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LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY ART ISSUE



HIGHLIGHTING BROTHERS AT WORK

Alex DeFranzo & Dominic Piccirillo, Tattoo Artists



Art in the Leo H. Lohrman, II, Theatre
Dr. John Warren's Medical Trunk



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The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Bridgeport, State of Connecticut, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts.

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The Valley of New Haven was awarded "Valley of Excellence" on November 11, 2024. Active Bruce Work presented the award to Kirk Trofatter, MSA, 32°, who received it on behalf of the Valley.

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TATTOO ARTISTS

BROTHERS ALEX DeFRANZO AND DOMINIC PICCIRILLO

Brother Alex DeFranzo has been a member of the Valley of Bridgeport for about three years, and is a member of Morning Star Lodge No. 47 in Shelton. He has been a full time tattoo artist at Sacred Art Tattoo in Seymour. Brother Alex has had many experiences in the graphics field concentrating on designing and fabricating signs for businesses, before he devoted himself to his style of tattoo art.

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Brother Dominic Piccirillo has been a member of the Valley of Bridgeport for close to 6 years and hails from America St. John's No. 8. He has been at the tattoo craft for some 23 years and has developed a specialty in creating unique bold and bright tattoos. He currently operates out of Brass City Tattoo in Oakville.

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ART IN THE LEO H. LOHRMAN, II, THEATRE

By JOHN A. AMARILOS, MSA, 33°

Although our theatre is not on the list of tourist spots for the general public, it is a repository of a multitude of forms of art. If you come to one of the degrees at the theater, you are sure to see the display cases in the inner lobby, which, on a revolving basis, feature various articles of interest to Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite brothers. In addition, several paintings are long-standing legacies of the Consistory within the theater itself depicting accomplished leaders of the Consistory and Active members of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, namely Illustrious Brothers William Riley Higby, 33°, (1825-1902); Charles Melville Gerdenier, 33° (1863-1940); and Henry Ogden Canfield 33°, (1847-1910) an Honorary Member of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General. Full biographies of these three Illustrious brothers can be found in framed wall hangings at the rear of the theatre.



*Illustrious Brother
Charles Melville Gerdenier, 33°*



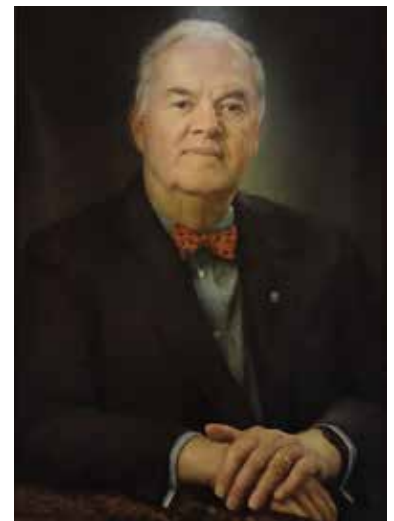
*Illustrious Brother
William Riley Higby, 33°*



*Illustrious Brother
Henry Ogden Canfield, 33°*



*Illustrious Brother
Leo H. Lohrman, II, 33°*

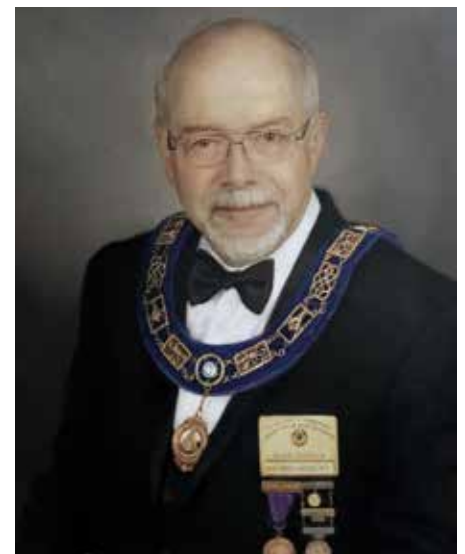


*Illustrious Brother
A. Norman Johnson, 33°*

Several years ago, the Executive Committee decided to supplement these paintings with several of Lafayette's modern luminaries after the passing of Leo H. Lorman. It was decided to find a young, promising painter who could do fine work and whose career trajectory might yield potential for appreciation years into the future. Cesar Santos, who at the time was a well-reputed portrait painter, was commissioned to complete the painting of Illustrious Brother Leo H Lohrman (1938-2018), which now adorns the inner foyer at the theater.

