

Arts & Entertainment



From lower left: Hadley Hornor, Alex Hallett, Carolyn Hornor, Caroline Graybill, Morgan Hallett, Julia Kalinowski, Hadley Harris, Zofia Rosenfield, Sofia Husainy, Matt Saunders, Molly Graybill

Amherst's Nutcracker Performance is December 13

Amherst and Mont Vernon's dancers and parents bring us a holiday Tradition

AMHERST – Last year, the first annual Nutcracker was a tremendous success and a delight to all involved in the production, and to all who enjoyed it in the audience. It was truly a community effort that left the audience happy and dancing.

This year Amherst and Mont Vernon students and their parents worked again to continue the Nutcracker tradition. The show is such a big production that needs lots of helping hands. Some of the parents have taken parts in the cast dancing in the party scene, others have taken roles as costumers, or prop finders and of course there are the parents who let everyone know about the show and the joy it brings.

VouliDance director and producer says: "The majority of the cast is dancers from our own towns, in-

cluding the lead roles like Clara and Fritz, Molly Graybill and Alex Hallett respectively. Sofia Husainy of SHS performs The Spanish dancer, a solo, character dance, with a lot of pizzazz and flair. Matt Saunders, also of SHS, makes a very handsome Arabian king leading his queen to a dance of their own. The role of the grandmother went to SHS senior Olivia Faulkenstein who brings her own comedic taste to it; she is a lot of fun. No one should miss it."

The inspiration for The Nutcracker ballet comes from a tale by E.T.A. Hoffmann. Although what is seen on the stage today is different in detail from the original story, the basic plot remains the same; the story of a young German girl who dreams of a Nutcracker Prince and a fierce battle against a Mouse King. The Nutcracker was first performed on De-

ember 18, 1892 at the Maryinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia. Since The New York City Ballet Revival in 1954 under the direction of George Balanchine, The Nutcracker has become a holiday tradition and continues to grow more popular in all over the world.

Join our tradition, bring your family to the Amherst Nutcracker and enjoy a holiday treat made with the talent and time of your friends and neighbors.

The Nutcracker performance is scheduled for Saturday 13 December 2014, at 4:00 p.m. and the Souhegan High School Theatre. Tickets available at the VouliDance studios: 71 State Route 101A, Amherst, NH 03031 Tel: 603.554.8626 and on line: www.voulidance.com Adults \$20.00 Children and Senior Citizens: \$15.00



Light on Strawberry Bank, Oil by Randy Knowles



Winter's Comfort, Pastel by Debby Frisella

Frisella Fine Art Studio Presents Exhibition of Paintings

Frisella Fine Art Studio Presents Home For the Holidays an exhibition of paintings by Robin Frisella and friends Doreen Boissonneault, Debby Frisella, Steffen Poltak and more. Please join us for wine and hor d'oeuvres during our Open House Saturday Nov. 29 from 2pm - 7pm and Sunday Nov. 30 from 2pm - 5pm. Our Home for the Holiday's Exhibit will be on display through Dec. 27th. Hope you can stop by and meet the artists and see their outstanding works of art.

Studio hours are Wednesday - Saturday 11am to 5pm or by appointment. For more info or a sampling of the artists work visit www.robinfrisella.com. Directions: 101 East to exit 3 (Candia Deerfeild) go straight through the stop sign and Frisella Fine Art Studio is the first building on your left, behind Stubby's Diner.



Holiday Warmth, Pastel by Robin Frisella psa



SHS Student, Kaitlin Griffin Performs in The Nutcracker at the Palace Theatre

NASHUA – Fourteen year old, Kaitlin Griffin to perform in the Palace Theatre's upcoming annual production of the timeless classic, The Nutcracker, in six performances November 28 through November 30, 2014.

Kaitlin Griffin, a freshman at Souhegan High School will perform the coveted lead role of Clara and Columbine Doll in the Palace Theatre's production of The Nutcracker. Kaitlin has been dancing for ten years. This is her second year with Southern NH Dance Theater under the artistic direction of Patricia Lavoie. She has also trained with Kirov Academy of Ballet Summer Intensive. This is Kaitlin's first major role in The

Nutcracker. "Dancing in The Nutcracker is a going to be nothing short of a magical thing to experience," stated Kaitlin Griffin.

Join us this holiday season as Southern New Hampshire Dance Theater's performing company accompanied by a live orchestra, performs this timeless classic this holiday season at the historic Palace Theatre in downtown Manchester. For show times and ticket information call the Palace Theatre Box Office at 668-5588 or visit www.palacetheatre.org. If you want to see Amherst's very own, Kaitlin Griffin perform in The Nutcracker call for your tickets today!

Kaitlin Griffin as Columbine Doll

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Anyone interested in joining our effort, simply stop by our office at 102 Ponemah Rd. in Amherst between Nov. 17 and Dec. 4, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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