

# Phantoms give thanks

Thanks to ALL!

Submitted by the Phantoms of the Opera Hall  
Sincere gratitude goes out to all those who supported "Phantoms of the Opera Hall," the first production by the recently formed Opera Hall (OH!) Players. The play could not have happened without the dedication and commitment of the cast, crew, musicians, media friends, sponsors and community members who enthusiastically supported

this artistic endeavor. A great big round of applause for the audiences who filled up all four shows at the historic Lewiston Opera Hall!  
We especially appreciate the organizations and individuals who stood with the OH! Players in their mission to keep history alive and fun in Lewiston! Without you, our shows would have just been rehearsals.

Pictured, top row from left: Patrick Moyer, LP Tonemah, Amy Witryol, Don Bataralis, Will Howard, Tim Walton, Tim Henderson and Ken Johnson; middle, from left: Lynda LaGreca, Kathryn Serianni, Marc Melzer and Claudia Carnes; and front: Anna Frankovitch and Eva Nicklas. (Photo by Ray Lonsdale)



## 'Something special' about sharing Niagara Falls

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you always know that, if you've shot an hour of video, probably 30 seconds to two minutes will actually be aired. You sometimes wonder why they've chosen the clips that they chose, but that's their thing, not ours. We were very pleased that something that is seen, obviously, all across North America, profiled us in a pretty significant way."

Kinney has taken film teams across the Niagara River from both Lewiston and Niagara-on-the-Lake WJBT docks. He explained, "We shoot a lot of these things, and you never know which ones are going to make it to the air and which ones aren't." "Anything that gives coverage to Niagara

is obviously something that we welcome," he explained. "... We thought that it profiled us in a positive light, and at the start of a tourism season always like that."

Though "Falling in Love in Niagara" was filmed on the Canadian side of the shared "Wonder of the World," the movie often displayed New York's Niagara Falls State Park, Prospect Park, the Top of the Falls Restaurant and Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino.

Jeannotte said, "There's so much natural beauty in that area. Obviously, the showstopper is the falls; but then you've got the beautiful vineyards – the wineries nearby – which is a whole other kind of beauty, and a whole other cultural sort of a touchstone.

We also filmed in a winery.

"The falls themselves are an area that have a lot of stories attached to the falls – romantic stories, the idea of getting married there, going on a honeymoon there – that's all part of the appeal, or the idea, of the Niagara Region. And I just think that there's a lot of ways to kind of play around with that, to both lean into it, and to kind of show another side of it, too. Because, obviously, there's more to the Niagara Region than just people getting married. There's culture there, and there's great people.

"The people that we met there were wonderful. In the various locations that we went to, everyone was super-helpful, super-excited to have a film shoot happen-

ing there.

"I think it's cool that Niagara is an area that is shared by both countries. It's like an iconic place that is both Canadian and American; and I think that there's something special about that."

Hudon said the filing process "was easy." "It's really nice," she added. "It's not too busy. It's not too crazy. It was a good time. There are a lot of things to see and do there, so you're never bored. It's a cool place to film and work. The crew was very happy to be there. It was a good time."

"Falling in Love in Niagara" is airing on the Hallmark Channel and available to stream on Hallmark Movies Now and Peacock.

## Thomas Moore named executive chef at Niagara Frontier Golf Club

Thomas Moore has been named the executive chef at the Niagara Frontier Golf Club.

The announcement was made by

Club President Edward Waller and General Manager Timothy Engel.

Moore, a native of Medina, has more than two decades of experi-

ence and training at restaurants throughout the country, most recently as the executive chef at the Bakers Street Steakhouse in Fort

Wayne, Indiana. He began his career as a sous chef in Roanoke, Indiana, before moving on to San Diego to work in several kitchens.

At NFGC, Moore will lead the team to service the 300-plus members, as well as food service for numerous outside events.

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