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Summer Fun at the Vanderbilt Museum

Lots of Theater, Music, Dancing – and an Old-Fashioned Clam Bake

CENTERPORT, NY (May 24, 2012) – The Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum has a full summer calendar of exciting events for all ages. These include two new original events – Mid-Summer Night Dances and the Vanderbilt’s First Annual Clam Bake – along with regular summer favorites, a Romantic



Evening of Tango and Ballroom Dancing and Alex Torres and His Latin Orchestra. Also scheduled is the Arena Players Repertory Theatre’s annual Summer Shakespeare Festival, as well as its productions for adults and children, and four music and art events including speed-painting to live music and a Grateful Dead festival.

Mid-Summer Night Dances

Thursdays, July 12 – August 30 (Except August 2)

7:00 – 9:30 (Gate opens 6:30)

For those who love to dance, and those who’d love to learn, the Vanderbilt will hold a series of dances on Thursday evenings in July and August in its huge white celebration tent on the lawn next to the Vanderbilt Mansion. Ballroom and other popular types of dancing will be featured, and lessons will be included. Participants are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner. Tickets: \$20.00 per person. Sponsored by Ballroom on the Bay of Huntington. Opening night on July 12 with hors d’oeuvres and wine courtesy of Claudia Dowling Interiors, Huntington.

Vanderbilt Museum First Annual Clam Bake

Saturday, July 14

6:00 – 10:00

Enjoy an evening of food, music and dancing under the stars at the Vanderbilt estate on Northport Bay. The benefit event, featuring a menu of unlimited seafood-lovers’ favorites – from whole steamed lobsters, clams, mussels and clam chowder to barbecued chicken, burgers, hot dogs and corn-on-the-cob – plus wine and beer, will take place in the Vanderbilt’s celebration tent on the west lawn of the mansion. Proceeds will support museum education programs. Tickets: \$100 per

person (includes beer, wine and soda). Purchase tickets online at www.vanderbiltmuseum.org, or call the Vanderbilt at 631-854-5579 (Monday-Friday, 10:00-4:00).

A Romantic Evening of Tango and Ballroom Dancing

Saturday, July 21

Vanderbilt Mansion Courtyard

6:30 –10:30

Legendary Argentine dancer Nelson Avila – star of the world-renowned Broadway show *Tango Argentino* – and his wife Madalyn will return to the Vanderbilt estate for a third summer. Joining the popular program this year will be champion dancers Karen Lupo and Mark James, who will bring spellbinding dance selections including salsa, hustle and acrobatic adagios (lifts and drops). Each couple will give a featured performance during the evening.

The mansion's elegant Spanish-Revival courtyard will open at 6:00. Guests are invited to bring a picnic dinner. Tango and ballroom fundamentals will be taught from 6:30 to 7:00. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tables for four or more can be reserved. Purchase tickets online at www.vanderbiltmuseum.org, or call the Vanderbilt at 631-854-5579 (Monday-Friday, 10:00-4:00).

Spicy Sounds for a Hot Night: Alex Torres and His Latin Orchestra

Friday, August 3

Vanderbilt Celebration Tent

6:00 – 10:00

Latin music, dancing and romance will fill the night when Alex Torres and His Latin Orchestra return for their sixth summer at the Vanderbilt. This very exciting evening will take place in the grand celebration tent overlooking Northport Bay and the Spanish-Revival Vanderbilt mansion. Estate grounds open at 5:00. Professional instructors offer club-style Latin dance lessons 6:00 to 7:00; performance is 7:00 to 10:00. Sponsored by Ballroom on the Bay of Huntington, www.ballroomonthebay.com.

The orchestra, which has performed five times to sold-out Vanderbilt audiences, has played a spicy mix of salsa, merengue and Latin jazz throughout North and South America and has released 10 critically-acclaimed CDs. Visit www.alextorres.com.

Advance tickets are \$25; at the gate, \$30, Members are \$25. Dance lessons are \$5 per person. Guests are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and enjoy it under the stars. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Purchase tickets online at www.vanderbiltmuseum.org, or call the Vanderbilt at 631-854-5579 (Monday-Friday, 10:00-4:00).

