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GRACE PETERSEN OF CHATHAM STARS AS SANDY IN 'GREASE' AT CHATHAM PLAYHOUSE

Submitted by Chris Furlong

The Chatham Community Players concludes its 96th season with "Grease," Book, Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey. This musical will run through May 19. James Mosser is director and musical director with Jennifer Williams is the choreographer. They shared, "Grease is probably one of the most recognizable musicals of all time and it is so exciting to bring this show to life on the Chatham Players Stage. Our cast is full of fresh faced young actors and actresses that have such an infectious energy, its unlike anything that has been previously brought to the playhouse stage. We are so excited to bring this classic show into 2018 and share it with audiences."

Get out your leather jackets and pull on your bobby socks! It's time to join Rydell High's senior class of 1959! "Grease" follows love struck, bad boy Danny and girl-next-door Sandy in a thrilling injection of pure fun with astounding dancing and amazing songs. It's the beloved rock n' roll celebration of teen angst, fast cars and first loves; all set in the fabulous '50s. This smash show is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the film release and features the irresistible songs from the Tony Award-Nominated Broadway Show and hit movie, including "You're the One That I Want," "Grease is the Word," "Summer Nights," "Greased Lightnin'," and more!

The talented and diverse group of actors making up the cast of "Grease" are Grace Petersen of Chatham as Sandy Dumbrowski, Richie Carchia from Short Hills as Danny Zuko, Kylie Francis from Springfield as Betty Rizzo, Taylor Eccles from Colonia as Frenchy, Josh Bezerra from Mountainside as Rogerand and Anna Paskalides from Chatham as Female Ensemble. Union, NewJersey, is well represented, for it features Ronin Ruste as Kenickie, Nico Vasquez as Eugene Florczyk, Cameron Brito as Doody, Evan Caban as Sonny, Crystal Wright as Marty, Leanne Laurino as Jan, Alyssa Carbonell as Patty Simcox, Alexis Orallo as Cha Cha, Jason Yanto as Johnny Casino, Scott Faranda as Vince Fontaine, Khadija Sankoh as Teen Angel, Patricia Fallon as Miss Lynch, Pranav Chawla as Male Ensemble and Rachel Mendoza as Female Ensemble.

James Mosser and Jennifer Williams currently work at Union High School, one of the top training programs for theater students in the state of New Jersey. The UHSPAC has been nominated for over 126 prestigious Paper Mill Rising Star Awards, an event that recognizes excellence in high school theater, similar to the Tony Awards. They have won 31 awards and currently hold the record for the most wins ever won by a single show for their 2015 production of Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies winning nine awards. This past March, the UHSPAC was awarded a \$10,000 grant from NBC and their new TV Drama "Rise", a show about a high school theatre department. The UHSPAC was selected as the only school to receive a sneak preview of the show's premiere and were treated to a special visit from the show's stars. They were featured in various online publications including People Magazine. Previous, Mosser and Williams directed and choreographed respectively Chatham Players' 2016 production



(above, l-r) Grace Petersen of Chatham as Sandy meets Richie Carchia of Short Hills as Danny. - Photos by Howard Fischer

of Monty Python's "Spamalot," for which they were both nominated for NJACT Perry Awards.

Rounding out Mosser's talented production team, the Producer and Scenic Designer is Robert Lukasik, Production Coordinator is Maybelle Lincoln, Stage Manager is Caroline Courtney, Assistant Stage Manager is Sarah Court, Scenic Painting by Carol Saso, Costume Designers are Cheryl Galante, Mike Patierno and Christina Kirk, Lighting Designer is Richard Hennessy, Sound Designer is Joe DeVico and Props is Tish Lum. Producer Lukasik added, "Grease is the Iconic musical that celebrates how the Fifties and the musicians of the time help changed the culture of America. The Fifties were

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The Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting Shop & Sip on Friday, May 11, 2018, from 7 to 10 p.m. at 495 River Road, Chatham, New Jersey. The event is free to enter for all guests. There will be many vendors to shop. There will be a cash bar with wine! Mark your calendars for a fun night out to

help support your local Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department! It will be a great night to chat with friends, shop, enjoy, and support. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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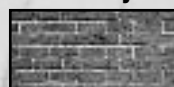
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also the beginnings of an era when teenagers controlled the music that they bought and listened to. Much was changing! "Grease" puts in front of us teenage relationships, rebellion, social structure, gang violence and peer pressure. It reminds many of us of the struggle of the age of adolescence. "Grease", the musical, would not be possible without the Rock and Roll revolution of the Fifties. We



(above, l-r) Hanging out in the halls of Rydell High are Kylie Francis of Springfield as Rizzo and Ronin Ruste of Union as Kenickie.

think it fitting to look at it today in the light of the revolution that it celebrates."

