

# **2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

thought provoking programming, year-round



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### Dear Friends,

Hidden below the sand dunes, beaches, ponds and woodlands of Cape Cod there exists a rich and nurturing soil. Built over generations, and ever-present even with the shifting topography, this soil continues to support growth on the surface. While unseen, it is a soil worth paying attention to. Much like this soil which supports the natural landscape of our Outer Cape home, there is an equally rich soil nurturing the artistic landscape, nurturing the talents of visual artists, musicians, playwrights, and actors. We cultivate this landscape and celebrate its bounty throughout the four seasons. We are honored to be a part of the year round cultural growth of Cape Cod and have you to thank for your support. With that, we are pleased to present this annual report celebrating a great 2014.

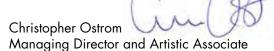
Over the years our productions have garnered us awards and accolades from audiences and critics alike. They have helped foster emerging talent and aided in the growth of established artists. Interns from the recent past are now becoming established directors, administrators, designers and technicians carrying the name of Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater with them. From this deeply planted seed, our roots have spread to widen our audience base with the hopes of continued, successful programming year round.

To ensure our longevity we have invested in our audience and in our programming by embarking upon Advancing WHAT-our campaign to provide a sustainable business operation that embraces community involvement and Cape wide cultural, environmental and economic concerns. Uninterrupted programming year round is our goal. The immediate success of this campaign will hopefully inspire you to work with us on becoming a "go to" arts venue on Cape Cod. It's not just about theater anymore but about "thought-provoking programming year round."

Your support has allowed us to plant little seeds of culture that forever bloom in the hearts and minds of those that live here and those that visit for just a short period of time.

Sincerely,

Jeffry George **Executive Artistic Director** 





Jeffry George



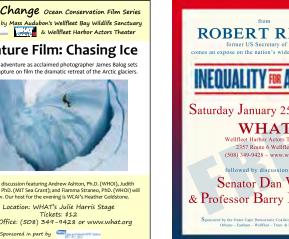
Chris Ostrom

# Collaborations and Events at WHAT | Cultivating Cape Cod Community Relations

What a year! Since last spring we have hosted the Sea Change documentary film series with Mass Audubon and WCAI, Alive Inside with Wellflet Alzheimer's Association, the Met Opera Live in HD broadcasts, two Stratford Festival broadcasts, Shucker's (part of Oyster Fest), and the Am Hayam Film Series. We've had lots of live music (including two record release parties, a celebration of

songwriting and our own music fest series), presented the first public reading of Sea Change Ocean Conservation Film Series WHAT resented by Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

& Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater Feature Film: Chasing Ice









ALIVE



Cape Cod **∀nstitute** 



a new play (Lost Weekend, or the drug play, by Mike Poe) as part of our WHAT

Health, Nauset Regional Middle School, SPAT, Nauset Newcomers, Cape Cod

Emerging Playwrights Platform, and hosted events for WOMR, Outer Cape

Institute and many others. We love sharing events and ideas with this

community and are thrilled for the opportunity to do it again (and again).





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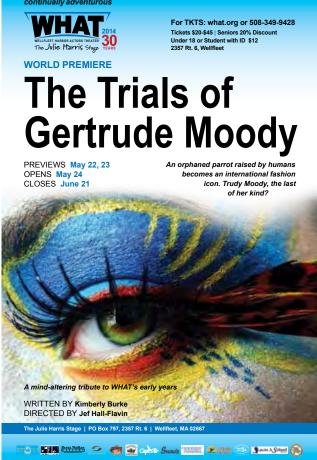


