

Maine Hysterical Society Yuks it up at Johnson Hall

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The Maine Hysterical Society will entertain audiences at Sounds Good! Music Live at Johnson Hall. Maine Hysterical Society is composed of three of Maine's most entertaining variety artists, actors, musicians and Downeast humorists. Charter Members Randy Judkins, Barney Martin, and Steve Underwood present a comedy variety show of novelty songs, hilarious Maine characters, 'wicked good' juggling, and some of the most hysterical sketches that will make you laugh on your way home and even the day after. The show is at Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center, 280 Water Street, Gardiner, and is supported by Joel Davis & Associates, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. This show is expected to sell out, and early reservations are recommended.

“Right from the start, our sold-out crowd was howling with laughter, and, unbelievably, it just got funnier!” says The Centre Theatre. “People are still talking about the show and it’s been 3 weeks. The Maine Hysterical Society is truly Maine’s most entertaining trio!!!”

commented the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. And the Opera House at Boothbay Harbor says, “Thanks for an evening that kept the audience laughing, gurgling, slapping their knees, gasping, wheezing, and just generally having fun.” More info is available at <http://mainehysterical.com>

Randy Judkins is a visual and character comedian from Maine who has performed in over 25 US states, Canada & Europe since 1975. He's appeared on local & national TV, instructed at the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey's Clown College and taught master classes at the Juilliard School of Drama in NYC.

Barney Martin has toured the British Isles, central France and played stages from New England to Colorado, the Bahamas, to Boston. Since the mid 70s, he's been involved professionally as a singer/songwriter/entertainer as well as acting in theater and "on camera". He's been a part of several duos/trios.

Steve Underwood was one of the creators and performers of the musical “Radical Radio”, which premiered in Maine and toured nationally. In 2002, he and co-founder Brian P. Allen formed Good Theater Productions and became the theater in residence at the St. Lawrence Arts Center in Portland, ME. Each season the company presents four main stage shows and three special events. He wears many hats including Actor, Director, Production Manager, and Set Design/

Construction. He also has performed his solo show (about the weird, wild world of Quantum Mechanics), around the U.S.

“Sounds Good! Music Live at Johnson Hall,” eight Fridays of concerts is featuring its 13th year of great music, taped by Time Warner Channel 9 for future TV broadcast. Musicians are chosen for their excellence, and the series is always diverse in musical styles. The series will be hosted by Denise Reehl, Artistic Consultant at Johnson Hall. Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center: Entertainment & More Since 1864.

Date : March 20, 2009

Time : 7:30 pm

Location : Johnson Hall

Tickets : Tickets are \$12, Johnson Hall members \$10, students \$4 (with ID). Prices include a \$1 Building Restoration Fund fee. Member special—buy one \$10 ticket, bring a non-member friend free.

New format for 2009 includes two sets. Desserts, coffee and concessions will be available for sale at intermission. Sounds Good! is a great opportunity to see high-quality music in an intimate setting and meet the musicians. For reservations contact 582-7144, or info@johnsonhall.net. The website is www.johnsonhall.org.