



Erin Brown helped create the costumes for the JCT production of "Yours, Anne."

## Play

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in Middletown almost 10 years ago, and the idea to stage the play lingered with her for years. Last November, she moved forward with the idea. "Just do it," a friend urged.

Hannah Cordes, as Anne, leads the cast. Already a veteran actor in the community theater, Cordes, at 13-years-old, is the same age Anne Frank was when forced out of her secret home by the Nazis.

Before auditioning for the play, Cordes went to the director and, revealing her passion for Anne's story, told Wright she wanted to participate in the production even if she didn't get a part. "I read the book from cover to cover and got completely fascinated with her," Cordes recalls.

Cordes finds a comfort level in the part, and has become inspired to explore future dramatic roles. She likes feeling a deeper connection with the serious characters, rather than the "cute little girls" she has been playing since the age of seven. "The audience can go away with something in this play," she says. "It's a wonderful cast. I feel so honored to be a part of it."

John Andrews, who plays the dentist, Mr. Dussel, says that part of the challenge for the actors is how to balance human relationships "with a dark background of terror." Another challenge he mentions is realizing the episodes are from the diary itself, and the characters become Anne's projection with false names. "Mr. Dussel was really Fritz Pfeiffer," he adds.

Michael Liebhauser plays Peter van Daan, and he says that transitioning from "good, happy people" in past performances to a more somber character has been rewarding. "It's a whole new medium," he says.

Also in the cast are Jeanne Spinosa Glier and Matt Bolles, who play Anne's parents, and Iris Bohensky, who plays Margo, her older sister. Rebecca Brazil and Terry Horsley play Mr. and Mrs. van Daan.

Janet Grant, piano accompanist for the play, describes the dissonant sounds that flow through the music "beautiful and haunting." Judy Bolles also accompanies with the violin and Barbara Davidson on the flute.

The significance of a church as the venue is not lost. "I appreciate that it is done in a church, since it was Christians who hid them," Wright notes.

Rev. Kathryn Palen of the Central Baptist Church was told of the performance before her appointment to the church last month. She looked for a way to incorporate some part of the performance into worship. Last Sunday, she invited the cast members to join her at the pulpit. Palen chose four musical selections to be sung from the play, weaving them together with inspirational quotes and Biblical stories. "Yours, Anne" is a declaration of hope and finding a place of faith in times of wilderness, with issues we still face today," Palen says. "I feel privileged to be a part of that."

Previously, the island theatre's productions have often been much larger, including children and cast members numbering 100 or more, according to Wright. To complement the small cast in the current production, Wright incorporated school children to open the play with poetry and song. The poetry readers are Camille Baker, Dana Larkin, Kelsey Donahue, Allie Brown and Raeshelle DeValerio. Danielle Brown, Erin Brown and Allie Brown will sing.

Wright praised the set designers and builders for designing and moving the set to the Central Baptist Church, and for putting it together once it was in place, all in an expedient manner. "With full time jobs, I always am in awe of the work this volunteer group does for each play. It is the crew who too often leave a production in the shadows of fame with only cuts and bruises left from their labors and truckloads of used sets to return. I want to thank this fine group, led by Kevin Sommerville and Maryanne England, and in addition Michael Glier who spent hours producing special effects," she praises.

In addition to opening night on Friday, other performances this weekend will be Saturday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March

4, at 4 p.m. The second weekend performances are Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 11, at 4 p.m.

Tickets for performances are available for purchase at Baker's Pharmacy, Conanicut Marine Store, and the Secret Garden in Jamestown, at Pleasant Surprise in Newport, and at Midnight Sun in Wickford.

Dress rehearsal on Thursday, March 1, is free to seniors, 65 and older, and students. Seniors must pick up their free tickets at a designated time at the Senior Center. Free student tickets for the dress rehearsal can be picked up from Melissa Minto at the Teen Center, also at a designated time, or by e-mail to ms.wright@mac.com.



Above, Anne Frank, played by Hanna Cordes, and Peter Van Daan, played by Michael Liebhauser, become friends in "Yours, Anne."


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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

The following is intended to amend Chapter 82 of the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Jamestown. A public hearing to solicit public input is scheduled on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the large conference room of the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Article 4. Chapter 82 of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Jamestown is hereby amended by adding the following new Section thereto.

Sec. 82-410. Project Review by Outside Consultants

The Zoning Board, Planning Commission, Building Official, Zoning Enforcement Officer and/or Town Planner have the authority to engage professionals to assist them with the review of and recommendation concerning any application which, in the judgment of the Zoning Board, Planning Commission, Building Official, Zoning Enforcement Officer and/or Town Planner, require review by outside consultants due to the size, scale or complexity of a proposed project, the project's potential impacts, or because the Town lacks the necessary expertise to perform the review work related to the permit or approval. Such professionals may include but may not be limited to Architects, Engineers, Lawyers, Landscape Architects, Planners and the like. Such assistance may include, but not be limited to, analyzing an application, design review of applications, determining consistency with the purposes and design standards for cluster developments, assessing the economic, archaeological, traffic or environmental impact of a development proposal, review of unique site features including trees, or for monitoring a project or site for compliance with the Commission's decisions or regulations. The fee for such services shall be the responsibility of the applicant and shall be equal to the actual cost to the Town for such consultant. These project review fees are separate from, and in addition to, other fees imposed by the Town for reviewing a proposed project or application or inspecting a project during construction or implementation.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Jamestown Town Hall, 245 Conanicut Avenue during normal business hours. The proposed Ordinance amendment may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the hearing.

This meeting location is accessible to the physically challenged. Hearing or speech impaired individuals requiring the services of an interpreter should call 1-401-423-7200 or 423-7230 not less than 3 business days prior to the meeting.

By order of the Jamestown Town Council  
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