Performance dates May 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and May 12, 13 and 19 at 3 p.m. All performances are at the Chatham Playhouse, 23 North Passaic Avenue, in Chatham, New Jersey. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$23 for youth/senior.

Tickets can be purchased at our Box Office or Online. To access the theater's new online ticketing service, where you can now reserve your particular seat, simply go to ccp.booktix.com. The service is available 24 hours a day, and tickets can be purchased online up until three hours prior to curtain on the day of a performance.

For information regarding box office hours, please call the box office number listed above. Patrons with special needs requiring seating

accommodations should contact the Playhouse at least 24 hours prior to the performance. Without prior notice, accommodations cannot be guaranteed. "Grease" is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

About the Chatham Playhouse

The Chatham Community Players has been entertaining residents of Morris County and the surrounding area since 1922. The organization's mission is to produce high-quality theater for a diverse audience, while elevating its standard of excellence and providing a creative outlet with educational opportunities and outreach programs. For more information, including details of CCP's 2018-2019 season, visit chathamplayers.org. Funding has been made possible in part by Morris Arts through the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.



(above, l-r) Cast of Grease. Evan Caban, Lauren Laurino, Crystal Wright, Jason Yanto, Taylor Eccles, Cameron Brito, Richie Carchia, Grace Petersen, Kylie Francis, Ronin Ruste from the cast of "Grease," take time out to strike a cool pose.

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PAM GOSNER FEATURED AT EXHIBIT FOR ART LEAGUE OF THE CHATHAMS



(above) Pam Gosner.

Submitted by Ann Frommer

The art of Pam Gosner, an award-winning artist, is featured in the Lundt-Glover (L-G) Gallery as part of the Spring Exhibit for the Art League of the Chathams (ALC). The exhibit entitled, "Chasing Color," will run until September 17, 2018.

Concurrently, the artists from the ALC are showing their artwork in the Strolling Gallery of the Chatham Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham Township, New Jersey.

Pam Gosner, a Smith College graduate in Art History, worked for the Newark Museum. During that time she illustrated three books on historic architecture. Pam went on to study for a library degree and became a librarian. As a librarian, she

produced much of the art work for the library's programs.

The tragedy of her husband's death caused a lifestyle change. She threw herself into pastel classes that became not only therapeutic but created the realization of her untapped talent. Her prize winning art work featured in the L-G Gallery is the result.

Pam's world travels will be recognized in many of her paintings. She will also have a "bargain basement" section featuring deeply discounted paintings.

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(above) "Vase with Daffodils" painting by Pam Gosner.

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CHATHAM PIANIST, DARREN YEN, RISES TO TOP AT WHARTON INSTITUTE

Submitted by Alice Hamlet

Pianist and Chatham resident, Darren Yen, 17, has been awarded the Grand Prix prize at the 2018 Rising Talents Festival for the third consecutive year. A junior at Chatham High School, Darren has studied piano for seven years at the Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, during which time has received numerous top prizes including the Music Educators Association of New Jersey Competition, Golden Key Festival, Russian Music Festival, Rising Talents Festival, Crescendo International Music Competition, Little Mozarts Competition, and Prima Volta Music Competition.

Although Darren also plays flute and has studied music theory at Wharton's Performing Arts School, his true passion is the piano. He rarely misses a day of practice, usually putting in between one to two hours at the instrument seven days a week. He recently performed Franz Liszt's "Rigoletto Paraphrase," a transcription of Giuseppe Verdi's "Rigoletto" at the 2018 Making Music Count Gala on February 23, 2018, which raised nearly \$130,000 towards performing arts education for the Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts.

Says Darren, "The Liszt piece I performed was not only very technically demanding, like most

Liszt pieces, but it was also a fairly emotionally demanding piece as well. Lots of attention had to be paid to the voicing and overall flow of the piece. I truly enjoy how different 'Rigoletto' is from most other Liszt compositions; mainly because this is a paraphrase on a piece by Verdi. This piece effectively captures the composing style of not only Liszt but also Verdi as well."