Subsequently, two other portraits were commissioned, the Late Illustrious Brother A. Norman Johnson 33° (1926- 2021) and later of Illustrious Brother Bruce Bellmore 33°, and both hang in the lobby and theatre, respectively. In the late fall of last year, members of the Consistory were able to meet Cesar Santos at an exhibition that he held in Manhattan, NYC. Santos, now a resident of Florence, Italy, met with several Consistory brothers at an exhibition of his current work style, depicted below, which has gathered considerable acclaim in the art world.

Every Scottish Rite Mason passing through Stratford should make it a point to visit and admire the unique works that now adorn our theatre by this now very prominent, internationally acclaimed artist.



*Illustrious Brother
Bruce R. Bellmore, 33°*

NEW SUBLIME PRINCES OF THE ROYAL SECRET



NEW 32° RECEIVING THEIR DIPLOMAS



STRATFORD

DECEMBER 2,
2024



HOSPITALER'S CORNER

Your gifts to the Hospitaler Fund assist David in helping out local brothers who are members of the Consistory. Unfortunately, there never has been a greater need. If you have experienced good fortune in the past year, why not pass a portion of it forward to help a brother in need. Many are struggling with age-related debilities, as well as misfortunes of every kind.

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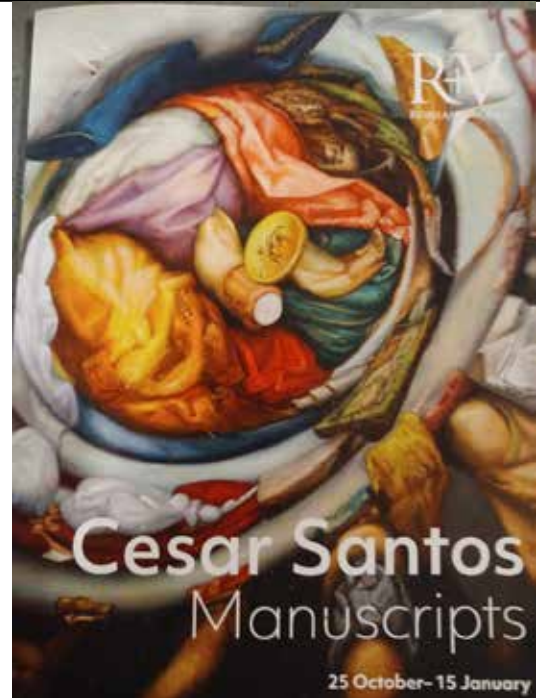
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CESAR SANTOS ART EXHIBITION



NEW YORK CITY



OCTOBER 24,
2024

DR. JOHN WARREN'S MEDICAL TRUNK

BY STACEY FRASER, ASSISTANT CURATOR,
SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC MUSEUM & LIBRARY

PUBLISHED IN MARCH 2024 ON THE MUSEUM & LIBRARY'S BLOG

This leather and wood trunk decorated with brass studs is thought to have belonged to Dr. John Warren (1753-1815) of Massachusetts. Its side handles and manageable size (11-7/8" x 13-1/2" x 24-1/2") made it both portable and practical. Through the service of its dynamic owner, this trunk may have seen military action during the American Revolutionary War.

Born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, Dr. John Warren was the younger brother of Dr. Joseph Warren, whose death at the Battle of Bunker Hill made him a martyr to the Patriot cause. John Warren studied medicine at Harvard, graduating in 1771. He became a surgeon with a militia commanded by Colonel Timothy Pickering (1745-1829) in 1772 and, in that capacity, responded to the Lexington Alarm in April 1775.

