

Theatre & Performance Within Reach of Northfield Summer 2026

Introduction:

I started this listing in 2014 with the intention of including every theatre production in our area for the entire summer. Since many theaters have become multi-arts organizations, this listing now includes a much wider variety of events and activities, many of which are one night events. Cell phones have made all of us less dependent on listings this but it is still useful to get pointed in the right direction and get a “lay-of-the-land”. At the end of the day, do not forget to check the websites to get up-to-date information about dates, times, costs, and directions.

If you are unfamiliar with a music group, look them up on “YouTube” and listen to a sample.

Note: Free Passes:

If you are looking for non-theatre/music things to do while on “The Ridge” then be sure to check out the Dickenson Library (or other area libraries) because they have FREE passes for lots of things to do in the area; swimming (pools and lakes), parks, historical sites, art museums, etc. They have even had passes for things out of the area like the ship Constitution (“Old Ironsides”) in Boston. The State of Massachusetts provides seniors with a free pass to all of its State Parks.

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Theatre & Performance Organizations & Dates

Greenfield & Amherst - Silverthorne Theatre Company

High Quality Theatre

Silverthorne Theatre Company's mission is to present adventurous, thought-provoking theatrical experiences, including productions of classic, contemporary and new works for diverse audiences. Located in Greenfield but with another performance space in Amherst.

Information:

Location: Arts Block Building, Hawks & Reed Performing Arts Center, 289 Main St, Greenfield, but also doing productions at a variety of locations including Hampshire College, Emily Dickinson Hall, 893 West St, Amherst, Ma.

Greenfield location: (14 miles/19 minutes)

www.silvertornetheatre.com

413-213-2435

Tickets about \$25

Productions:

Theatre Thursdays - play readings

Sanctuary City - June 11-21, Theatre at Hampshire College, Amherst

Deep Blue Sound - July 16-26, Theatre at Hampshire College. Amherst

Turners Falls - Shea Theatre

Multi-Arts Performance Organization

"The Shea" is a community owned theatre that aims to be a part of this areas cultural revival. It is truly Multi-arts, presenting local talent to big names. It provides performance space for a variety of attractions designed to appeal to a wide range of tastes. Musical offerings include folk, pop, rock, swing, jazz, country and traditional. Theatrical productions encompass musical comedy, drama, comedy and political satire. In addition, there may be magic shows, children's shows or silent film revivals. There is a popular program of drama classes for young people and summer camp workshops.

Information:

Location: Shea Theatre Arts Center, 71 Avenue A, Turners Falls, Ma. Avenue A is the main street of Turners Falls, (10 miles/15 minutes)

www.sheatheatre.org

413-648-7432

Tickets free to about \$50

Productions: Schedule is VERY incomplete. See the website since they fill the schedule as the season goes on.

May - Charlie Marie (honky tonk)
Best of the 70"s (rock)
Grateful Dead Tribute
Earth Music Theater Live (free)
June - Big Yellow Taxi (Joni Mitchell)
Talking Heads Tribute
Bill Frisell Trio (jazz)
July - Quinn Sullivan (blues)
August - Dakhabraka
Reid Genauer and Assembly of Dust

Brattleboro, Vt - New England Youth Theatre

Outstanding Youth Theatre

This is a young actors program that operates throughout the year and produces about 20 plays during that time. They do student directed and original works. Their plays are handicapped inclusive as is the theatre. If you are interested in seeing and supporting quality productions by young actors then this is a great place to do it. I have been attending for over 10 years and have been astonished by the quality of their performances.

Information:

Location: Performance space with ample parking at 100 Flat St, Brattleboro, Vt (18 miles/22 minutes)

www.neyt.org

Box office: 802-246-6398

Tickets: \$15, seniors \$13, students \$11

Productions:

Summer Classic - Arms And The Man - July 10-11

Drag Show - July 17-18

Melodrama Show - July 24-25

Summer Musical - Head Over Heels - August 7-15

NYET Commedia - The Family Vacation - August 21-22

Brattleboro, Vt - Vermont Theatre Company

Community Theatre

The Vermont Theatre Company is committed to promoting theatre in the Brattleboro area. They do an annual outdoor Shakespeare production as well as mystery dinner theatre during the rest of the year.

Information:

<http://www.vermonttheatrecompany.org/>

about 20 miles/23 minutes

Summer Shakespeare - Macbeth - June 2026 but date not yet fixed. Living Memorial Park, 61 Guilford St, Brattleboro

Bellows Falls, Vt - Wild Goose Players

Community Theatre

Wild Goose Players is a theatre company that is bringing live theatre back to the Bellows Falls Opera House. Wild Goose is wedded to the pursuit of excellence. As part of its commitment to original work, "Wild Goose" hosts a monthly public reading of a new play, where authors share a work in development and seek feedback from attendees. Wild Goose collaborates with NXT Stage Arts in Putney, Vt.

