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75th Anniversary Production of “Our Town”
At UNH

Thornton Wilder’s Pulitzer Prize-winning drama presents a timeless commentary on the transience of human existence. The UNH Department of Theatre and Dance opens its 2013-2014 season with “Our Town,” October 2-6, in the UNH Johnson Theatre in Durham, NH.

In one of the most original and provocative plays ever composed by an American writer, Thornton Wilder uses the seemingly ordinary events in an average turn-of-the-century New Hampshire town to give his audience rare insight into life's most extraordinary miracles and tragedies: birth and death; inspiring generosity and corrosive gossip; love and loss. Each of life's moments is extraordinary, Wilder warns us. We must savor each of our moments before all are gone forever. Recommended for ages 12 and up, the play contains complex language and themes.

There is a school matinee for grades 7-12 on Friday, October 4, at 10:00 am. All seats are $7. Schools that wish to stay all afternoon and partake in free workshops and classes at the annual Performing Arts Day, hosted by the department, can contact 603-862-2150 or visit http://cola.unh.edu/theatre-dance/program/field-trips.

“Our Town,” directed by Professor David Richman, runs October 2-5 at 7:00 pm and October 6 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are $8 for youth aged 17 and under, $14 for UNH students, ID holders and seniors and groups of 15 or more, and $16 for the general public. *Tickets for the October 4, school matinee are $7 each and can be obtained by calling 603-862-2150 or visiting http://cola.unh.edu/theatre-dance/program/field-trips All other tickets can be purchased through the PCAC Ticket Office located in the Johnson Theatre lobby of the Paul Creative Arts Center. This full-service ticket office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and one hour before curtain. Tickets purchased online will incur NO ADDITIONAL FEES. Call 603-862-7222 or visit UNHarts.com. For more information about our season, our programs, to book a tour or to make field trip reservations for your school, visit http://www.unh.edu/theatre-dance or call 603.862.2150.

Lauren Barton ’14 plays Emily Webb. After dying in childbirth, Emily joins the group of dead souls in the local cemetery and attempts to return to the world of the living. Her realization that human life is precious because it is fleeting is perhaps the central message of the play.

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