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**THE THEATRE COMPANY@HUBBARD HALL CONJURES GALLIC MAGIC WITH UPCOMING PRODUCTION OF JEAN GIRAUDOUX’S BEWITCHING ‘ONDINE,’ NOVEMBER 14-DECEMBER 8**

***\*A Love Story between a Water Nymph and a Knight, and the Folly that Results from Their Union\****

**CAMBRIDGE, NY (November 4, 2013)—** The award-winning Theatre Company at Hubbard Hall (TCHH) will present French playwright Jean Giraudoux’s *Ondine*, a tragicomic love story of knight and nymph, November 14 through December 8.

The play spins the tale of Hans and Ondine. Hans is a knight-errant who has been sent off on a quest by his betrothed. In the forest he meets and falls in love with Ondine, a water-sprite who is attracted to the world of mortal man. The subsequent marriage of people from different worlds is, perhaps, folly. By turns comic, enchanting, and tragic, *Ondine* is considered by some to be Giraudoux's (*The Madwoman of Chaillot*, TCHH 2010; *The Enchanted*, TCHH, 2004) finest work.

This fall the TCHH troupe includes four young actors performing alongside a large cast of seasoned players, emblematic of its long tradition as a mentoring company. Artistic Director John Hadden will direct high-school student Autumn Hausthor in the title role, as well as Hubbard Hall favorites Doug Ryan as the King, Gino Costabile (last year's Macbeth) as the King of the Sea, Erin Ouellette as the Inquisitor judge, Scott Renzoni and Cate Seeley as the girl's adoptive parents, Myka Plunkett as Bertha, the other woman, Chris Barlow and Sylvia Bloom as opera characters Matho and Salammbo, Jack Boggan as the Superintendent  of Theater, Delaney Smith as Angelique, Gabriel Patterson as Count Bertram, Robert Forgett as Trainer of Seals, Andrew Volin as the Second Judge, and new faces Tony Pallone as the Royal Chamberlain and Maizy Scarpa as the handsome knight. Local jazz musician David Cuite will accompany the play live on double bass.

“We chose *Ondine* for its outrageous comedic fantasy but we have been discovering a wonderful, heart-breaking love story as we've been rehearsing--not only between two young people but between Humanity and Nature itself,” said Hadden. ”Also, for this production, we are going back to Hubbard Hall’s roots, not only facing the stage but even using the old painted flats for different scenes. It will be a rare chance to experience the theater as it was designed to play, perfect for the mystery of an adult fairy tale.”

*Ondine’s* production staff includes Ken Lorenz as set designer Benjie White as lighting designer, Sherry Recinella as costume designer, David Cuite as sound designer, and Kate Johnson as stage manager.

There will be 13 performances of Ondine, November 14 (Pay What You Will / Open Rehearsal) at 8 p.m., November 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 and December 6 and 7 at 8 p.m.; and November 17 and 24 and December 1 and 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $22 for Hubbard Hall members, $25 for non-members and $15 for students and children. **Tickets are available at** [**www.hubbardhall.org**](http://www.hubbardhall.org) **or by calling (518) 677-2495.**

**TCHH 2013-2014 season subscriptions, $80 for four plays, will remain on sale throughout the run of *Ondine*.**

An Opening Night Dinner will take placeFriday, November 15 at 6 p.m. in the Beacon Feed Studio. The menu will feature fresh rosemary flat breads, fresh local cheeses and chutneys, salad of baby spinach and arugula, hearty Mediterranean fish soup, poached pears in red wine with madeleines, and assorted beverages. **Reservations are requested by Tuesday, November 12 at 5 p.m. Visit** [**www.hubbardhall.org**](http://www.hubbardhall.org) **or call 518-677-2495 for tickets.** The cost: $50.00, including theatre ticket /$30.00, meal only (for season subscribers).

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