and served on important political committees. On October 5, 1775, he was appointed postmaster of Falmouth by Benjamin Franklin, and he held the position for 29 years.

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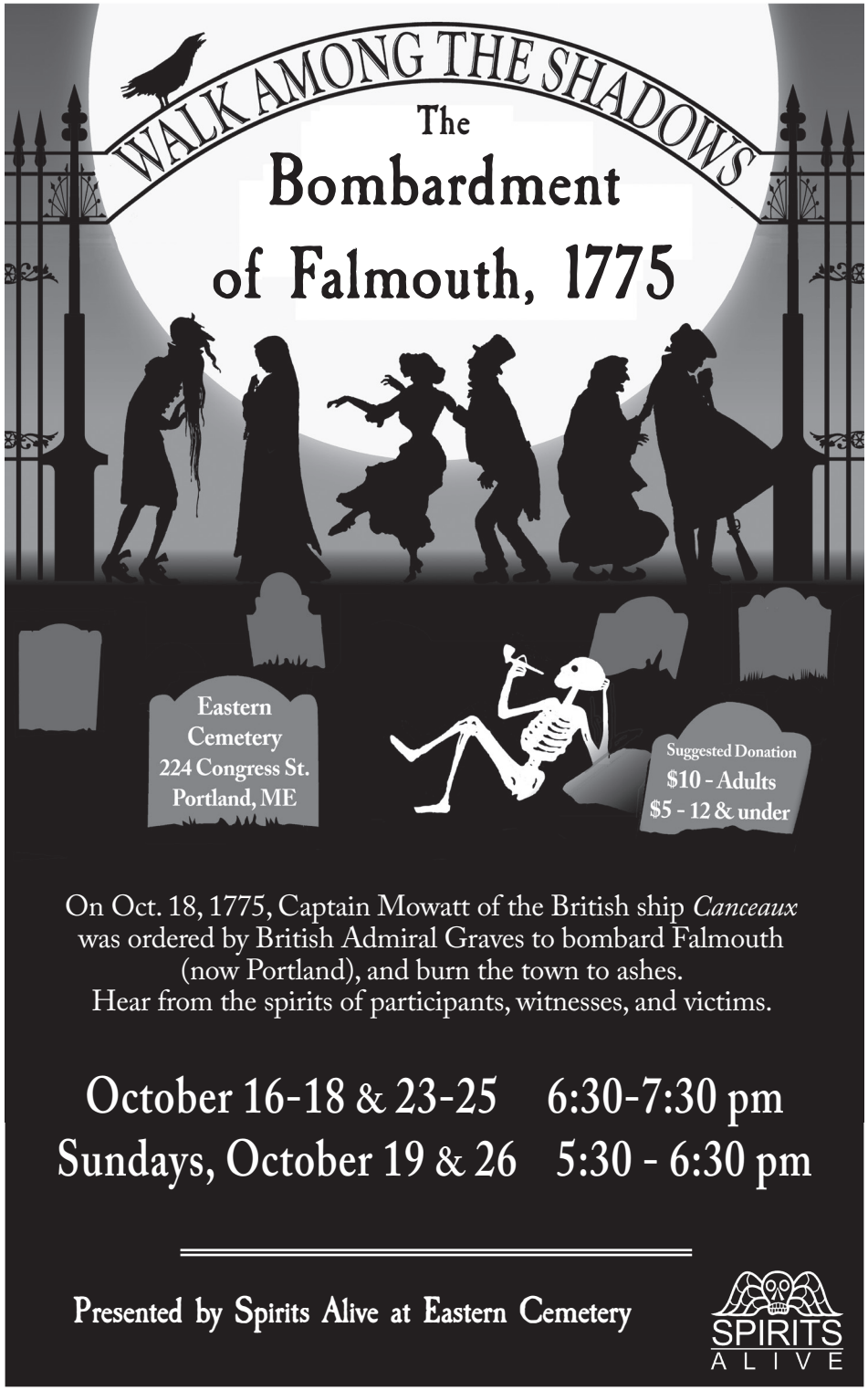
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Spirits outside the gates

Alice Greele . . . . . Kathleen Carr Bailey
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Elizabeth Tyng. . . . . Molly Donlan
Jedidiah Preble. . . . . .Harlan Baker
Thomas Coulson . . . . . Jason Iannone
Samuel Thompson . . . . . .Adam Ferguson
Susannah Marston . . . . . Brenda Tubby
Reverend Jacob Bailey . . . . . .Seth Berner
Mary Barton . . . . . .Lauren Gamble
Daniel Tucker . . . . . Danny Gay
Samuel Freeman . . . . . Herb Adams

The Facts behind the fiction . . .

Jedidiah Preble (1707-1784, Evergreen Cemetery)

Brigadier General Preble was born in in York, Maine. He fought in 3 wars for Great Britain, and for the Colonies in the Revolutionary War. During "Thompson's War," he tried to get cooler heads to prevail. In October 1775, Preble was a member of the committee that persuaded Captain Mowatt to give citizens more time to evacuate.

Betsy Ross Tyng (1751-1831, Eastern Cemetery)

The first child of Alexander Ross, she emigrated with her family from the Orkney Islands. She married William Tyng in 1769. Tyng died in 1807. His widow erected a large monument of red freestone with marble panels over his grave. A portrait of Elizabeth Tyng, painted by John Singleton Copley, hangs in the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Thomas Coulson (d. 1787, Bristol, England)

Born in Bristol, England, Capt. Coulson was for several years engaged in the mast business between Falmouth, Maine and Bristol, England. Coulson was married to a daughter of the elder Dr. Coffin of Falmouth, and resided in the doctor's house on King Street.

Samuel Thompson (1735-1798, Riverview Cemetery, Topsham)

Brunswick tavern owner Samuel Thompson was a fierce man of robust constitution. Though uneducated, he was intelligent and witty. He was Colonel of the Spruce Militia, whose members wore a sprig of spruce on their hats. In 1776, he was promoted to Brigadier of the Cumberland County militia. He was an Antifederalist, and an early advocate for Maine statehood.

Susannah Marston (d. 1819, Westbrook)

John Marston was the keeper of Marston's Tavern until his death in 1770. He was succeeded by his wife Susannah, assisted by her son Brackett, until 1779. Brackett's children sold the tavern in 1795 to Caleb Graffam. The last landlord was Aspah Kendall, who kept it until the entire building was moved to State Street in 1834.

Reverend Jacob Bailey (1731-1808, Annapolis, Nova Scotia)

Bailey was born in Rowley, Mass., and was educated at Harvard College, class of 1755, which included John Adams. Bailey's Anglican congregation in Pownalborough was a mix of mainly German Lutheran and French Huguenot immigrants, who were often at odds on matters of religion with the area's Yankee Congregationalists.

Mary Barton (1755-1841, Eastern Cemetery)

Mary's husband George was probably a yeoman farmer at the time of the bombardment. A yeoman was below the wealthy gentry and plantation owners, but above landless tenant farmers. They grew subsistence crops, and raised herd animals.

Daniel Tucker (1760-1821, Eastern Cemetery)

Daniel Tucker was a 15-year old apprentice in the shop of goldsmith Paul Little when Falmouth was burned. Years later, he wrote his unpublished autobiography, which included his firsthand account of the events of October 18, 1775 in Falmouth. He spent years at sea, and died in Gorham.

Samuel Freeman (1743- 1831, Eastern Cemetery)

Eldest child of Judge Enoch Freeman, born in Falmouth, Maine. He was a pupil of Stephen Longfellow in Falmouth. He taught school. He was a shipper, a land surveyor

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