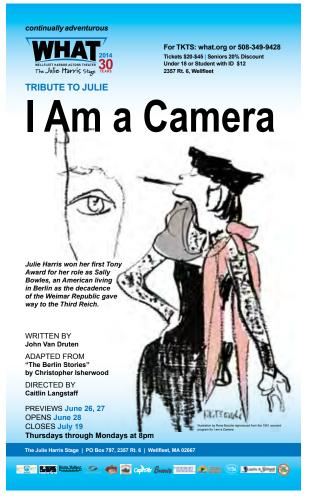


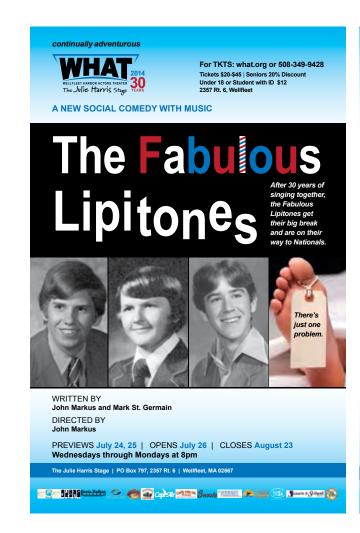


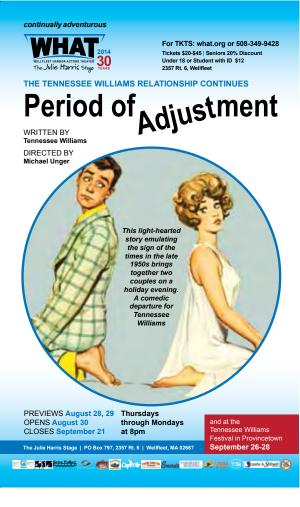


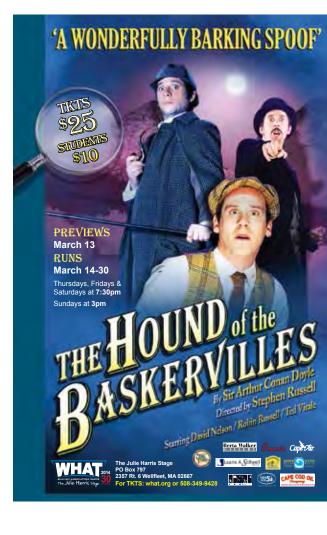














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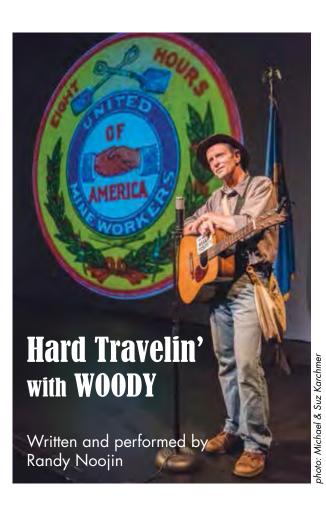
Verdi's Macbeth Mozart's Bizet's Carmen Rossini's

Il Barbiere di Siviglia Wagner's **Die Meistersinger** von Nürnberg

**The Merry Widow** Offenbach's **Les Contes** d'Hoffmann

Lehár's

Tchaikovsky's Iolanta Bartok's **Bluebeard's Castle** Rossini's La Donna del Lago Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana Leoncavallo's Pagliacci



# **2014 WHAT SPECIAL EVENTS**









## WHAT for Kids THE SURFSIDE SNOOPS AND





# Emerging Playwrights Platform

# Using our Mission to Support Growing Issues on Cape Cod

It has become apparent that drug addiction on Cape Cod continues to get buried under the sand. It is right under our feet, and vet we continue to walk over it and ignore that it is crippling our thin strip of humanity that juts out into the ocean. Year after year we see an obvious decline in the health of our friends and neighbors as they walk down the street, brought on by their addiction to controlled and uncontrolled substances; yet we say nothing and we do nothing about it. Our friends and our neighbors perish – senselessly. The mission of Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater is clear – to provide thought-provoking theater - so why not make use of that mission to help increase awareness of this issue on the Cape? This play has been specifically written to get you thinking about this devastating illness, and then hopefully to get you talking about it. Perhaps by doing so, you can help save at least one life from destruction.

- Jeffry George





# WHAT Internship Program

# Planting the Seeds for Blossoming Careers

In December, six months prior to the start of the summer season, we cast a wide net searching for college students and emerging professionals who are eager to deepen their education and sharpen their theatrical and administrative skills in a professional environment. During the summer WHAT hires ten interns to work in all areas of the theater. Working in collaboration with WHAT's production staff, guest designers, and administrative team, interns are involved in all areas of production including marketing, development, company management, box office, set construction and painting, electrics, wardrobe, stage management and sound, and run-crew for our main stage productions. Their contribution to the theater is immense, as is the work experience they come away with.

In addition to their responsibilities as part of our team, interns participate in entrance and exit interviews, are required to keep a weekly journal and complete a self-evaluation at the end of their experience. Interns are also required to participate in weekly interactive professional development seminars. Topics for these seminars have included putting together a resume, portfolio and headshot; presenting new work; creating a theatrical environment; creative problem solving; taking the next step; yoga, and managing your online presence.

"The poignancy that WHAT brings to the Cape doesn't just lie in thought-provoking productions. The dedication that is given to young artists is astounding. When I was an intern at WHAT, I worked with enormously skilled mentors who not only held high artistic standards, but also showed empathy and compassion. WHAT interns learn not only skill, but passion (and that is huge)."

- JACK GOLDEN, AMERICAN PLAYERS THEATRE, WI, FORMER INTERN

- 8-10 interns enrolled in a post-secondary school who are recruited locally and nationally
- Professional development through seminars facilitated by staff, designers and technicians
- Hands-on training in their chosen field, plus crosstraining from production to administration to front-of-house that provides an industry-recognized credential
- Trained as theater ambassadors through regular interaction with the board, patrons and donors during openings and fundraising events
- Housing and a weekly stipend
- Six months after their experience, interns are asked to complete an alumni survey to track continuing education and/or job placement
- Post-internship support





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We are celebrating the 31st year of WHAT and the 8th year in our magnificent new building. The theater has evolved from a 90 seat summer venue to a year round 220 seat year round resource and venue for our community. Last year, more than 20,000 patrons visited us to see not only our award winning professional summer productions and the simulcasts of the Metropolitan Opera, but numerous special productions, some of which were in partnership with other leading Lower Cape organizations. Our programming this past year serving the year round local community increased by 20% over the prior year. This past year we also celebrated the lasting legacy of Julie Harris and her support for WHAT.

