

Vienna Union Hall News

A Busy Month at the Hall

Leaps of Faith

The Union Hall and Bearnstow are hosting The Almanac Dance Circus Theater presenting *Leaps of Faith and Other Mistakes - Dangerous Certainty in a time of Doubt!* **Saturday, August 1 at 7:30 PM.**

Almanac is an emerging dance circus theatre company based out of Philadelphia featuring Nicole Burgio, Ben Grinberg, Nick Gillette, and Adam Kerbel.

Founded in 2012 by Ben Grinberg and Nick Gillette, graduates of the Pig Iron School for Advanced Performance Training, they strive to tell universal stories through honesty of presence and the transcendent joy of moving.



Ben Grinberg (in 2014) and Adam Kerbel (in 2013) were Artist Residents at Camp Bearnstow in Mt. Vernon.

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. Admission is free, but contributions are greatly appreciated.



T-Acadie

Coming on **August 8 at 7:00 PM** is **T-Acadie**, a folk trio from central Maine which is part of the region which includes the Canadian maritime provinces known as Acadia. "T-Acadie" is Cajun French slang for "a little Acadia".

Members of the band, Pam Weeks, Jim Joseph, and Bill Olson are all multi-instrumentalists. In a concert it is not unusual to have 14 or 15 instruments on stage: fiddles, guitars, accordions, banjo, mountain dulcimer, cello, mandolin, hammered dulcimer, piano, ukulele, bass, flute, saxophone. Pam plays the fiddle, mountain dulcimer, guitar, and sings vocals; Jim plays button accordion, 5-string banjo, mandolin, fiddle, jaw harp, percussion, feet, and vocals; and Bill specializes on guitar, bass, vocals and calling.

T-Acadie offers a huge variety of music including traditional French Canadian dance music from North America, Quebecois, Acadian and Cajun tunes, as well as New

England dance tunes; Cajun waltzes, two steps, Cajun blues and Zydeco tunes. New England, Maine, Southern Appalachian tunes and songs from other genres including doo wop, old English, and Country add to the original tunes written by band "tunesmith", Pam Weeks. Pam's tunes range from sizzling reels and jigs to mesmerizing aires and sweet waltzes. T-Acadie is well-known for their close harmony vocals as their 3 voices blend as one in acappella numbers. Tickets \$8.00 prepaid; \$10.00 at the door. FMI call Dodi (293-2670)

Maine Poet Stuart Kestenbaum to read

An evening with Maine Poet, Stuart Kestenbaum, reading from his four collections of poems (*Pilgrimage*, *Prayers and Run-on Sentences*, *Only Now*, and *House of Thanksgiving*) is scheduled for **7 p.m., Wednesday, August 26.**

Nothing escapes Kestenbaum's respectful attention, be it Subaru ("Starting the Subaru at Five Below"), dogs ("I Look Toward Heaven the Way a Dog Looks at a Door"), or mistakes ("Prayer for Mistakes").

"With humor and compassion," in the words of Maine Poet Laureate (2006-2011) Betsy Sholl, Stu Kestenbaum "finds mystery in the mundane, and celebrates our shared humanity 'stained with those things that feed us while we are here' -- the natural world, family, 'the graffiti of dreams, the rust of education.'"

Or, as Ted Kooser, the 13th Poet Laureate of the United States, says, "Stuart Kestenbaum writes the kinds of poems I love to read, heartfelt responses to the privilege of having been given a life. No hidden agendas here, no theories to espouse, nothing but life, set down with craft and love."



From 1988 till his retirement this year, Kestenbaum directed the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts on Deer Island., where he lives with his wife, artist Susan Webster.

Please join us in welcoming Stu Kestenbaum to this corner of Maine, and hearing his poems of place, humor, and graceful attention to the world we share. Donations appreciated. Refreshments provided by the Dr. Shaw Memorial Library in Mount Vernon. For more information, contact Jo Josephson (778-2021) or Misty Beck (491-9216)

Bearnstow End of Year Performance

Compost Toilet House Update

We have ordered the composting toilet... It is on the way! The design of the ramp and building are being firmed up so that the materials can be ordered in September. We are still fund raising in the hope that the entire ramp, railing and building can be completed this year. Only about \$5,000 yet to raise! We have done great this summer.



Thank-you to everyone who has supported the hall and added to our toilet fund!

Something New?

We now have stunning Union Hall T-shirts... There are a couple for sale at the hall. If there is enough interest we may place a 2nd order. Very cool!

