

Commonweal Theatre Company
19th Annual Ibsen Festival
April 15-17, 2016
www.ibsenfest.org



Schedule of Events (subject to change)

All Weekend/Ongoing

Food & Spirits (*Reservations recommended*)

Enjoy fine Scandinavian Specialty Menu Items at:

- Pedal Pushers Café (507) 467-1050
- Old Village Hall (507) 467-2962
- Intermission (507) 467-3381

Art

Political Satire: The Lies that tell the Truth

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To Be a Poet Is to See

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The Commonweal is proud to present this three-dimensional exhibit exploring the universal themes and continued relevance of Ibsen's works. Through the generosity of the Norwegian government, this exhibit has been permanently gifted to the Commonweal Theatre and will be on display throughout the run of *The League of Youth*.

Video

Political Fight Songs through The Years

One of the ways that people have found a voice in the political arena is through music. This video of popular "politically charged" songs will highlight many periods when the power of music changed the landscape. Playing in the Commonweal lobby all weekend long.

History & Culture

Buttoned up Campaigns: Political Memorabilia

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Browse through an exhibit of U.S. presidential campaign buttons, posters, photos, bumper stickers and articles. Red and Blue, Elephant and Donkey, Republican and Democrat: a marvelous sampling of colorful and creative attempts to put the best face on each candidate! Many thanks to Paul Bengston of Minneapolis for sharing his personal collection with us for this weekend.

Nordic Treasures: Rosemaling Exhibit

Lanesboro Historical Museum • 105 Parkway Ave. S.

An iconic style of Norwegian decorative painting, rosemaling started in the mid 18th century, first by city dwellers trained in guilds and gradually developed as a folk art of the common people. The Lanesboro museum is pleased to offer the first public display of what had been the private collection of Lanesboro resident Hjordis Nordstrom, who taught home economics here from 1948 to 1972 and learned rosemaling in retirement. Come see a unique collection of more than 50 pieces -- from egg cups to jewelry boxes to clocks to framed pictures to end tables and more!

Friday, April 15

Culture

Aquavit in the New World

6:00 pm • Commonweal Theatre Events Hall

Aquavit is an important part of Scandinavian drinking culture where it is often drunk during festive celebrations. Mike McCarron of **Gamle Ode Aquavit** will host a free tasting of three distinctive aquavits. In addition to that service, Mike will talk about his own history with the liquor, its resurgence in America and his own path of starting a business inspired by aquavit. The craft distilled spirits offered will be *Dill Aquavit* which is infused with fresh dill, touches of caraway seed and juniper berries, *Holiday Aquavit* infused with fresh dill, caraway seed, touches of juniper berries, mint, allspice, and citrus from orange and lemon peels, and *Celebration Aquavit* infused with fresh dill, caraway seed, touches of juniper berries, coriander, vanilla bean, star aniseed, and citrus from orange and lemon peels. Light refreshments will be provided, and are recommended, to pair with the tasting.

Theatre

The League of Youth (Final Preview)

7:30 pm • \$20 • Commonweal Theatre

The Commonweal is proud to present a preview of Jeffrey Hatcher's adaptation of Ibsen's one and only work that is comedic in nature. Join us for a post-performance discussion with both *The League of Youth* director Hal Cropp and adapter Jeffrey Hatcher.

Saturday, April 16

Food

10:00 am • FREE • Commonweal Theatre Events Hall

Start your day with Scandinavian pastries and coffee courtesy of **Pedal Pushers Restaurant**.

Food

Kaffepause

11:00 am—4:00 pm • \$\$\$ • Commonweal Theatre Events Hall

A social tradition in Norway, kaffepause means "coffee break." The Commonweal Theatre Events Hall will be set up all day offering coffee and selling old-fashioned, hand-crafted Scandinavian treats from **A Little Decadence**. Enjoy a coffee break while you view the display of political memorabilia and other exhibits.

Lecture

The Young Voice in the World of Politics

10:30 am • Commonwealth Theatre

Join us for a special forum of young politicians from the region as we focus on the challenges that face politicians under the age of 30. Hear from several young politicians about their own journeys from the decision to run for office, to Election Day and then realizing the dream of reaching the goal of holding a political office.

Lecture-- KEYNOTE

Ibsen and Political Commentary

Andrew Friedman

1:00 pm • Commonwealth Theatre

The Commonwealth is proud to welcome Andrew Friedman as the keynote speaker for this season's festival. Mr. Friedman is a PhD candidate at the City University of New York's Graduate Center and an adjunct lecturer at NYU's Tisch School of Drama where he teaches courses on Henrik Ibsen and European theatre. His research and publications focus on contemporary productions of Ibsen's plays and the current experimental theatres of Europe and the US. Mr. Friedman's address will focus on the composition and public reception of one of Ibsen's most popular and innovative plays.

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Theatre

The League of Youth

7:30 pm • \$35 • Commonwealth Theatre

Celebrate the world premiere adaptation of *The League of Youth*! After the performance, join the cast and crew for a gala opening weekend celebration.

Sunday, April 19

Worship

Norwegian/English Worship Service

9:00 am • Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lanesboro

Experience a special and rare treat for the soul—a worship service celebrated in both the Norwegian and English languages.

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