



BACK TO THE GARDEN, SHAKESPEARE AND PHOTOS OF THE WEST AT ARTS ON THE LAKE

In a busy five days, Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Lake Carmel, will welcome the band Back to the Garden 1969 on Friday, July 19, the Blue Horse Repertory's Bard on the Lake on Sunday, July 21 and Rick Bondi's Photos of the West on Tuesday, July 23.

Back to the Garden 1969, the third in AotL's series of outdoor concerts at 7 pm, is a tribute to the music of the legendary Woodstock Festival of 1969. Organized by musician Gary Adamson, Garden is a group of multi-instrumentalists and unique lead vocalists that has achieved a large and loyal following in the area.

The concert is scheduled for the lawn at the Arts Center, but will move indoors in the event of rain. AotL encourages patrons to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

The concerts are able to be pay-what-you-wish at the entrance in large part because of major support for the series from the Putnam Hospital Center, the Friends of the Kent Library, Radovich & Dean Music, Kent Wine and Liquors, Macaroni Kid, Joan Iacono Law and others.

The concerts are also made possible, in part, by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Cuomo and the NY State Legislature and with public funds from Putnam County. These grant programs are managed and monitored by the Putnam Arts Council.

Shakespeare outdoors is not new – it was open-air in 1599 – but scenes from eight to twelve plays tied together by theme and setting by director Roger Hendricks Simon is unique to Bard on the Lake.

Almost an annual fixture at AotL, Bard on the Lake is scheduled to be performed outdoors at the Arts Center at 6 pm. It draws a large number of actors from NYC, Putnam County area and upstate New York. In the event of rain, the production will move indoors.

Simon, a member of the Blue Horse Repertory Company (Directors: Lora Lee Ecobelli and Peggy Price), is noted for Bard productions, most recently at the Players Club in NYC, previously with the NY Shakespeare Festival, London's Royal Court Theatre and the Yale Rep.

For this production, general admission is \$15, with a \$3 discount for AotL members. Tickets may be purchased at www.artsonthelake.org or reserved at (845) 228-2685.

While the Photo Group at Arts on the Lake meets monthly to share information and discuss concerns of photographers, at the Tuesday, July 23 meeting, 7–9 pm, photographer Rick Bondi will share selections of the 1,500 images he captured in May as he explored Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, Montana, and South Dakota.

Bondi reports that he left the interstate, avoided hotels and was awakened at sunrise to some of the same sites that were made famous by Ansel Adams and William Henry Jackson in the early part of the 20th Century.

All meetings of the Photo Group are open to the public without charge.

More information on all events at Arts on the Lake is available at www.artsonthelake.org or (845) 228-2685.

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