In 1775, Warren was practicing medicine in Salem, Massachusetts. He traveled with his unit to the various battles in which he was involved. Like many Massachusetts militia members who were called out for the Lexington Alarm, Warren remained in the Boston area into the month of May.

Warren likely brought his own medical supplies with him when he traveled. He owned two amputation kits. Based on the dimensions of these amputation kits, both items could have been carried inside this trunk.

By June 1775, Warren had returned home to Salem and received news of the start of the Battle of Bunker Hill. He hurried to Cambridge in the early hours of the following morning to treat wounded soldiers. At the same time, Warren fretted about his brother Joseph who had fought in the battle. At one point, Warren left the medical area in Cambridge and went to Bunker Hill to find his brother, asking any and all soldiers he encountered about Joseph's whereabouts. One of these was a British sentry, and Warren received a bayonet wound to his side in response to his inquiry. Unfortunately, Joseph "fell on the field," as John later wrote in his diary.

His fervor for the Patriot cause and his brother's death motivated Warren. According to Sibley's Harvard Graduates,

"He enjoyed helping repulse the raid at Lechmere Point, and case in hand [emphasis mine], took his post on Cobble Hill at night hoping for another Bunker Hill." The "case" mentioned was likely a medical case, possibly this trunk. Cobble Hill was a colonist-fortified hill in Charlestown with an excellent view of Boston Harbor. Warren may have carried his medical supplies in this trunk during the early days of the Revolutionary War when the action was focused in Massachusetts.

It is also possible that Warren brought this trunk with him when the action moved away from Massachusetts. The nascent Continental Army struggled to provide uniforms, firearms, and other supplies to its soldiers. Warren's medical tools and supplies would have been highly valued and were likely brought with him when he left for New York in May 1776 after the British evacuated from Boston.

Warren later served as Surgeon General of army hospitals in Long Island, New York, and Bethlehem, New Jersey, in 1776. In the latter location,

he—and possibly this trunk—saw action at the Battles of Trenton and Princeton. Warren also participated in the 1778 Rhode Island campaign, perhaps due to his marriage the previous year to Abigail Collins (1760-1832), daughter of Rhode Island Governor John Collins (1717-1795).

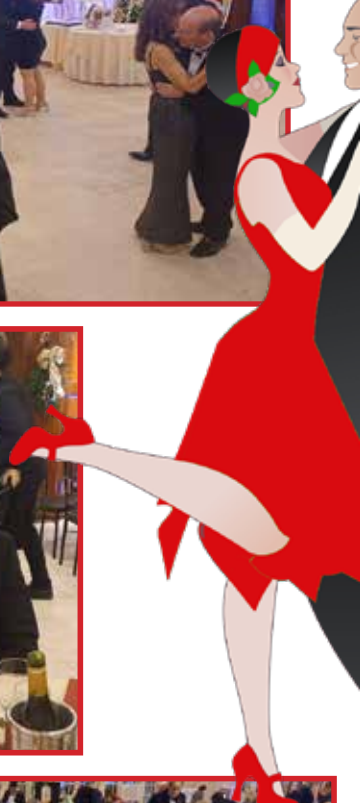
Dr. John Warren was a knowledgeable and dedicated surgeon who put his medical skills to use in service of the American cause. This trunk, both substantial enough to hold needed medical supplies and portable enough to carry into battle, is an apt symbol of his service. Warren's trunk will be on view at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library beginning in April 2025, part of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's newest gallery exhibition, "Protest & Promise: The American Revolution in Lexington."



Trunk, 1770-1815. Loaned by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, GL2004.2055. Photograph by David Bohl.

Valley of Bridgeport A

December 20, 2024



Annual Holiday Party

At The Woodwinds
in Branford



More of the Valley of Bridge



Report Annual Holiday Party



To benefit
Connecticut
Children's
Dyslexia Centers



Rain Did Not Dampen the Turkey Trot on November 28, 2024, in Stratford.



