 

Bennington Community Theatre

**“VOICES FROM THE GRAVE”**

**June 12, 11:00 – 3:00**

**June 13, 1:00-4:00**

at the Bennington Performing Arts Center

*No preparation or appointment needed.*

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BCT’s first post-pandemic production, **“VOICES FROM THE GRAVE,”** will be performed outside, at the beautiful First Church Cemetery in Old Bennington!

Performance dates are **September 25th** from 10:00 – 5:00, and **September 26th** from 12:00 – 5:00, with rain dates the following weekend, October 2nd & 3rd.

Actors will be portraying an array of fascinating people who rest in the old burial ground. Each performer, dressed in period costume, will bring to life an historical character with a four-minute monologue, delivered every ½ hour to groups of 10 visitors being guided through the cemetery*.*

Auditions:

* There are roles for **5 women and 8 men**, in ages ranging from early 20s to 60+.
* Among the men, there are specific roles for an African American, for someone who can speak some German, and for someone who can play a drum.
* When possible, we will attempt to cast actors who physically resemble the real people they are portraying. However, capturing the characters’ personality is more important than their look.
* Sides from the monologues will be provided.
* We will consider sharing roles.

Rehearsals:

* Actors will work on their monologues individually with the director (Ingrid Madelayne) a few times over the summer, either in-person or via Zoom, at mutually convenient times and as needed.
* You will also need to be present for a costume consult and a fitting.
* Sometime during the week before the performance, the entire cast must be available for the final dress rehearsal. This will be at the cemetery and will be filmed.