

A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTOR-MANAGER

Welcome to Bar Harbor Theatre!

Whether you live here all year, part of the year, or are visiting “from away,” I am glad you have found your way to Bar Harbor Theatre in this, our second season.

I am fortunate to have grown up just a few dozen miles from this most beautiful place. It has always been my dream to live on this island. And it has always been my dream to start a fine theatre in this corner of the world. These dreams are reflected in the mission of Bar Harbor Theatre, to bring theatre of the highest standard to this part of Maine.

The awe I felt for brilliant actors as a child has grown into a deeply held respect for the passion and commitment of theatre artists. It has been my honor to bring together this summer a group of performers of the highest caliber. It thrills me to see them at work, and I am proud to present these two plays to Maine and her people, whether you're here for a day, a summer, or a lifetime.

So much has happened in our country and the world since last summer's final curtain. In the face of such events, it seems either extraordinarily naïve or extraordinarily stubborn to pursue one's dreams when they're made of stardust and imagination. And extraordinarily lucky to have the freedom to do it.

Henry David Thoreau (another person with a connection to Maine) once said, “I wish to begin this summer well, to do something in it worthy of it and me; to transcend my daily routine; to have my immortality now in the quality of my daily life.” It would be impossible to begin the summer any better than by coming to Mount Desert Island, and surely impossible to find a more transcendent place on earth. With the work of our lives, we at Bar Harbor Theatre hope to add just a little to this place, and to the quality of this day for you.

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It is great to be back for our third season of summer theatre here in Bar Harbor. We have made considerable progress in our short history, and if you have been with us in past summers, I hope you've enjoyed seeing us grow. If you're new to us this year, I hope we will become a regular part of your summers on Mount Desert Island. And if you're just visiting, maybe we will be one reason you'll want to come back soon.

It is such a privilege to live on this beautiful island and work with the wonderful theatre artists we have at Bar Harbor Theatre this summer. One of the things I love best about life here, and continue to marvel at, is the way this small island provides such an endless visual feast. Not only is there the array of almost miraculously beautiful scenery, but there is such variety to that beauty. Each favorite place on the island can appear in many different ways, depending on the season, the weather, the time of day, and especially the light.

That same infinite variety is part of who we are as people, yet something we are able to see only in those we know best. I am fascinated by the way theatre can show us a certain view we haven't seen before, or at least not in quite that same light.

We hope our plays this season will be counted among the memorable things you see on the island this year.

Thank you for being here.