

St. Saviour's Episcopal Parish, Bar Harbor announced new dates for the folk opera, "Natural Causes Killed Victor," and new members of the opera team.

The opera will be premiered before the high altar on October 26 and 27, 2012. This will not compete with the spring musical schedule on Mt. Desert Island. Auditions will be September 9, 2012 in St. Saviour's Parish Church.

Recent additions to the opera staff include Katie DiTullio, as contact person for the opera at the College of the Atlantic; Jean McKillop, at DowneastHost.com as the webmaster for NaturalCausesTheOpera.org; Skip Fraley, as the Wash Tub Player in the orchestra; Robert Bothen as timpanist; Paul Woodfin as blues guitarist; Ralph Stanley on the violin; and Geoffrey Schuller as the Crucifer in the cast.

DiTullio, McKillop, Fraley, Bothen, Woodfin, Stanley, and Schuller are donating their time and skills to produce "Natural Causes Killed Victor" which will benefit low income MDI residents. 100% of the ticket sales go for food and fuel donations on Mt. Desert Island. The Maine Seacoast Mission is managing ticket sales.

George Swanson is the author and composer of "Natural Causes." A priest and former prison chaplain, Swanson explained, "We hope to raise thousands of dollars for food and fuel on MDI and push American prisons towards becoming farms and trade schools. Why not let prisoners make decent wages, pay taxes and rent, and even 'get a life' in our presently useless and expensive prisons?"

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