



SRT hosts annual Bow Street fair

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PORTSMOUTH | The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (SRT) will host the 39th annual Artisans Fair on Bow Street, a two-day juried arts and crafts festival in the heart of beautiful downtown Portsmouth.

The fair will take place on Saturday and Sunday, July 23-24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. A \$2 suggested donation will be accepted at the gate.

Many fabulous artisans

are coming from far and wide for this very special fundraising event to benefit the Seacoast Repertory Theatre, a not-for-profit arts and educational institution. In addition to all of the fabulous handmade arts and crafts, there will be plenty of food and entertainment on hand to provide fun for the entire family.

For additional information, please visit SRT's Web site at www.seacoastrep.org.

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PORTSMOUTH | The Kids in the Back, the popular ensemble formed last year at Prescott Park Arts Festival (PPAF) among actors and singers in the production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," have returned to PPAF to revive the Lunchtime Concert Series, and to present a series of musical performances as pre-show entertainment, starting 1-1/2 hours prior to PPAF's mainstage productions of "Into the Woods" and "The Wizard of Oz."

Directed by Reilly Leith and Patrick Dorrow with choreography by Merrill Peiffer, The Kids in the Back feature Joseph P. Cooper, Miles Burns, Kari Buckley, Alison Cusano, Jen Mallard, Courtney Smith and Joe Adams. They have created three distinct productions for the pre-show entertainment — "On Broadway," "Broadway Showstoppers," and "Motown Live!"

Their Lunchtime Concert Series will feature a variety of music including songs from Broadway shows such as "Rent," "Hairspray,"

"42nd Street," "Annie," and "The Lion King." The "Motown Live!" performances will feature favorites from the Supremes, Smokey Robinson, Martha and the Vandellas, Stevie Wonder and other popular Motown artists

The Lunchtime Concert Series, which is sponsored by Pepsi, runs every Thursday through August 25 from 12-1 p.m. The Piscataqua Grill menu will be available at the concession stand, offering perfect lunchtime fare of hot and cold subs, fresh salads and fruit cups, cheese and cracker platters, hot dogs, chicken fingers, french fries, onion rings,

nachos, baked goods, ice cream, and a variety of beverages.

Prescott Park Arts Festival is located at 105 Marcy Street in Portsmouth. Hand-

icapped-accessible restrooms are available on-site, and no alcohol or pets are allowed in the Park. For more information, call PPAF at (603) 436-2848.

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