Darren's favorite subject in school is mathematics and he hopes to continue studying math in the future, as well continuing to play the piano.

"I truly enjoy playing the piano because I find it to be my greatest medium of expression. There's not a day that goes by where I don't return to the piano," says Darren. "I really enjoy the atmosphere at Wharton. Everyone shares a profound love for music that enriches the musical abilities of the students enrolled in Wharton's music programs."

Darren's piano teacher, Wharton faculty

member Anna Vozhik, has been teaching at the Performing Arts School for 15 years. Says Vozhik, "Darren showed a keen interest from his first piano lesson. He has never come to class unprepared in the nearly eight years that he has been my student. Demanding and persistent in the best way possible, he has grown into a mature musician before my eyes with an impressive repertoire, including works by J.S. Bach, Brahms, Scriabin, Rachmaninoff, Schubert, Ravel, Poulenc, and of course Liszt."

Continues Vozhik, "Darren is always focused and a great listener. During our lessons we discuss how to best perform a piece of music, and Darren loves to research works he is playing. I often wonder where he finds the time for all his accomplishments. Exceptionally organized and goal-oriented, he's held numerous performances in Carnegie and other prestigious concert halls of New York, Philadelphia, New Jersey. Darren is a beautiful soul, and a pleasure to teach."



(above) Pianist Darren Yen

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The weekend kicks off with a festive cocktail party at a beautiful Chatham Township home on Friday, June 1, 2018, from 6 to 9 p.m., followed by the garden tour on Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of the garden tour is \$40 in advance, and \$45 the day of the tour. The cocktail party is \$50 per person.

Tickets can be purchased online at

chathamseiorcenter.org or in person at the Senior Center of the Chathams, 58 Meyersville Road (on the lower level of the Chatham Township Municipal Building.) For more information about sponsoring the Garden Tour or advertising in the ad journal booklet, email srcentereileen@concast.net or call 973-635-4565.

Proceeds of the tour will be used to support the programs and services of the Senior Center of the Chathams, a non-profit agency whose mission is to help older adults age in place at home by keeping them active and connected to each other and the community at large. They do this by providing a vibrant Senior Enrichment Center, bus service, and an information and referral service on a variety of elder care issues.

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The Madison Health Department will be offering the following important health screenings for adult residents of Madison, Chatham Township, Springfield, and Cranford: Women's Health Screening, May 7; Men's Health Screening, June 11; and two Comprehensive Metabolic Profile (CMP: fasting blood analysis) testings, June 7 and June 14, 2018.

Women's screening is performed by Dr. Rohini Jobanputra and includes manual breast and pelvic exams, colo-rectal exams, blood pressure checks