Our continuing success is led by a dynamic group of caring board members but most importantly by our very talented Executive Artistic Director, Jeffry George. Jeffry and his talented staff "make it happen." Their dedication and commitment to the many challenges involved in leading a year round arts organization are exemplary.

WHAT's artistic and programming success are made possible by the financial support of our donors, sponsors, and advertisers. Annually, we have a big nut to raise, and with hard work, we continue to cover our operating expenses. These next few years we also want to focus on raising the money for many necessary capital improvements, to payoff a substantial portion of the remaining USDA mortgage on our building, and to build an endowment. We are targeting to raise \$3.5 million over the next 3-5 years. We ask all of you to be generous and to help us assure the long term success of the theater.

WHAT is one of the "Crown Jewels" of the Lower Cape. We not only add to the cultural richness of the community but we add substantially to the economic health of the community. We provide substantial employment and local purchasing. We add to the area's tourism attraction. We provide opportunity for students and interns wanting to develop future careers in the arts.

We thank you for your past support. We ask you for your future support.

John Dubinsky, On Behalf Of the Board of Trustees

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Financial
Snapshot

### **REVENUE**

 Contributions
 \$944,376

 Program
 \$366,394

 Grants
 \$61,500

 Other
 \$1,526

**Total Revenue** \$1,373,796

## **EXPENSES**

Program \$600,129 General Admin. & Fundraising \$597,305

Total Expenses

Note: Excluded \$226,421 of depreciation expense

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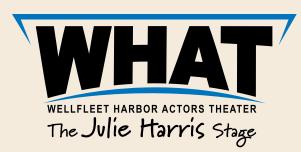
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# **2015 SUMMER SEASON**

# SEMINAR

by Theresa Rebeck starring Alan Campbell

Christine Toy Johnson

### May 14-June 13 Thurs thru Mon 8pm

Young writers are like good books, you can't enjoy them until you've broken their spines.

### MOBY-DICK

(World Premiere) by James Armstrong, adapted from the novel by Herman Melville

directed by Christopher Ostrom

### June 18-July 18 Thurs thru Mon 8pm

Consider the subtleness of the sea; how its most dreaded creatures glide but nobody ever asks me where under water...

TRACEY CONYER LEE is Billie Holiday

### LADY DAY AT EMERSON'S BAR AND GRILL

by Lanie Robertson directed by Stephen Nachamie

### July 23 - Aug 22 Wed thru Mon 8pm

I'm always making a comeback, I've been.

### TIME STANDS STILL

by Donald Margulies

directed by Michael Unger

### Aug 27 - Sept 26 Thurs thru Mon 8pm

The wounds of the past cannot be filed away like old negatives.

### THRILL ME: THE LEOPOLD AND LOEB STORY

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Stephen Dolginoff starring Adam Berry and Ben Berry

directed by Jeffry George

### Oct 22 - Nov 8 Thurs thru Sat 7:30pm; Sun 3pm

Relationships can be murder. A musical thriller.



### CELEBRATING ITS 14TH SEASON!

### WHAT FOR KIDS THE FOOL OF THE WORLD AND THE FLYING SHIP

Directed and written by Stephen Russell July 6 - August 27 Mon thru Thurs, 7:30pm All seats \$12

In Old Russia, most people are dreadfully poor... but what if the Czar had a ship that could fly through the air?

# 2015 SPECIAL EVENTS

### PLAYERS BALL CARIBBEAN MAGIC EDITION

### 2015 SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

A summer tradition! All performances 8pm

### Tues, July 28 5:30pm

Featuring sizzling tropical cuisine by Jenn Mentzer of Mac's Parties and Provisions. Last year's event sold out, so call the box office now at 508-349-9428.

TUES, JUNE 30

Swing Stage Door Canteen; TUES, JULY 7 Krisanthi

Pappas and Edwige Yingling;

WED, JULY 8 Vocal jazz with

TUES, JULY 14 George

Gritzbach Blues Band;

Mainly Mozart; WED, JULY 1 Big Band

String of Pearls

WED, JULY 15 Mainly Mozart

HARD TRAVELIN'

WITH WOODY

### SUMMER MET OPERA

### Aug 2&9, 4pm Aug 4&11, 8pm

Hop a box car with Woody Guthrie and commune with the spirit, stories and songs of America's iconic folksinger as he performs for a union meeting of striking mineworkers in Oklahoma.

July 11, 12:55pm La Traviata July 18, 12:55pm La Fille Du Regiment July 25, 12:55pm The Merry Widow Aug 1, 12:55pm