



24-hour theater festival returns Sept. 30

HOLYOKE - The annual Phillips Festival, an evening of short plays written, directed and staged in 24 hours by Holyoke Community College alumni, students, staff, and friends, returns to HCC on Saturday, Sept. 30, for its sixth year.

The festival, which debuted in 2016, raises money for the Leslie Phillips Theater Fund for Arts and Education, honoring the legacy of Leslie Phillips, founder of the HCC theater program.

To produce the Leslie Phillips Festival, HCC alumni, students and staff register in advance to participate as writers, directors, actors, or members of the stage crew. The writers meet with the actors on Friday, Sept. 29, the night before the show to receive play elements such as props, prompts, and characterizations. They have until 6 a.m. the next morning to write their plays. Two hours later, actors and directors meet for a full day of rehearsals leading up to a 7:30 p.m. performance that evening, Saturday, Sept. 30.

"This is an evening of creativity and collaboration for the HCC theater community and the community at large," said Poehler. "It's also a chance to invest in the future generation of HCC's theater program and students - all in the name of Leslie Phillips."

Funds raised from the festival enable the HCC Theater Department to hold master classes, make capital improvements, and hire guest artists - "Anything to enrich, enable, and expand the educational experience of HCC students," Poehler said.

The festival was first organized in 2016 by HCC alumni working with HCC theater professor Pat Sandoval '84 as a tribute to Phillips, who died in 1988 after inspiring legions of HCC students.

To participate in the festival, please register at hcc.edu/phillips-2023.

General admission tickets are \$15 in advance (\$20 at the door) and \$10 for students and seniors (\$15 at the door). All proceeds benefit the Leslie Phillips Theater Fund for Arts and Education. Festival tickets can be purchased at hcc.edu/phillips-tickets23.

Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club supports international water project

The Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club is supporting an international project to bring fresh drinking water, sanitation facilities and hygiene training to three needy communities in Guatemala.

According to club President Donald Flannery, joined 25 Rotary Clubs in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut in Rotary District 7890 and contributed \$1,050 to add to a total of \$154,174. Adding this amount to the funds raised during the previous fourteen years brings a sixteen-year total to \$1,523,063 for these type of water projects.

These funds will pay for the materials needed to complete gravity fed water system with gray water filters, vented pit latrines and improved vented stoves for the 210 families (1,281 people) who live in the rural community of Tonajuyu, Guatemala, said Flannery.

Flannery described the international nature of the project: "All labor is provided by the men and women in each village. These projects continue the goal of Rotary International to have every Rotary Club support an international water and sanitation project every year. By working together, pooling their resources, and obtaining Global Grants with matching funds from The Rotary Foundation, the Rotarians have been suc-



(Photo courtesy Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club)

Club officers from the Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club, Pres. Donald Flannery (left) and Vice Pres. Chris O'Connor (right) joined District Gov. Christine Burns in the presentation Sept. 12 of a check supporting a water project in Tonajuyu, Guatemala.

cessful in adding size and strength to their chosen projects."

Rotary District 7890 Water Committee Chair and Manchester Rotarian Rick Lawrence again spearheaded the drive to raise the necessary funds by making presentations about the project to the Rotary clubs throughout, Western Massachusetts, Northern Connecticut and Central Rhode Island as well as several clubs in Southeastern Florida.

The Rotary project will help ad-

dress some of the basic causes of poor health in this area and will help the villagers address basic sanitation - water systems, gray-water filters and latrines - in order to help prevent the constant illnesses that afflict the population, particularly children.

For more information or to join the Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club call club secretary Brad Sperry at 413-537-4171.

Funding available for cultural events

WILBRAHAM — The Wilbraham Cultural Council has set an Oct. 17 deadline for organizations, schools, businesses and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to Council Chairperson, Jane Clark, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Wilbraham, including ex-

hibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

This year, the Wilbraham Cultural Council will distribute about \$10,400 in grants. Previously funded projects included artists and performances at the Wilbraham Public Library, Fountain Park Concerts and Wilbraham United Players theatre

productions.

Application forms and more information about how to apply for grants are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org.

For local guidelines and complete information on the Wilbraham Cultural Council, contact Jane Clark at 413-883-6236.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Wilbraham invites sealed bids for the demolition and replacement of the low-slope roof sections of the Public Library.

Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with M.G.L. c. 149, §§44A-44J and all other applicable laws.

Specifications and bid instructions will be available beginning Thursday, September 28, 2023 and can be acquired by visiting the Town of Wilbraham website at Wilbraham-ma.gov or by emailing sboyd@wilbraham-ma.gov.

Sealed bids will be accepted at Wilbraham Town Hall, 240 Springfield St., Wilbraham, MA 01095 until **October 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM** at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud. 09/28/2023

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Wilbraham MA 01095
413-596-4374
09/21, 09/28, 10/05/2023

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