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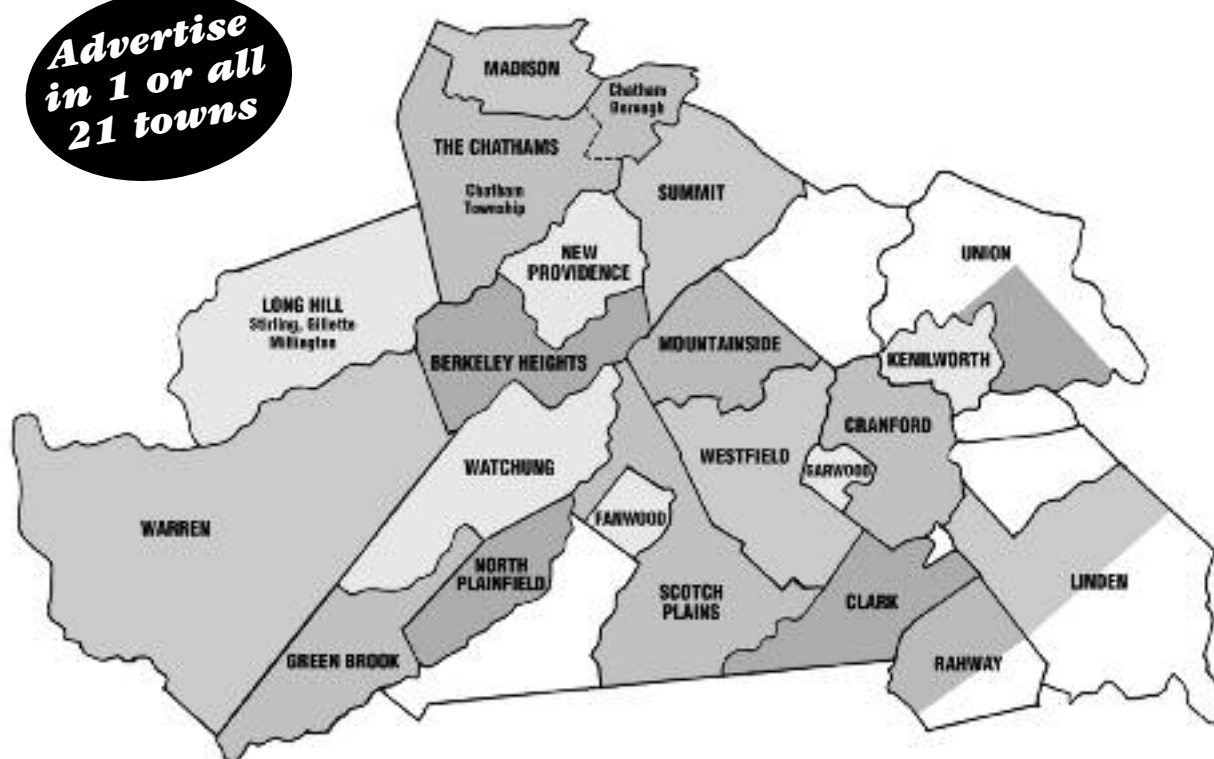
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SENIOR CENTER OF THE CHATHAMS MAY 2018 EVENTS

The Senior Center is located at 58 Meyersville Rd. Chatham, New Jersey.

To sign up or for more information call 973.635.4565 or visit chathamseiorcenter.org.

Participants do not need to be Chatham residents.

Submitted by Kristin Jones, Program Director.

The Connection Between Bone Density and Strength Training

May 7, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

A seminar about improving bone density through resistance training and corrective postural exercises. Learn how proper body alignment and strengthening exercises can help reduce the risk of osteoporosis and/or slow the progression of the disease. Speaker: Dr. Miriam Hillman, PT, DPT, from Professional Physical Therapy and Training. Please sign up.

New Providence Attorney, Joe Tiboni

May 10, noon.

Mr. Tiboni will introduce a 2011 film set in New Providence and based on a story he wrote with Oscar winner Tom McCarthy.

Movie follows presentation at 12:30.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group

May 11, 11 a.m.

Phyllis Flemming, former Exec. Director of Victorian Garden Adult Day Center and experienced dementia support group facilitator, moderates this monthly group.

“It’s Not Just Stuff, it’s My Stuff.”

May 11, 12:30 p.m.

Certified Professional Organizer, Andrea Walker, will share her process for making moving, downsizing and de-cluttering smooth and easy. Please sign up. Springtime Celebration. May 12, 10 a.m. to noon. An array of activities including a golf-putting challenge; mini nail salon; board games; plant potting station and more. Sponsored by the Madison Area YMCA Togetherhood committee.

Living with Your Yes with Arthritis

May 14, noon to 1 p.m.

Interactive program designed to provide information about different kinds of arthritis, treatment options, available resources, and self-management strategies. Speaker: A National Arthritis Platinum Ambassador. Sponsored by the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey. Please sign up.

Fiction Book Club

May 15 at noon.

This month’s selection is “A Fatal Grace” by Louise Penny. New members always welcome.

Healthy Grains Cooking Demo and Educational Program

May 15, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Susan Kraus, registered dietician from Hackensack Meridian Health, will discuss the importance of healthy whole grains. Learn how to prepare and cook: quinoa, millet, and corn meal; how to incorporate more fiber into your diet; and about essential vitamins and minerals for disease prevention. Free tasting and giveaway for participants.

Blood Pressure Screening

Thursday, May 17, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Provided by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ. Walk-ins okay.

Nonfiction Book Group

May 25 at 11 a.m.

This month’s selection is “The Food Explorer” by Daniel Stone. New members welcome! Participants do not need to be Chatham residents to come to the events. The Senior Center is located at 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham, New Jersey.

LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS

The library is located at 214 Main Street, Chatham, New Jersey.