Benefitting Connecticut Children's Dyslexia Center



A PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST JEWEL MADE FOR ALBERT GALLATIN MACKEY

BY HILARY ANDERSON STERLING, DIRECTOR OF COLLECTIONS
AND EXHIBITIONS, SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC MUSEUM & LIBRARY

On February 12, 1867, Dr. Albert Gallatin Mackey, Grand High Priest, addressed his brethren at the Annual GranConvention of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina in Charleston. In his remarks, Mackey (1807-1881) let his fellow Royal Arch Masons know that “for the first time in twenty years” he would not be there for the entire meeting due to “imperative and unexpected calls of public business.” Mackey continued, lamenting the beleaguered state of Royal Arch Freemasonry in South Carolina, noting that “strife in our land pressed heavily on the condition of our Chapters.” Most chapters in South Carolina had stopped work during the Civil War. In 1867, when Mackey offered these comments, several remained closed. Representatives from fourteen chapters attended the 1867 gathering.

In his remarks, Mackey reviewed his long association with Royal Arch Masonry in South Carolina, recalling that in 1847, when he first served as Deputy Grand High Priest, the state claimed only two functioning chapters. By 1860 Mackey had helped establish twenty-two chapters. He recalled that he had spent time at each of the chapters to “instruct them in the work.” Mackey summed up his long involvement with Royal Arch Masonry in South Carolina stating that he could, “without arrogance, claim that the present organization of Royal Arch Masonry in the State, has been produced by my personal labor and teaching.” The next day, to acknowledge Mackey’s significant contributions to Royal Arch Freemasonry in South



Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Jewel Made for A. G. Mackey, 1874-1875. Joseph Bock, Charleston, South Carolina. Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Gift of the Estate of John F. Bemis and Randall E. Bemis, 2024.011.64. Photograph by Michael Cardinali.

Carolina, a group recommended that a committee be appointed and charged to “show some, though inadequate, evidence of the high appreciation of Comp. Mackey’s services to Royal Arch Masonry” and to “prepare a Jewel or other suitable memento” to present to Mackey “as the funds of the Grand Chapter will admit.”

Several years passed before the Grand Chapter could afford to commission Mackey’s jewel. In 1875, the project moved forward with a \$50 appropriation combined with \$30 contributed by five chapters to procure jewels for Mackey and another past Grand High Priest. From an expense recorded in the Grand Treasurer’s report for the year, it appears the two jewels together cost \$100. Mackey’s jewel was recently

donated to the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library.

Charleston silversmith, jeweler, and fellow Freemason, Joseph Bock (1837-1903), crafted Mackey’s handsome jewel in gold over silver in the shape of a high priest’s breast plate floating over three equilateral triangles, all symbols related to the office of High Priest. The jewel bears his maker’s mark, “Jos. Bock” stamped on the back and the name of the recipient “A. G. Mackey” is engraved on the

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A Past Grand High Priest Jewel continued from page 13

hanger. Bock, a member of La Candeur Lodge No. 36 in Charleston, advertised “Masonic Jewels in sets or singly furnished to order” in 1867. Newspaper notices in the late 1860s and early 1870s complimented the “artistically wrought” and “handsome” jewels crafted in “exquisite style” that Bock created for the Masonic community.

Upon receiving the jewel at his home in Washington D. C., in 1875, Mackey wrote to thank the Grand Chapter. In his letter, Mackey spoke of the “very close and warm place in my heart” held by the chapters and members of the Grand Chapter. He also stated that he would wear

“this token of brotherly love, coming from the cherished companions of my dear native State” with gladness and pride. Mackey is primarily remembered today for his books about Freemasonry including A Lexicon of Freemasonry (1845), The History of Freemasonry in South Carolina (1861), and An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences... (1873). This jewel is a tangible reminder of the time he spent solidifying Royal Arch Freemasonry in South Carolina and of the regard he earned from his fellow Freemasons in this endeavor.

