Screening of the Truth Tellers May 6, 2022, at 7:30 pm

The *Truth Tellers* directed by Richard Kane follows artist Robert Shetterly’s journey to paint portraits of activists fighting for racial justice, indigenous rights, and climate justice. Mr. Shetterly will travel to Woodstock and host a talk back after the film. Accommodations for Mr. Shetterly provided by our friends at the Blue Horse Inn.

Lakou Mizik April 22, 2022, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm

Lakou Mizik is an all-star collective of Haitian musicians whose high energy non-stop dance live shows have made them one of their country’s top cultural exports. Area students will enjoy an interactive morning performance

followed by an evening performance in the Town Hall Theatre.

On the Virtual Screen

Sustainable Woodstock and Pentangle Arts present *Mossville: When Great Trees Fall* as part of the Sustainable Woodstock Climate Change and Sustainability Film Series, March 22-25, 2022.

This is a free screening with pre-registration required at www.mossville.eventbrite.com

Mossville, Louisiana: A once-thriving community founded by formerly enslaved and free people of color, and an economically flourishing safe haven for generations of African American families. Today it’s a breeding ground for petrochemical plants and their toxic black clouds. Many residents are forced from their homes, and those that stay suffer from prolonged exposure to contamination and pollution. Amid this chaos and injustice stands one man who refuses to abandon his family’s land – and his community.

Earth Day April 22, 2022 - An Evening with Winona LaDuke

Please mark your calendar to celebrate Earth Day on April 22 with renowned activist and author Winona LaDuke as she virtually presents: *Rights of Nature* at 6:00 pm. There will be a Q and A following the presentation. The event is free and open to all with a suggested donation of \$10 that will be forwarded from Pentangle to the Abenaki Nation of Vermont. To register please contact Sustainable Woodstock at programs@sustainablewoodstock.org.

Winona LaDuke is a Harvard-educated economist, environmental activist, author, hemp farmer, grandmother, and a two-time former Green Party Vice President candidate with Ralph Nader. LaDuke specializes in rural development, economic, food, and energy sovereignty and environmental justice. She is also an international thought leader and lecturer in climate justice, renewable energy, and environmental justice, plus an advocate for protecting Indigenous plants and heritage foods from patenting and genetic engineering. Living and working on the White Earth reservation in northern Minnesota, she leads several organizations including Honor the Earth (co-founded with The Indigo Girls 28 years ago), Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute, Akiing, and Winona’s Hemp. These organizations develop and model cultural-based sustainable development strategies utilizing renewable energy and sustainable food systems.

On the Big Screen:

Uncharted Rated PG-13

Street-smart thief Nathan Drake (Tom Holland) is recruited by seasoned treasure hunter Victor “Sully” Sullivan (Mark Wahlberg) to recover a fortune lost by Ferdinand Magellan 500 years ago. What starts as a heist job for the duo becomes a globe-trotting, white-knuckle race to reach the prize before the ruthless Moncada (Antonio Banderas), who believes he and his family are the rightful heirs. If Nate and Sully can decipher the clues and solve one of the world’s oldest mysteries, they stand to find \$5 billion in treasure and perhaps even Nate’s long-lost brother...but only if they can learn to work together.

Friday, March 11 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 12 at 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 pm

Tickets are \$10 Adults | \$9 Seniors | \$8 Kids & Pentangle Members and go on sale one week in advance.

A friendly reminder that *we no longer accept* paper punch cards or movie passes issued prior to January 1, 2020.