Information:

7 Westminster St, Bellows Falls, Vt, 05101 (about 25 miles)

Mail to: PO Box 124, Bellows Falls, Vt, 05101

phone: 802-376-4761

DStern@wildgooseplayers.com

Tickets: I could not find prices other than "pay what you can"

Productions:

Monthly reading of a new play

Fin & Euba - June 5,6

You're A Good Man Charlie Brown (musical) - Aug 14-22

Assassins (musical) - Nov 6-14

Bellows Falls Follies, Five Years of the Goose - Dec 3, 2026

Putney, Vt - NXT Stage Arts Project

Multi-Arts Organization

In 2016 Next Stage completed the renovation of the Putney Church. The result is a 200 seat performance venue. This is an organization that explores music, dance, film, theatre, spoken word and the visual arts. They have an extensive full year calendar that schedules frequent on night events as well as working with local "creative partners"; Sandglass Theatre, Twilight Music, Wild Goose Players, and Yellow Barn.

Information:

Location: 15 Kimball Hill Rd, Putney, Vt (an old but renovated building right in Putney) (29 miles/30 minutes) (GPS is not good in this area so pay attention)

info@nextstagearts.org

Tickets: \$10-25

Productions: It is obvious that the schedule has not been filled

May - Singer/Songwriter Showcase

Victoria Redel in Conversation with Robin MacArthur

Sing Sing Thanksgiving (film with BB King & Joan Baez)

NXT Rockumentary Film Series
Queralt Giralt Soler Trio
John Gorka
Open Mic
The Nashville Sound
Joey Morgan: Forgotten Not Gone
Tim Weed: The Gatepost
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Baklava Express
Vermont Jazz Center Sextet
June - Fun Fest for Kids and Kids at Heart
July - Las Guaracheras
Folk, Roots, & Americana Music Festival
August - Bread and Puppet
Bywater Call
Homegrown Festival
Sept - Celtic & Quebedois Music
Kotoko Brass

Putney, Vt - Sandglass Theatre

Puppet Theatre

Sandglass Theater of Vermont is dedicated to the art of theater and puppetry as means of exploring contemporary issues, and sparking wonder. Sandglass collaborates with NXT Stage in Putney, VT.

Information:

PO Box 970, 17 Kimball Hill, Putney, Vt, 05346

802-387-4051

info@sandglasstheater.org

Productions take place at a variety of locations.

Tickets: varied, about \$20-25

Productions:

Summer Intensive: Puppetry Training - application due May 1

Voices of Community: Praise - May 23

The City that Slept - June 5 & 6

Floating Water Puppet Workshop - June 6

Penelope in First Person - June 19, 20, & 21

Death and the Fool - June 25 & 26

Physical Comedy Workshop - June 26

Putney, Vt - Twilight Music

Free music

Twilight Music presents a variety of live music, including the annual “Twilight on the Tavern Lawn” free summer concert series. Running every other Sunday from late May through August at 6PM on the Putney Tavern lawn, the series features folk, jazz, world, and bluegrass music. They also host special shows such as the Singer/Songwriter Showcase.

Information:

Putney Tavern lawn (rain location at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill, Putney)

nextstagearts.org

802-387-5772

Bring your own lawn chair and/or blanket

Food is available.

No Tickets - donations

Productions:

Vermont Jazz Center Sextet - May 31

High and Lonesome - June 14

Flagship Romance & The Rough & Tumble - June 28

The Emily Margaret Band - July 12

Kwartetto Mambo - July 26

Planet Zydeco - Aug 9

The Stockwell Brothers - Aug 23

Putney, Vt - Yellow Barn Music

Classical Music. Yellow Barn Collaborates with NXT Stage in Putney, Vt.

Information:

PO Box 507, Putney, Vt, 05346

892-387-6637

info@yellowbarn.org

Theatre Location: 49 Main St, Putney, Vt, 05346

Tickets: Free to \$40+

Productions:

Yellow Barn Festival Concerts - July 10 - August 8

Helena Tulve, Composer in Residence- August 2 - 8

Young Artists Program Concerts - June 21, July 2 & 3 (Free)

Yellow Barn Workshop for Non-Professional Musicians - Oct with April application

Keene, NH - The Colonial Theatre

Multi-Arts Performance Organization

The Colonial Theatre is almost a century old. It presents films and hosts performing artists for the Keene community. Whether it is providing a stage for singers that inspire, evenings that take us down memory lane, physical performances that make jaws drop,

or the sly wit of a comedian, the most important part of what happens at The Colonial is sharing those experiences together.

