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GARDINER FOUNDATION GRANT GIVEN TO CELEBRATE ST. JAMES PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE, INC.

FOR A HISTORICAL MUSIC REVUE

“99 MINUTES FROM BROADWAY, a Funny Thing Happened on the way to St. James”

Long Island, NY, Celebrate St. James proudly announces that **The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation** has awarded ‘Celebrate St. James Past-Present-Future’, a newly formed not for profit, a \$20,000 grant to assist in funding an historical musical revue featuring the artist and musician, *William Sydney Mount*, notable historic figures with a connection to St. James, such as architect *Stanford White* and *William Jay Gaynor*, mayor of the city of New York, and a special focus on the vaudevillians who summered in the area such as Willie Collier, Lillian Russell and others.

The Gardiner Foundation was organized for charitable and educational purposes to aid Long Island communities in their efforts to promote interest, understanding and appreciation of their social heritage. St. James’ rich history in the arts was the inspiration for ***“99 Minutes from Broadway, A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to St. James”***, a grass roots production written by Natalie Weinstein and Jack Ader and edited by Sal St. George of Sal St. George Productions, Inc. Talented locals ranging from ages 4 to 80 plus are performers, musicians, set designers, costume and production crew. The St. James community has truly come together for a fun event that will educate, inspire, and will be two great evenings of fun!

Save the dates:

- Saturday, October 13th—8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 14th—3:00 p.m.

Admission: FREE – Reserve your free tickets at www.celebratestjames.org (after September 1st)

Location: Nesaquake Middle School
479 Edgewood Ave.
St. James, NY 11780

About Celebrate St. James

Celebrate St. James is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve and celebrate St. James' rich history and inspire an appreciation and knowledge of the arts in our community.

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