Some events require registration. You may register online at chathamlibrary.org or call 973-635-0603.

New! English as a Second Language

Thursdays, through June 21, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Registration required.

For anyone wanting to improve their English language skills, we are starting our first ever ESL program. The program will be conducted by Language Education and Resource Network (LEARN) and volunteer tutors for eight weeks. Further sessions may be offered depending on demand. Students will be divided into small groups by skill level. Books and other learning materials will be provided. The program is free; all you need is a commitment to learn!

Martin Luther King, Newark, a& the Cool Spring of 1968

Tuesday, May 8, 7 p.m.

Mark Krasovic, Assistant Professor and Interim Director of the Clement A. Price Institute at Rutgers University in Newark, will give a lecture featuring Newark in the late '60s during the rise of the Black Power movement. Krasovic will examine events often overshadowed by the attention paid to the uprising of 1967, including the first National Conference on Black Power held in Newark days after the riots, Martin Luther King’s visit to Newark in March 1968, and the aftermath of his assassination days later. This lecture will offer new historical perspectives of Newark, the Black Power movement, and the legacy of the 1960s.

The American Movie Musical with Stephen Whitty

Tuesday, May 15, 1 to 2:30 pm

Film reviewer and two-time chair of the New York Film Critics Circle, Stephen Whitty will discuss the American musical in film. We will look at the history of the genre

focusing on its greatest styles and stars, from Busby Berkeley’s backstage extravaganzas to MGM’s lush fantasies, from the elegant Fred Astaire to the athletic Gene Kelly. Stephen Whitty has been writing about entertainment for more than 30 years, publishing reviews in The Star-Ledger, the New York Daily News, Entertainment Weekly, Fortune.com, and other papers, magazines, and websites across the country and abroad. His latest book is The Alfred Hitchcock Encyclopedia.

College Essay Seminar with Alisha Davlin for Teens and Their Parents

Wednesday, May 23, 7 p.m.

As a former NYU outside admissions essay reader, Ms. Davlin is well versed in what makes a college essay great and how to avoid common pitfalls. Ms. Davlin will give you advice on how to write a successful essay and strengthen your college application.

Film: Saving the Great Swamp with Scott Morris

Thursday, May 24, 7 p.m.

Documentary filmmaker Scott Morris will present his film Saving the Great Swamp and will be available to answer questions concerning the project. In 1959, the Port Authority of New York announced that it was planning to build a 10,000-acre jetport in the rural area known as the Great Swamp. The proposal included filling in the Swamp, demolishing 700 homes, and destroying the habitat of hundreds of bird, mammal, reptile, amphibian, and fish species. Local residents fought the plan and eventually won leading to the establishment of the federally preserved Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

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JOIN TRI-TOWN 55+ 'CELEBRATION OF RIDES FOR SENIORS' FIRST YEAR

Submitted by Laura Sostake

The Tri-Town 55+ Coalition will mark the first anniversary of Rides for Seniors with a special celebration at the Madison Area YMCA on May 23, 2018, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The event is free and open to all residents although pre-registration is requested. Refreshments, entertainment, prize drawings and information on community services will be provided. To register, please call the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition at 862-246-6065 and provide you name and telephone number. Please note that all guests entering the YMCA must present a valid state/government-issued ID.

Since its launch in April 2017, the Rides for Seniors program has provided over 2400 subsidized rides for residents 65 and older living in Madison, Chatham Borough, and Chatham Township. More than 285 registered seniors have taken advantage of the on-demand car service to run errands, get to doctor’s appointments, go shopping or visit. loved ones. The Tri-Town 55+ Coalition started the program in partnership with GoGoGrandparent, a national company based in California which accesses Uber and Lyft using an 800 number without a cell phone.

While GoGoGrandparent is available nationwide, the Rides for Seniors program is the only one of its kind to offer a subsidy. Eligible riders receive \$5 off each ride up to four rides per month. The subsidy is made possible through grant funding and sponsorship support, including a grant from the Grotta Fund for Senior Care and a sponsorship commitment from AARP for 2018.

Don’t know what to get a loved one for Mother’s Day? How about the gift of independence? The Rides for Seniors Gift-a-Ride program is a great gift to help offset transportation costs for riders. For more information, to register for Rides for Seniors or donate, visit the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition web site at tritown55plus.org.



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