Freemasonry is a science of symbols, in which, by their proper study, a search is instituted after truth, that truth consisting in the knowledge of the divine and human nature of God and the human Soul. - Albert Mackey

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

We mourn the passing of the following Scottish Rite Brethren whose deaths were reported in 2024-25

NAME	32° CONFERRED	LODGE	HOME VALLEY	DATE OF DEATH
Alfred J. Chapman, 32°, MSA	12/01/1966	Corinthian Lodge No. 103	New Haven	07/17/2024
Walter H. Hempel, 32°	12/01/1974	Washington Lodge No. 19	Bridgeport	11/06/2024
Wayne L. Kadar, 32°	12/01/1956	Fidelity St John's Lodge No. 3	Bridgeport	08/28/2024
Morgan J. Knudsen, 32°	05/01/1986	Corinthian Lodge No. 103	New Haven	03/14/2022
Richard T. Mattson, 32°	05/02/1994	Temple Lodge No. No. 16	New Hzven	10/02/2024
Edward Ohannesian, 32°	12/01/1979	Compass Lodg No. 9	New Haven	11/18/2024
Frank C. W. Rogers, 32°	05/01/1964	Ansantawae Lodge No. 89	New Haven	08/12/2024
Robert W. Somerville, 32°	12/03/1990	Harmony Lodge No. 42	Waterbury	01/03/2024
Thomas G. Thiede, 32°	12/05/1988	Compass Lodge No. 9	New Haven	09/06/2024
Carl H. Zinn, 32°	12/01/1959	Washington Lodge No. 19	Bridgeport	01/30/2025

~ May they rest from their labors. ~

Lafayette Consistory Enjoying the Boston Pops Holiday Concert



Symphony
Hall



December 14, 2024



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SCOTCH & CIGAR NITE



Stamford
Cigar Bar

January 10, 2025





FAMILY LIFE EVENTS ~ 2025

Please note that details are not yet available for some of these activities.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
02/15/25	Sat.	1 p.m.	Two Roads Brewery , tasting at \$20/person.
03/02/25	Sun.	1 p.m.	Greater Connecticut Youth Orchestra Concerts , Winter Concert, Klein Auditorium, Bridgeport. Free of charge.
05/18/25	Sun.	1 p.m.	Greater Connecticut Youth Orchestra Concerts , Spring Concert, Klein Auditorium, Bridgeport. Free of charge.
05/26/25	Mon.	11 a.m.	Memorial Day Parade , Stratford, CT. Meet at the Theatre. Contact Dave Urban.
06/01/25	Sun.	2:30 p.m.	Fishing Trip on the L.I. Sound , \$20/person in advance, "Lucky Lady" Clinton, CT. Limit of 35, plus \$5 for pool, no glass bottles or bananas per order of Captain.
06/06/25	Fri.	7 p.m.	New York Yankees vs Boston Red Sox , Yankee Stadium, Bronx, NY, 7:05 p.m. first pitch, take the Yankee Clipper down from your local Metro North station to meet at the game. Our tickets are in the Jim Beam Suite with cushioned seats behind first base on the 300 level. The package includes all-inclusive "elevated" ballpark food and draft beer (full menu with exception of Lobel's Steak Sandwich); starts from doors opening until middle of the 5th inning or 90 mins. after originally scheduled first pitch, whichever comes first; also includes complimentary popcorn, peanuts, and soft drink refills; Suite contains private concession stands, bathrooms, and full-service wrap around bar (a la carte). \$160/Person.
June/July	TBD	TBD	Lighthouse Cruise
08/08/25	Fri.	7 p.m.	Scotch and Cigar Night , Stamford Cigar Bar, \$15/person.
08/10/25	Sun.	3 p.m.	Die Fledermaus , Johann Strauss, II's comic operetta at Andrews Memorial Theater, Clinton, followed by dinner at Café Allegre, Madison. \$95/per person.
08/16/25	Sat.	12 p.m.	Annual Clambake Picnic , Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT. Starts at Noon. \$10/person.
09/13/25	Sat.	6 p.m.	Valley of Bridgeport Installation Dinner , Riverview Bistro, Stratford, CT. \$20/person.
09/14/25	Sun.	12:30 p.m.	Fishing Trip on the L.I. Sound , \$20/person in advance, "Lucky Lady," Clinton, CT, Limit of 35, plus \$5 for pool, no glass bottles or bananas per order of Captain.
October	TBD	TBD	Buffalo Bills at New York Jets.
10/04/25	Sat.	3:30 pm	Essex Clipper Dinner Train , Essex, Ct. Ride for 2-2 1/2 scenic journey while served a 4-course meal in beautifully restored 1920's Pullman diners, pulled by a vintage diesel locomotive. Leaving Leo H. Lohrman, II, Theatre, Stratford at 3:30 pm. \$75/person.
11/27/25	Thu.	7:30 a.m.	Annual Turkey Trot 5K Road Race , Thanksgiving morning, supports the Connecticut Children's Dyslexia Centers and other charities.
12/13/25	Sat.	3 p.m.	Boston Pop Holiday Concert at Symphony Hall , a performance filled with holiday music favorites, the traditional sing-along, and a visit from Santa Claus himself. Shopping or dinner on your own at Faneuil Hall Market Place afterward. The bus leaves The Leo H. Lohrman, II, Theatre in Stratford at 10 a.m. \$95/person.
12/19/25	Fri.	6 p.m.	Annual Holiday Party and fundraiser for CT Children's Dyslexia Centers, Woodwinds Banquet Facility, Branford, CT to include cigar rolling and silent auction. Formal dress, black tie for men, ladies: formal holiday dress. \$40/person.