SUMMER SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

The Arena Players Repertory Theatre: *Twelfth Night* and *Macbeth*

July-August

Vanderbilt Mansion Courtyard Stage

Wednesday and Friday, 8:00; Sunday, 7:00

Reservations are highly suggested for all Arena Players productions. For tickets, call 516-293-0674. Visit www.ArenaPlayers.org or [Facebook.com/ArenaPlayers](https://www.facebook.com/ArenaPlayers).

Performances on Wednesdays and Fridays are at 8:00, on Sundays at 7:00. All tickets are \$10.00. *Twelfth Night*, a comedy of mistaken identity, will be performed every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday in July (except Friday, July 6). *Macbeth*, Shakespeare's bloodiest tragedy, will be offered during August every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday (except Friday, August 3).

THEATRE

Arena Players Repertory Theater: *Entertaining Mr. Sloane*

Friday, June 1 – Sunday, June 24

Vanderbilt Carriage House Theatre

Friday and Saturday, 8:00; Sunday, 3:00

Reservations are highly suggested. For tickets, call Arena Players, 516-293-0674. Visit www.ArenaPlayers.org or facebook.com/ArenaPlayers.

This play by Joe Orton won the London Drama Critics Award for Best Play. Blowsy landlady Kath and her sexually repressed brother Ed rent Sloane a room and proceed to “entertain” him by seducing the seemingly hapless young man. But when their old Pa recognizes Sloane for what he is, a feckless murderer, he is killed by the ruthless hustler. As witnesses, sibling rivals Kath and Ed come to a fair settlement regarding the ultimate dispensation of Mr. Sloane's services. Tickets: \$20 Friday and Sunday, \$25 Saturday.

Arena Players Repertory Theater Presents *The Woolgatherer*

Friday, June 29 – Sunday, July 22

Vanderbilt Carriage House Theatre

Friday and Saturday, 8:00; Sunday, 3:00

In William Mastrosimone's drama, Rose, a shy dime-store salesgirl whose life center son reveries and daydreams, lives in a dreary Philadelphia apartment. Into her life saunters Cliff, a hardworking, hard drinking truck driver. He is rough and witty and just as starved for love as she is. This play was produced recently to great success at New York's Circle Repertory Theater – *The New York Times* said the production showed “Energy, compassion and theatrical sense.” Performances: 8:00 on Friday and Saturday, 3:00 on Sunday. Tickets: \$20 Friday and Sunday, \$25 Saturday.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Arena Players Children's Theatre: *Peter Pan*

July-August

Vanderbilt Carriage House Theatre

Saturday and Sunday, 1:00

Reservations are highly suggested for all Arena Players productions. For tickets, call 516-293-0674. Visit www.ArenaPlayers.org or Facebook.com/ArenaPlayers.

Children will enjoy taking part in this audience-participation version of the beloved classic *Peter Pan*. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$8 for children. Children under 3 are free. Performances are every Saturday and Sunday at 1:00.

MUSIC & ART EVENTS

Long Island Sound & Art Festival

Sunday, June 24

12:00 – 7:30

Musician and producer Rich Rivkin has planned four Music & Art events this summer at the Vanderbilt. For more information on all of these events, contact Rivkin at 631-261-2941, or at rich@jazzfusion.tv. Visit www.LISoundFestival.com.

A full day of live jam-band music and live painting, featuring 40 artists speed-painting to the music of six bands, on the lawn below the marine museum. Admission: \$7.00. Bring a chair. Proceeds will benefit the Vanderbilt Museum.

Live-Art Jazz-Fusion Festival

Sunday, July 29

1:00 – 6:00

Forty artists will be speed-painting to live jazz-fusion bands, on the lawn below the marine museum. Weather permitting. Admission: \$7.00. Bring a chair. Proceeds to benefit the Vanderbilt Museum.

JULY

Live Art Drum & Dance

Sunday, August 12

2:00 – 6:00

Thirty artists will be speed-painting, inspired by a drum circle of 30 hand-drummers and dancers. All are welcome to join. Weather permitting. Admission: \$7.00. Bring a chair. Proceeds to benefit the Vanderbilt Museum. Visit DjembeMovement.com.

Grateful Fest

Sunday, September 9

12:00 – 7:00

A full day of live music and live painting, featuring six tribute bands performing the music of Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead, along with 40 artists speed-painting to the music. Visit GratefulFest.com. Weather permitting. Admission: \$7.00. Bring a chair. Proceeds to benefit the Vanderbilt Museum.