Information:

Location: 95 Main St, Keene, NH (21 miles/30 minutes)

www.thecolonial.org

Tickets: free to \$25-50 (student rush available since Keene is a college town)

Productions: (It is obvious that the schedule has not been filled)

Live Events:

Sharp Dance Company - May 2

Railroad Earth (music) - May 7

Mr. Speed, A Night of Kiss - May 8

Ghostface Killah (rap) - May 16

A Midsummer Night's Dream (dance) - May 31

Ben Folds (singer/songwriter, pop artist) - June 7

Patton Oswalt: Effervescent (comedy)- June 26

Randy Travis (country) - Oct 2

Nurse Blake (comedy) - Oct 4

Film Events: (the listing does not seem to be available at this time)

Friday Classic Films

Free Film Events

Other Film Events

Keene, NH - The Edge Ensemble Theatre

Community Theatre

Information:

Location: 310 Marlboro St, Suite 112, Keene, NH (21 miles/30 minutes)

603-352-5657

www.edgeensemble.org

Tickets: \$20/ \$18 senior/student

Productions:

The Roommate - May 29 - June 6

Chester, Ma - Chester Theatre

Professional Theatre

“The Chester Theatre Company is committed to presenting intelligent, contemporary, language-rich, thought-provoking plays produced by world class Equity theatre professionals”. They also organize a London theatre tour and a Dublin theatre tour.

Information:

Location: 15 Middlefield Road, Chester, Ma (56 miles/75 minutes)

Tickets: \$55 (Students and Chester residents \$10)

[chester theatre.org](http://chestertheatre.org)

Box office: 413-354-7771

Productions:

The History and Mystery of the Universe - 6/19-28

Fannie (The music and life of Fannie Lou Hamer) - 7/2-12

Amchitka - 7/24 - 8/8

Dear Alien - 8/14-23

Ashfield, Ma - Double Edge Theatre

Very different theatre, usually outdoors

“An international center for performance, collaboration, and training.”

“Our performances are immersive, known for their visual poetry, blending of artistic disciplines, highly developed physicality.”

Information:

Location: 948 Conway Rd, Ashfield, Ma, 01330 (32 miles/40 minutes)

www.doubletreetheatre.org

Box office: 413-628-0277 (hours M-F 10am - 4pm)

Tickets: \$25/40/75

Productions:

Community Day - May 10 @ 1pm

Summer training intensive - June 1-5

Once A Blue Moon - Cada Luna Azul - July 15 @ 7:30pm - Aug 2 @ 9pm

Peterborough, NH - Peterborough Players

Professional Summer Stock Theatre

Established in 1933, this is one of the oldest summer stock companies in the country.

The Players have staged more than 300 different plays over the years. They have presented a variety of world and regional premiers and works by contemporary playwrights as well as the classics. During the “off season” (October - May), the Metropolitan Oper and London’s National Theatre is broadcast onto their “big screen”.

Information:

Location: 55 Hadley Rd, Peterborough, NH (42 miles/62 minutes)

Tickets: \$60 plays/ \$67 musical

peterboroughplayers.org

Box office: 603-924-7585

Productions:

Curtains Up (Special) - May 9 @ 5pm

Baskerville (a Sherlock Holmes Mystery) - June 17-28

A Danger to Yourself and Others - July 1-12

Million Dollar Quartet - July 15-26

Proof - July 29 - Aug 9

Emma - Aug 12-23

Met Opera Live on Screen -

Eugene Onegin

El Ultimo Sueno De Frida Y Diego

West Chesterfield, NH- Actors Theatre Playhouse

High Quality Community Theatre

The Actors Theatre Playhouse offers “unique productions in a beautifully renovated church”.

Information:

Location: corner of Brook and Main Street, West Chesterfield, NH (19 miles/30 minutes)

www.atplayhouse.org

877-666-1855

Tickets: \$17

Productions:

The Caretaker - 7/10 -25

26 Pebbles - 8/7-22

Class - 9/4-19

Spotlight in the 1930's - 9/24-27

Weston, Vt- Weston Playhouse

Professional Theatre

For 90 years, Weston has flourished as a home for exceptional theatre in an exceptional community. Professional summer stock in two beautiful theaters. Special events include pre-show talks, and hootenannies. Special events are listed on the website.

Information:

703 Main St, Weston, Vt (62 miles/95 minutes)

www.westonplayhouse.org

802-824-8167

Tickets: about \$60

Productions:

Ring of Fire - 6/10 - 7/5
School House Rock - 6/19-28
Rent - 7/22 - 8/16
Primary Trust - 8/26 - 9/6