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Audition Dates Set for *Sunday Rock: The Folk Musical*

Auditions are being held April 27-29, 2012 for *Sunday Rock: The Folk Musical* created by Evelyn Dickey Riehl of Colton. This musical is based on the lives of lumberjacks and communities along the Raquette River during the early years of the 20th century. The performances will be presented this summer on the Colton-Pierrepont Central School stage from Wednesday, July 18 through Sunday, July 22.

This musical was first performed in 1992 to sellout crowds in Colton. This summer's performances will mark the 20th anniversary of that production, the 100th anniversary of the setting of the show in Matildaville - now Colton, and the first anniversary of Sunday Rock being named to the National Register of Historic Places. Sunday Rock, the symbol for the musical, is a local landmark historically delineating the wilderness from civilization.

There are 28 characters of all ages to be cast, as well as many extras. The five leading roles (2 men, 2 women, and a 10-year old boy) must be comfortable singing solo. The approximately 10 secondary leads should be able to sing parts in a small chorus with some solo lines and verses. The remaining characters sing and speak as townspeople, lumberjacks, and horse traders.

The show is being produced by Bill Riehl with the Colton Historical Society, the Grasse River Players, and the Colton-Pierrepont Central School as associate producers. Karen Wells will be directing, with Bill Riehl (the composer's son) as musical director, George Cox building the orchestra and Cyndy Hennessy training the chorus. Many others from the North Country cultural community are involved in promoting and producing this historical spectacle.

Four audition sessions will be held, two in Canton and two in Colton:

- On **Friday, April 27** (7:00 to 9:00 pm) and **Saturday, April 28** (2:00 to 4:00 pm) at the Unitarian-Universalist Church at 3 ½ East Main Street in Canton (use parking lot entrance in back); and
- On **Sunday, April 29** (2:00 to 4:00 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm) at the Colton-Pierrepont Central School at 4921 State Highway 56 in Colton (look for signs).

Auditionees are asked to bring a prepared song with sheet music and a one-minute monologue; an accompanist will be provided. Familiar music and audition readings will be available for those who do not have prepared audition pieces. Please plan to stay for the entire two-hour audition session. Attending all audition sessions is recommended.

Those with questions can contact the director: Karen Wells (315-386-4905).

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