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SHE LOVES ME

SHE LOVES ME, considered by many to be one of the most charming musicals ever written, opens on the New London Barn Playhouse stage on June 23rd. Based on the famed Jimmy Stewart movie, *Shop Around The Corner*, this love story set in a small perfume shop in pre-war Budapest, features music by Bock and Harnick, the award winning creators of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

The story concerns pen pals who exchange romantic letters, blissfully unaware that their anonymous sweetheart is, in fact, a not particularly well liked co-worker. The story is so charming it has been the basis of at least two other movies: *In The Good Old Summertime*, a 1949 film starring Judy Garland and Van Johnson as the two clueless lovers and *You've Got Mail*, a 1988 film with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

Peter Hackett, Chair of Theater at Dartmouth College, returns to the Barn Playhouse to direct **SHE LOVES ME**. The cast features Richard Bell as the grumpy shop owner Mr. Maraczek. Bell has been performing at the Barn Playhouse since 1961 and is thrilled to be back with this year's talented company. Tom Ford, another noted regional theater actor, comes to the Barn to play the obsequious Sipos, a shop worker who will do anything to keep his job. With a stunning score, this show, which has received numerous Broadway revivals, is an absolute must-see for musical theater lovers.

SHE LOVES ME runs from Tuesday, June 23rd through Sunday, June 28th and from Tuesday, June 30 through Sunday, July 5. Evening performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday matinees at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday's performances at 5:00 p.m.