VALLEY OF BRIDGEPORT

2025 DEGREE SCHEDULE

DATE	DEGREE(S) in Stratford Unless Otherwise Noted.
Mon. Feb. 2	Stated Meeting & 26th Degree (video)
Mon. Feb. 24	4th Degree (live) VOB & 9th Degree (live) VNH
Mon. March 10	8th Degree (live) & 27th Degree (video)
Mon. April 7	21st Degree (live) & 20th Degree (video)
Mon. April 14	24th Degree (live) & 19th Degree (video)
Mon. May 5	32nd Degree (live)

Dinners are at 6 p.m., Degrees at 7:30 p.m. in Stratford unless otherwise noted

Dinners before the Bridgeport degrees on Mondays are at 6 p.m. in the Shrine building, unless otherwise noted,

- 4th Degree video as needed for new candidates available.
- New candidates must register 45 min before degree.
- Saturday degrees start at 11 a.m., followed by lunch in the Shrine building. \$10/per brother.
- Monday candidates must fill out the application by Noon on Friday.
- Saturday candidates must fill out the application by Noon on Thursday.

RSVP required for dinner or lunch.

Email: Office@LafayetteConsistory.com or call 203-375-0064.



SAVE THE DATE TO
PLAY IT AGAIN AT THE

HOLIDAY PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

6 -10 P.M.

WOODWINDS, SPECIAL EVENTS VENUE

A Holiday Buffet Dinner
At the Woodwinds by Chef Silvio
And Dancing with a DJ

Four Hour Premium Open Bar
Cocktail Hour, Hot and Cold Hors d'Oeuvres

Salad Station

Pasta Station

Farfalle with Sunday Sauce, Tortellini Alfredo

Entrée Station

Chicken Marsala, Chicken Florentine, Salmon Champagne

Carving Station

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BROTHERS REMEMBER

Whether traveling from in or out of the state it is easy to get to the Stratford Leo H. Lohrman, II, Scottish Rite Theatre via Metro North. Our Theatre is located right next door to the Stratford Station. Avoid I-95 traffic and parking concerns. Consult the Metro North Train Schedule at: <http://www.mta.info/schedules>.

For those who drive to the Theatre, the street address is 2422 Main Street, Stratford, CT. The building is clearly marked with the name at the top of the building. There is limited handicap parking in front and there is parking behind the Theatre.