



ART CENTER TO OFFER NEWSPAPER WORKSHOP AND NEW PLAY IN ONE WEEKEND

Up and running again at full speed, Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52 in Lake Carmel, offers *Open Mouth*, vaudeville for the 21st century, on Saturday, May 5, at 8 pm and a workshop in *How to Write the Publishable Story* on Sunday, May 6, at 3 pm.

“Open Mouth is a performance of short skits and music,” said Artistic Director of Arts on the Lake James Shearwood. “In preparing our strategic plan last spring, there were many requests to bring it back.”

Already scheduled for this edition are upstate singer/songwriters Ellen and Roger Bruno (*Too Human*) plus *The Knox Sisters*, a young singing duo from Lake Carmel. There is also the short play *Seat Taken* by Gabrielle Fox, plus an arrangement of new poems by Tony Howarth with music by Howard Kilik.

A highlight of this *Open Mouth* will be the American premiere of *In The Dead* a new play by young Spanish playwright Diego Fdez. Sandez. Staged by Blue Horse Repertory Director Lora Lee Ecobelli, the cast includes Judy Allen, Jay Ciccone, Jeff Green, Ed Kenny and Caitlen O’Heaney.

To preserve the family-friendly, informal nature of *Open Mouth*, prices are \$10 for the general public and \$8 for members of AotL.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 pm, the Center becomes the site of *How to Write the Publishable Story*, a workshop led by Former Managing Editor of the Putnam Press Marty Collins, current Managing Editor of the Putnam Press/Times Holly Toal and Chief Operations Officer of Examiner Media Faith Ann Butcher in writing articles and press releases for local papers.

Organized by the AotL Public Relations Group, the workshop is open to all levels of experience. In addition to covering basic newspaper writing such as the lead sentence and the reverse pyramid format, participants will re-work story material supplied by the editors to achieve publishable stories.

Scheduled for two hours, the public admission is \$5. There is no charge for students or members of Arts on the Lake. Reservations should be made to rsvp@artsonthelake.org or 845 228-2685.

The Community Workshops are made possible, in part, by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Cuomo and the NY State Legislature and with public funds from Putnam County. These grant programs are managed and monitored by the Putnam Arts Council.

Tickets and information on all upcoming events at Arts on the Lake can be accessed at www.artsonthelake.org. Reservations and messages can be left at (845) 228-2685.