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**Modern Dancing or Early Music; Clayton Opera House has it all!**

Clayton, NY – TIPAF at the Clayton Opera House will be presenting some very exciting opportunities to the Thousand Islands in the next few weeks. The first of which is “Ballroom With a Twist” on Wednesday, July 14 at 7:30 pm. The second performance that TIPAF will be hosting is an opportunity to experience the phenomenal musical talent of Ensemble Caprice; this event is generously sponsored by the Michael Barbera and Deedy Family Fund. Tickets for both events are \$25 each for Reserved Seating or \$20 each for General Admission and can be purchased at the Opera House Box Office, by calling 686-2200, or online at [www.ClaytonOperaHouse.com](http://www.ClaytonOperaHouse.com).

“Ballroom With a Twist” is a brilliant new dance production choreographed by “Dancing With the Stars” Emmy-nominated Louis van Amstel. Through his work behind the scenes, Louis brings the same passion, expertise, and excitement to this production as he exhibited on television.

Though “Ballroom With a Twist” is based on the hit television show “Dancing With the Stars,” it’s not a competition and no one gets eliminated. “We have musicals, Broadway-style dance numbers, and classical ballroom,” van Amstel says. Very much like the show the costumes promise to be flashy and colorful.

Ensemble Caprice is an original voice in early music and is a rare experience in our area. Under the artistic direction of Matthias Maute and Sophie Larivière, Ensemble Caprice is renowned for its innovative interpretations of Baroque music. Originally formed in Germany in 1989, the ensemble is now well established in Montreal. Since its inception, Ensemble Caprice has received national and international acclaim for their performances of early music.

They will be performing their program “La Follia and the Gypsies,” which is a showcase of Gypsy music in the Renaissance and Baroque Periods. The instrumentation that the group will use is two wind players (recorders and baroque flutes), violoncello, baroque guitar, and percussion.

There are many other events that will be taking place at the Opera House including Tom Gilbo & The Blue Suedes’ “Elvis is in the House” on Thursday, July 15 at 7:00pm, the Clayton Community Band Concert on Tuesday, July 20 at 7:00pm, and “The Complete Works of Shakespeare Abridged” on July 30 at 7:30 pm. Tickets and information are available at the Opera House Box Office located at 405 Riverside Drive, by visiting the website, or by calling 315-686-2200.

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