

# HORTON BY THE STREAM

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### Directions

By public transportation: bus or rail see Transportation section.

**By Car:** Take the West Side Highway to George Washington Bridge. Take the First Right Exit after the bridge which is the Palisades Parkway North. Take PPN to Exit 9W Albany (not to be confused with route 9W which comes before). Exit 9W becomes the NY State Thruway/87 North; take this to Exit 20 Hunter/Tannersville. Off the Ramp Exit take a Left. Then take First Right onto 32 North. Take 32 North through Saugerties. You will come to a fork in the road; bear Left onto 32A (you will see Ace's Lounge). Continue on into Palenville. At the stop light 32A becomes 23A. Continue on up winding mountain road through Palenville, and Haines Falls, on into Tannersville. At the Stop Light in Tannersville, take a Left onto County Road 16. Continue on 2.3 miles, past Egger Inn until you reach a fork in the road. There you will see a sign for Elka Park; bear Right. HBTS is the first property on the left past the Elka Park Post Office.

### What We Do & How We Do It

We present our plays FREE to the public and ask for the actors' commitment just short of a full production. Using limited set, costume, props, sound and simple staging, we strive to bring each piece to life as fully as possible for both actors and audience. Our aim is to give the actors a truly satisfying artistic exploration of Horton's work while at the same time asking for a fairly aggressive commitment in terms of time, work and energy, and we thank the actors ahead of time for this.

## **Rehearsal Schedule**

### **New York**

Based on actors' schedules, we rehearse in the city before going upstate.

### **Upstate**

We bring everyone up on the Friday evening of the first weekend, usually leaving in a caravan of cars (from Good & Plenty at Manhattan Plaza, 43rd Street, near 9th Ave., between 9th & 10 Aves.), or in a group on MetroNorth (out of Grand Central) at 7 P.M. Friday. Arrival upstate should be between 10 P.M. and 11 P.M., with time for a snack and to get settled in.

### **On the first weekend of a play's performance Sunday at 2 P.M.,**

#### **Saturday's schedule is as follows**

9 A.M.	Breakfast
10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	Rehearsal
1 P.M. - 2 P.M.	Lunch
2 P.M. - 5 P.M.	Rehearsal
5 P.M. - 7 P.M.	Break (swim, walk or rest)
7:15 P.M.	Dinner

#### **Sunday's schedule is as follows**

9 A.M.	Breakfast
10 A.M. - 1 P.M. (approx.)	Dress Rehearsal
1 P.M. - 2 P.M.	Snack
2 P.M.	Performance

On the first weekend of the play, directly following the performance will be a photo-call after a brief break to greet audience. Transportation home will leave HBTS at approximately 6 P.M. Arrive in NYC approximately 9 P.M.

For those with their own transportation, you obviously have more control over your own schedule. If you should want to drive others with you, please let us know.

We make every effort to respect your time and keep rehearsals efficient. Since we do have a lot to do in a very small amount of time, we ask your cooperation in being ready, prompt and visible during all scheduled rehearsal times. Thank you.

Also, we are almost always shorthanded in terms of staff. Any help you may be willing to donate in terms of stage set-up & breakdown and mealtime set-up and breakdown would be greatly appreciated.

### **Rain space**

This year our rain space will be the Carver's Barn. It is close by and accessible quickly, and very hospitable. Should it rain, we will pile into cars once a decision has been made and continue on with the play. Our audience is very loyal and will go with the experience enthusiastically.

## **Transportation**

As previously stated, transportation will be either by car or train at designated times and places. If you wish to drive yourself, directions from NYC have been provided in this packet. If you wish to bring others with you, please let us know.

- Trailways bus** Tannersville/Elka Park is also accessible by Trailways bus. In the summer months, two buses daily travel from NYC (Port Authority, 7:00 A.M. & 2 P.M.) to Tannersville's Main St. and three buses on Sundays travel from Tannersville to NYC's Port Authority. Travel time is 3-1/2 hours (without traffic).
- MetroNorth railway** The MetroNorth railway goes between Poughkeepsie, NY and NYC every hour. Travel time from Tannersville to Poughkeepsie is an hour and 10 minutes; the train ride from Poughkeepsie to NYC is approximately 2 hours.
- Amtrak** The closest Amtrak Station is in Hudson, NY, approx. 1 hour from Tannersville. The schedule of trains varies; the Amtrak phone number is: 800-872-7245. The train is slightly more luxurious, with bathrooms and food available on board.
- Car** Car travel time between destinations is 2-1/2 hours, without traffic. By leaving on Fridays at 7 P.M, we avoid most rush hour traffic and actors can work a full day if they need to. See Directions early in this packet.

## **Housing**

We have three main lodgings for our actors.

- Upstate House** The first is our upstate house, which has four bedrooms and two baths. We house actors with us, and also have a loft space over the garage, where Greg usually stays.
- Latvian Lodge** The second is the Latvian Lodge, our adjacent neighbor. These bedrooms are all in the lodge and cottage of a Latvian Veteran's settlement; some have sinks in the rooms, with the shared bathrooms in the hallways. Most have 2 twin beds.
- Donated Housing** The third is donated housing. Occasionally, members Sally & Bob Laurilliard or other patrons & friends kindly take in actors for the weekend. Shared bathrooms are again the case in these situations.

## **Food**

Food will be healthy and plentiful. If you have any specific dietary needs, please let us know and we will make every effort to accommodate you.

## **Contact List**

See separate sheet.

## **Flyers**

See separate sheets.

## Stuff to Bring

The following is a list of items you may want to have with you:

- Your Script
- A couple of pencils
- Alarm clock
- Towels
- Bathing suit
- Suntan lotion
- Insect repellent
- Sweater and long pants (evenings can be chilly)
- Hat (for sun & rain)
- Cell Phones

## Local Inns, Stores and Restaurants

### Inns

If any guests come up that you don't want to put in your own bedroom, you can recommend these lovely B&B's while they are in the area.

**The Eggerly Inn** County Rt. 16, Tannersville, 518-589-5363.

**The Fairlawn Inn** Main St., Hunter, NY, 518-263-5025.

**Deer Mountain Inn** Rte 25 in Tannersville, 518-589-6268.

### Stores

**Grand Union** Main Street, Tannersville (Rte 23A), a large supermarket

**The Village Deli** Across from Golf Club, Main St., Tannersville (23A). Delicious sandwiches, pastry, coffee. Eat-in or take out.

**Cumberland Farms** Hunter, NY (Rte 23A)

### Restaurants

**Last Chance Cheese & Antiques** 518-589-6424. Main Street, Tannersville in center of town. Delicious food, a lot with cheese, beer, cappuccino.

**Poncho Villas** Excellent Mexican restaurant. Main Street, Tannersville.

**Selina's Diner** 518-589-0438. Good homemade diner food.

Hunter, NY is 20 minutes from Phoenicia, NY by car (Rte 214). 40 minutes from Woodstock, 55 minutes from Kingston, 35 minutes from Saugerties.