

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

**RFA Summer Diva
audition dates clarified**

RANGELEY — Auditions for the Rangeley Friends for the Arts Summer Diva events will be announced sometime in June and held at the Club House Restaurant.

The performance dates, according to Dr. Susy Sanders, RFA Diva event chairperson, have been set for Friday, July 31; Saturday, Aug. 1 and Sunday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m.

For more information on the event or the auditions, contact Sanders at 639-2301.

**Pianists sought for
master class in August**

RANGELEY — Pianists preparing for their senior piano recitals, auditioning for music schools or serious piano players looking for a boost are encouraged to participate in a piano Master's Class being held this summer.

On Monday, Aug. 17, concert pianist Julian Gargiulo will be presenting a Master's Class in the afternoon and a concert in the evening.

Gargiulo performed at the United Nations on April 30, in a program that included music by Scarlatti, Tchaikovsky, Chopin, Debussy and Rachmaninoff. He performs regularly throughout the world in halls such as Carnegie Hall, Moscow Conservatory Hall, Verona Philharmonic Hall in Italy, The Esplanade in Singapore and the Seymour Theatre Centre in Australia.

Full information on Gargiulo may be found on his Web site: www.juliangargiulo.com.

Pianists interested in participating in the Master's Class should express interest and send a brief bio to Jeff Ellinwood, Rangeley Friends of the Arts, PO Box 1274, Rangeley, Maine 04970 or to jellinwd@localnet.com. Participants will be selected in July and the Master's Class is open to the public.

**Local
fiddler
groups to
perform**

FARMINGTON — The Arts Institute of Western Maine will present in concert, the Franklin County Fiddlers and the Pineland Fiddlers May 17, at 2 p.m. in Nordica Auditorium, University of Maine at Farmington. Both are traditional music groups made of exceptionally talented young people from Maine and directed by fiddlers Steve Muise and Ellen Gawler, respectively.

Franklin County Fiddlers was begun by local music educator and fiddler extraordinaire, Steve Muise, and is a group of auditioned Mt Blue High School musicians that changes from year to year. Although called the "fiddlers," this year there are many other instruments involved including several cellos, a bass, guitar, keyboard, accordion, drums, and others depending on the mood of the music. The result is a rich and varied sound as they produce toe-tapping tunes and beautiful waltzes from the Maritimes and the Old World all the way down to Cajun country, said a spokesperson for the group. The FCFs recently returned from a road trip into the south to New Orleans where they performed and also had the opportunity to hear concerts and visit some of the truly remarkable musical showplaces of the south.

The Pineland Fiddlers hail from communities from Bowdoinham to Farmington and Kingfield and most are students at the Pineland Suzuki School. Ranging in age from 10 to 16, this group of enormously talented young

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Some members of the Pinetree Fiddlers: (left to right) Marissa Parker-Bair, Leon Robie, Ellie Sloane-Barton, Django Pignatello, John Gawler and Simone Laverdiere. (Submitted photo)

fiddlers has a maturity of sound that belies their ages. Directed by Ellen Gawler, one of Maine's top folk fiddlers, the Pineland Fiddlers play a lively and varied repertoire with an emphasis on the Quebequois and Maine traditions. They are particularly adept at weaving lovely harmonies into their tunes and some of the fiddlers have even composed tunes of their own. They have two CDs to their credit, and have toured Quebec and perform regularly throughout Maine at fairs, dances and concerts. Last year a group of the Pineland Fiddlers was chosen to represent the U.S.A. in Turkmenistan at their International Children's Music Festival. And this summer they are all traveling to Ireland to perform and to learn more about the Irish fiddling tradition first hand.

In Sunday's concert, each group will present a separate set to showcase their own special sound. But they will also join forces for a few tunes as well.

Admission is by donation (free to UMF students with ID); all proceeds will go to both groups to help defray the costs of their respective trips this year.

Contact Sarah Sloane at 778-4770 or Sloane@maine.edu for more information.

**Reinholt Fine Arts Gallery
Artists' reception June 5**

KINGFIELD — Friday, June 5 Kingfield welcomes a new collection of works featuring 18 prominent local artists to the Reinholt Fine Arts Gallery.

The show features works in stained glass, watercolors, oils, printmaking, handmade paper, silver jewelry, beaded jewelry, copper sculpture, furniture, silk scarves, pastels, giclee fine art prints and acrylics.

Ian Reinholt of Cornville and Saskia Reinholt UMF Studio Arts alumni have spent the last three years fine tuning their artistry and craftsmanship on the island of Lanai, Hawaii. They are pleased to bring their artwork back to the state of Maine.

The artists who will exhibit are Ulrike Stadler, Jan Royall, Mellisa Walker, Saskia Reinholt, Emily Reinholt, Ian Reinholt, Natasha Haugen, Frances Haugen, RJ Gray Jr., Patricia Ritzo, Jessica Williams, Elizabeth Stephany, Bruce Bulger, Justin Williams IV, Andy Gelinas, Pat Pray, Nathan Patton and Larry Mofett.

Ian, a custom furniture maker, and Saskia, a fine artist who works in many mediums, plan to present their work and the work of 16 other local artists at the June 5 reception from 5 to 8 p.m. at the 245 Maine Street gallery.



A view of the interior of the Reinholt Gallery in Kingfield where an artists' reception for 18 local artists will be held June 5. (Photo courtesy the gallery)

Press media and the public are all invited and encouraged to attend the opening. The gallery will be open all day Friday as well.

For more information, contact Saskia Reinholt at 266-4656 or e-mail reinholtgallery@gmail.com.

**Sandy River Players
'And Then There Were None' returns to the stage**

FARMINGTON — Ten little murders are coming to the University of Maine at Farmington's Alumni Theater as Sandy River Players presents Agatha Christie's "And Then There Were None," May 13 to 17.

Kyle Morrison and Elizabeth Heineman play Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, the surrogate hosts for 10 individuals invited to stay upon a remote island. Among the visitors are Paul Stancioff's Wargrave, Cyndy Stancioff's Emily, Michael Fraley's Armstrong, Maria Skilling's Vera, Christopher Highes' Lombard and Mark Lemos'

Marston. Of particular note is the performance of Allan Smith as MacKenzie, since Smith participated in the original SRP production of "And Then There Were None" in the late 1960s.

Director Fred Liebfried has assembled an exceptional technical crew to bring this sinister island setting to life. Matt Black, Costume Designer, and Scott Leland, Set Construction, transport the audience back to the 1930s

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