

# 2020 Marble Orchard Ghost Walks canceled



In the photo: The Marble Orchard Players. Front row, from left: Nina Starkweather, Douglas (Doug) Graves, Frozen Charlotte and Mary Agnes Tryon; middle row, from left: Catherine Hustler, Sally Barton Tryon, Witch Hazel and Mrs. Rev. David Smith; and top row, from left: "The Hangin' Judge" Sherborne Piper, Capt. James Van Cleeve and Josiah Tryon.

After much consideration, Lewiston Council on the Arts (LCA) regretfully announces the cancellation of this year's Marble Orchard Ghost Walks.

A press release said, "We will miss welcoming thrill seekers from across WNY and seeing Lewiston filled with hundreds of visitors enjoying 'theater in the streets' on Saturday nights in September and October. We tried our best to figure out what a ghost walk would look like during a pandemic, and decided it best to be safe.

"From the safety of our homes, we will concoct magic potions and

herbs to ward away any evil spirits that may be lurking, enjoy horror films, pay homage to the full moon on Halloween, and think about all the fun we are missing.

"And so ... the 2020 season of the Marble Orchard Ghost Walks, in theatrical terms, will be dark. The walks have been a major fundraiser for LCA and donations from generous spirits will be gratefully accepted.

"In the meantime, Marble Orchard Players will be 'digging up' new characters and stories to share in 2021. We are already 'ghost writing' for next season! Hope to see you next year!"

# Families flock to Artpark for Fairy House Festival



Just like the first Fairy House Festival a decade prior, the 10th annual event was filled with art, costumes, music and more than a little improv.

Artpark & Company welcomed families to Lewiston – in timed increments adhering to state safety guidelines – for a celebration of nature. Majestic winged creatures led visitors on a tour of local artist and community-created fairy houses deep within the Artpark woods, where they were greeted by colorful and intricately adorned fairy performers. Trails of fairy houses lined the pathways.

This year's event featured roaming musicians with new costume creations by Uta Bekaia, a Georgian-born multimedia artist currently residing and working in New York and Tbilisi. Inspired by ancient mythology, fairy tales, Italian baroque and Georgian dada, Bekaia – with his exuberant, sculptural costumes – reinvents and restages long-lost, never-before-documented rituals.

Fairy House Festival artists included Miggie Wong, Jeremy Grzybowski, Rachel Grzybowski, Robin Gabriella Damiano, Catie and Alexandria Dillemoth, George White and Marleen Stamp, WJ Hurley, Charity Huff, Tammy ODierno, Alexandra Lee, Casey Mark Shultz, Meredith and Samantha Phelps, Rylee Luczak, Candace and Leela Masters, Ani Hoover, Shasti O'Leary Soudant, Jesse Walp, Bethany Krull, Suzie Molnar Goad, Juniper Moon, Hilary McAndrew, Leeane Catanzaro-Banes and Leah Banes, Stephanie Kowalski, Megan Tenney and Andrew Palinski, with "Color Constellation" by Virginia Melnyk Designs.

Guests were encouraged to join the celebration and come dressed up as a fairy or other favorite mystical character.

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