**FORT SALEM THEATER**

**SPRING AND SUMMER, 2017**

**APRIL**

21-22  *Li’l Abner.*California Musical Theater Ensemble, featuring students from Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts. Directed by Tim Nelson. Special Student Rates. $20 adult/$10 High School Srs & younger. Reservations: 518.854.9200. 8PM

30 *Shanara Gabrielle: Tilting at Windmills.*Accomplished recording artist from regional theater and television (*Conviction, Chicago Fire, Guiding Light).* Her cabaret reflects in song her frustrations and triumphs as a performer, a partner, and a parent. $20. Reservations: 518.854.9200. 2 PM.

**MAY**

7 *Women Who Sing.*Singing news anchorBenita Zahn, with Lynne Kerr, Sue Caputo & Keri Alonzo. Close harmonies, theatrical trios and quartets, and impassioned solos; the Andrews Sisters and the Supremes on steroids. $20. Reservations: 518.854.9200. 2 PM.

21 *Rhyme on My Hands.*Funny and forgotten songs performed by Byron Nilsson with pianist Malcolm Kogut. The humor of clever wordplay and well-wrought rhymes, for an audience that does its crossword puzzles in ink. $20. Reservations: 518.854.9200. 2 PM

**JUNE**

4,  *Deborah Young-Weiler in Concert.*By popular demand, Young-Weiler (university instructor, symphony soloist and honky-tonk virtuoso) returns. Concert promises an eclectic program on the Fort’s Mainstage Steinway. $20. Reservations: 518.854.9200. 2 PM

23-25 Tim Nelson’s *Rip Van Winkle: A Musical.*From Rose Center Theater, Westminster CA. Adapted by Nelson, based on oral history interviews in the Catskills, study of prior theatrical adaptations, and a fresh slant on Washington Irving’s text. $30 adult/$27 sr/$15 12&under. Reservations. 518.854-9200. Fri-Sat 8PM; Sun 2PM

24 Gardenworks Farm-to-Table Dinner Theater. Four-course locally sourced dinner, followed by *Rip Van Winkle*at FST. $65 dinner/theater discount package. Reservations Required. 518.854.9200. 5:30 PM

**JULY**

14-16 *Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins.* A co-production with Bridge Street Theatre, Catskill, starring Alison Davy & Jay Kerr. The two-person musical that inspired recent Meryl Streep film. Funny and surprisingly touching. $30 adult/$27 sr/$15 12&under. Reservations. 518.854-9200. Fri-Sat 8PM; Sun 2PM

21-23 *Happy If, Happy When.*Original Musical by Kimerer LaMothe, follows a sophisticated suburban family’s move to a chaotic farm life in rural Washington County. Based on reality, it features the amazingly multi-talented LaMothe-Gee Family. $30 adult/$27 sr/$15 12&under. Reservations. 518.854-9200. Fri-Sat 8PM; Sun 2PM

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**AUGUST**

12 Gardenworks Farm-to-Table Cabaret. Jerry Gretzinger in Concert/*The Pack Is Back:*The Rat Pack in Vegas. With his own style, his own energy, and his own brand of bravura, Gretzinger pays homage to the iconic sounds and repertoire of Sinatra, Davis, and Martin in their best Vegas years. Reservations Required. 518.854.9200. 5:30 PM

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**SEPTEMBER**

16 Gardenworks Farm-to-Table Dinner at the Movies. *Route 30: Arts and Agriculture.*Films, slides and live music celebrating local farms, landscapes, and artists that populate, create, and regenerate along Washington County Route 30. Produced by Gardenworks and Fort Salem Theater. Reservations Required. $65. 518.854.9200. 5:30 PM.

17 *The Spurs USA.*Popular Classic Country Group. Top-drawer classic country catalogue, including Johnny Cash, George Strait, Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton. Musicians from Nashville and national tours. $20. Reservations: 518.854.9200. 2PM