Acorn Productions

Acorn's mission is to invigorate the community of performing artists in Southern Maine. Acorn seeks to nurture new performance pieces, develop artist collaborations, train new talent, and make the arts accessible to a wide spectrum of the general public. Acorn accomplishes these goals by mounting annual festivals, open to a variety of artists as well as professional performances by local actors in both traditional and non-traditional venues. Ticket prices for performances are maintained at an affordable level to lower economic barriers for audience members. Acorn offers educational programs, acting classes and workshops, and fiscal sponsorships to grassroots organizations or individual artists seeking to become more active members of the performing arts community. Acorn has just launched a campaign in collaboration with the owners of the historic Mechanics Hall building, located at 519 Congress St., to restore the elegant third floor ballroom of the building into a performance space. The company is also currently accepting scripts for its annual Maine Playwrights Festival—full details and an application are available on the website.

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SPIRITS ALIVE & ACORN PRODUCTIONS

PRESENTS

WALK AMONG THE SHADOWS

2014

BOOM & BUST:
GHOSTS of 1807 PORTLAND

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BOOM & BUST: GHOSTS of 1807 PORTLAND

In the 24 years after the Treaty of Paris ended the War of Independence in 1783, Portland boomed. Portland citizens financed, built and sailed merchant ships to foreign ports and came home again with ships filled with products from distant places. Jobs were plentiful. Portland bustled with pent up demand that fueled a building boom. Our forebears built new homes, (some very grand and still standing today,) commercial buildings and churches to serve the expanded population. That was the "Boom" the get-rich times, peace and prosperity for most. The "Bust" the Embargo of 1807 stopped Portland's maritime economy cold. There were no government social safety nets and very few alternatives. Times were increasingly desperate.

You will meet some of the citizens of 1807 Portland tonight: the elderly, the widowed, the veteran, the wealthy, and the poor. They lived and died here in Portland and rest now in Eastern Cemetery.

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Director
April Singley

Producer
Michael Levine

Cast as the Ghosts
(in order of appearance)

The Honorable Samuel Freeman.....Herb Adams
Mrs. Lemuel Moody.....Lynn Cullen
Mrs. Mary Stonehouse.....Ruth Anne Phimister
Alexander Parris.....Seth Berner
Matthew "King Cobb" Cobb.....Tristan Rolfe
Rev. Samuel Deane.....Israel Buffardi
Mrs. William Tyng.....Laurie Brassard
Rev. Edward Payson.....Hal Cohen

Spirits Alive Greeters at the Gate

Billy Hans.....Pete Weigel
Emma "Coots" Moody.....Kathleen Carr-Bailey

This is a Sacred Place

Thank you for supporting the Eastern Cemetery by joining our event. Although we are providing an entertaining event in the Eastern Cemetery, it is our utmost goal that everyone remembers this is a sacred burial ground. Please maintain a respectful demeanor, stay on Funeral Lane, follow your specter, and refrain from touching stones or markers. Funeral Lane is uneven and dimly lit, so carefully watch your step. We appreciate your support of the Eastern Cemetery.

Spirits Alive at the Eastern Cemetary

Spirits Alive is a 501c(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of Portland's historic Eastern Cemetery through a range of activities including regular and special summer guided tours, this annual Walk among the Shadows and the Winter Lecture Series. Proceeds Spirits Alive earns from these events will help fund the stone conservation activities so important to preserving the antique stones. Spirits Alive has completed an exhaustive inventory survey and is now engaged in building a photographic record of each stone. We are volunteers and welcome volunteers of all ages. Thank you for helping us and the City of Portland keep the gates open to this National Historic Landmark so that everyone can benefit from this spectacular piece of history.

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